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My anguish over Indian jail silence

I write daily and hear nothing, says Campbeltown man's girlfriend

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THE girlfriend of a Campbeltown man held in an Indian prison for the past month has spoken of her anguish over writing to him daily and never receiving a reply. Billy Irving, 33, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, is one of 35 crewmen arrested after authorities claimed their boat was carrying weapons illegally.

Their boat, the US-owned MV Seaman Guard Ohio, was detained at Tuticorin Port in southern Tamil Nadu state on October 18.

Billy's girlfriend, Yvonne MacHugh, told of her distress this week as she has been unable to contact him since his arrest.

She said: 'It's so stressful not knowing if he's okay.'

'It's constant. I think about him all the time.'

'I can't sleep and I had Billy's dad on the phone at 4am earlier this week; I was in tears and he was distraught as well. It's a nightmare.'

She told how she writes to him every single day, **Continued on Page 2**



Billy Irving, who could remain in an Indian prison for up to a year without charge or trial, is pictured before his arrest.

Historic cup clash excites football fans

FOLLOWERS of Kintyre's strong amateur football tradition are buzzing with excitement following Campbeltown Pupils and Carradale AFC being drawn together in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup.

Despite their long histories, the two sides have never met before in the cup.

Full story on the back page.

Post office closure resisted

MP Alan Reid is calling on Post Office Ltd to reverse its decision after it announced the temporary closure of Carradale East Post Office.

The post office will close on December 16 after its owner stated that running the business was 'no longer viable'.

Full story on page 3.

West Coast takes over Glasgow firm

WEST Coast Motors has taken over a Glasgow coach firm.

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PUPILS in South Kintyre will receive prizes for their participation in sports sessions as part of a Commonwealth Games initiative.

Every primary school pupil in Argyll and Bute and interested secondary pupils have been issued with their very own Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games Legacy Passport.

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Primary pupils can earn a gold, silver or bronze medal while secondary pupils can enjoy sports merchandise depending on how many points they make.

Argyll and Bute Active Schools has teamed up with Glasgow 2014 Legacy for the initiative, with Wee Toon Sports in Campbeltown the local sponsor for Kintyre.

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Extra points

Extra points can be earned by taking part in a sport or activity featured at the Games, such as table tennis or netball.

The aim of the passport is to try and create a legacy and get more children involved in sport even after the Games are over.



Members of Campbeltown Grammar School's table tennis and badminton clubs are pictured with Tracy Millar from Wee Toon Sports, third from right, Lindsay Ramsay from Active Schools, second from right, and PE teacher Stuart McQuaker, right. 20_c46games01

Campbeltown man held in Indian jail

Continued from Page 1 but does not know if he has received the letters as he is not allowed to contact anyone.

Billy, part of a crew carrying out anti-piracy operations in the Indian Ocean, was born in Appin but moved to Campbeltown at the age of nine. After growing up there he left the town at age 20 to join the army.

Yvonne said he sees Campbeltown as his home and visits whenever he can.

The couple have been together for almost four years and live in Connel, near Oban where Billy plays shinty.

After a period of silence, his family has decided to speak out

as they feel the British Government is not doing enough to free him or five other Britons imprisoned.

The family members have launched a petition on change.org, which has attracted more than 5,000 signatures, and are trying to pressure the government into action.

Without charge

Under Indian law, the crewmen can be held without charge and without going to trial for a year.

Yvonne explained: 'They have applied unsuccessfully for bail three times.'

'I don't believe the Indian authorities have evidence to prove they're guilty.'

The ship, owned by security firm Advanfort, was carrying out anti-piracy operations on the main trading route between Europe and Asia.

The company has denied allegations by the Indian Government that the ship had illegally procured diesel and was in possession of arms and ammunition without required documentation.

Yvonne said: 'We are fighting this battle ourselves and getting no information on what's happening.'

'These guys have been wrongly imprisoned and our Government needs to do something to get

them home.'

A spokesman for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office told the Courier: 'We can confirm the detention of six British nationals from the ship, MV Seaman Guard Ohio, on 18 October in India.'

'We are providing consular and are in touch with the local authorities.'

To sign the petition calling for the release of Billy and the five other British crewmembers, visit change.org/petitions/william-hague-help-free-the-6-british-ex-soldiers-from-indian-prison.

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Craig Wilson graduated from the University of Glasgow with a BA in Sports and Recreation Management with merit (SRUC). Craig is the grandson of Hugh and Mary Wilson, Campbeltown and Bobby and the late Isobel Ferguson, Southend.

MP opposes post office closure

THE temporary closure of Carradale East Post Office is being opposed by Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid.

The post office will close its doors from December 16 following a decision by the owner, Angela Arkell, of the neighbouring Paterson's shop and bakery.

Now Post Office Ltd is looking at the viability of the service at Carradale East, and has suggested the possibility of an outreach service with limited hours.

Its field change advisor, David Duff, wrote to Mr Reid: 'It is important that any future service is sustainable for the person operating the service, and for Post Office Limited.'

'Future provision will reflect customer numbers and usage and we may take the opportunity to establish an alternative type of service.'

'This may be an outreach service where a subpostmaster from a nearby branch offers the facility with hours of opening set to reflect the likely number of customers who will use the service.'

Mr Reid has told Post Office Ltd that the temporary closure was 'completely unacceptable'.

He informed Mr Duff:

'Many post office users from Carradale East are elderly.'

'The bus journey to Carradale Post Office would involve at least a two-hour wait for the return bus service.'

'With a month's notice

would be unacceptable for a village of this size of population.'

Carradale Post Office is more than a mile and a quarter away from Carradale East and parts of the route have no pavements.

they've both reached retirement age. One has already left.

'I can't do it because I am running the shop and bakery, and there is no point in employing someone else for the post office because the remuneration from Post Office Ltd does not cover the wages.'

'People also do so much of their business now online and by direct debit. The only time we are busy now is at Christmas.'

Stuart Irvine, chairman of East Kintyre Community Council, said: 'The closure is disappointing. A lot of elderly people will have to make different arrangements for the likes of collecting their benefits. It is bound to have an impact on them.'

Meanwhile, this week, Mr Reid received an assurance from Iain Duncan Smith, the secretary of state for work and pensions, that people will continue to be able to claim pensions and benefits and the proposed universal credit from post offices.

Afterwards, Mr Reid said: 'For people in rural areas, being able to make universal credit applications and collect their pensions and benefits at post offices is very important.'



Alan Reid is fighting to retain rural post offices.

you should surely be able to find someone to operate the post office on a temporary basis until a permanent postmaster or postmistress is found.

'This post office must stay open permanently. An outreach service

Angela Arkell, who bought Paterson's shop, bakery and post office from her father in 2003, said the post office was 'no longer viable'.

She told the Courier: 'I had two members of staff running it and

Wind Towers shortlisted for prestigious award

WIND Towers (Scotland) has been nominated for a Scottish Green Energy Award for its business growth.

The awards, established by Scottish Renewables in December 2002, bring together industry leaders to honour the contributions of individuals and organisations in Scotland.

There are 12 categories to highlight the positive economic and environmental work and contribution Scotland is making nationally and internationally to the renewables industry.

Wind Towers (Scotland), based at Machrihanish, was established in 2011 with investment

from SSE and Highlands and Islands Enterprise. It has since established itself as a specialist supplier of high quality wind turbine towers to markets across Europe.

Dennis Breugelmanns, managing director, said: 'We are delighted to be in such prestigious company.'

'This nomination is a credit to the entire workforce. Everyone has worked incredibly hard and we have doubled our production capacity in recent months.'

'We now have 135 skilled employees from the Kintyre area.'

The winners will be announced on December 5 at the Green Ener-

gy Awards ceremony at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.



Dennis Breugelmanns.

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Dairy and horse show moved to December

THIS year's Kintyre Agricultural Society dairy and horse show will take place on December 14 after a change of date.

Secretary John Armour explained: 'The number of exhibits coming forward to the show when it was usually held in October was dropping significantly in the past few years due to it being so close to the summer show in August.'

A hangar at Machrihanish airbase has been offered by the MACC group as a venue this year and after a survey of potential exhibitors it was decided December 14 was the most popular date.

The classes will remain the same as previous years but the directors ask that exhibitors forward their entries to the secretary before the show so they can make

arrangements for stalling and ring size.

Schedules are also available from John and while entries must be with him before December 8, payment can be collected on the day.

He added: 'The directors are very pleased with the response to the survey and hope for a good turnout of stock on the day.'

Thank

'They would also like to thank the Ralston family at the Rhoin for hosting the event for the past few years as without them it would have struggled to continue.'

For more details or to request a schedule please contact John Armour, Kintara, Campbeltown, PA28 6PF or phone 01586 810231 (day) 552404 (evening) or email john-armour@tiscali.co.uk.

Darren delighted

A CAMPBELTOWN student has secured a coveted apprenticeship with the town's haulage company McFadyens Transport.

Former grammar school pupil Darren Conley was one of the first students to complete Argyll College's skills for work engineering course and has already taken up his apprenticeship.

He said he is thrilled to have been given the chance to develop his career in Campbeltown working with the company's fleet.

He explained: 'I always wanted to work with engines and I thoroughly enjoy working with all the vehicles and learning something new every day.'

'I am really pleased to have been given the chance of an apprenticeship with McFadyens - it is a great company to work for.'



Darren Conley who has started an apprenticeship with McFadyens Transport after completing an engineering course at Argyll College. c47darren01no

The course Darren completed is designed to provide students with an introduction to basic engineering skills, tools, equipment and materials, leading to the practical manufacture of an item.

Darren felt the course was important in help-

ing him prepare for his apprenticeship.

He said: 'The course tutor Neil taught me how to weld, use different tools and develop the basic skills needed to be a fabricator or steel welder.'

'I feel what I learned helped me get this apprenticeship.'

Young motorists admit careless driving

TWO young Kintyre motorists have admitted to driving their cars carelessly during the summer.

One also caused excessive noise with a modified exhaust.

Appearing at Campbeltown District Court on Monday, Ruaridh Duncan, 22, of 4 Glenbarr Cottages, Glenbarr, admitted to causing excessive noise through revving a car with a modified exhaust on Burnside Street, Campbeltown on September 6 this year.

He also admitted to the same charge at the junction of Main Street and Hall Street, Campbeltown on September 22 this year.

Sentencing was deferred for good behaviour until next May.

Duncan also pleaded guilty to driving with-

out due care and attention and causing an accident on a bend on the A83 between Kennacraig and Tarbert and also driving a car with a modified exhaust on August 10 this year.

He was admonished for the modified exhaust but received four penalty points and a £133 fine for driving without due care and attention.

Also appearing on Monday, Cameron Miller, 19, of 6 Fisher Row, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to careless driving on June 29 this year.

He admitted driving around the roundabout at the bottom of Main Street, Campbeltown at excessive speed and failing to keep his car under control, causing the wheels to skid.

He was fined £133 and received four penalty points.



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Look out for a copy of Argyll and Bute Council's winter weather ready leaflet or find information online at
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Before travelling in bad weather you should

- Check the weather forecast and road conditions
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Tips for winter driving

Ice

Slow down, steer gently and use the highest gear you can. If you have to brake don't do it sharply. Look out for other skid hazards like frost and wet leaves. Always be aware that there could be 'black ice'. This is a thin coating of ice on the road and while not truly black it is transparent, so you will be able to see the road through it.

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Rain

Use dipped headlights, keep your speed down and keep well back from the vehicle in front. If you come to a flood, slow right down but keep your revs high.

Hail

Slow down and use dipped headlights. Beware of slush on the road after a hail storm

Police files:

Dog owners reminded

Campbeltown Police are reminding dog owners to make sure their pets are not left to run loose after a recent incident in the Dalintober area.

A dog was spotted running around unaccompanied but the owner was later traced by police and given a warning.

Police say that along with the dog warden they will be taking action on dogs found without owners.

Castleacres shed broken into

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a garden shed at Castleacres, Campbeltown was broken into on Sunday. The incident occurred some time between 5.30pm and 7.30pm when the owner came home to find the padlock had been forced.

Nothing obvious had been stolen.

Anyone with any information should contact Campbeltown Police on 101.

Eggs and stones thrown

POLICE are looking for witnesses after eggs and stones were thrown at windows in Main Street, Campbeltown last Thursday at 8pm.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101.

Woman unconscious

A WOMAN was taken to Campbeltown Hospital in the early hours of Sunday morning after she was found unconscious while under the influence of alcohol on Main Street.

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Courageous Kintyre fishermen are real heroes



From left, Sean Taylor, Scotland's real heroes Mark Sheldrick and Darroch Fulton and Superintendent Matthew Ramsay from the Fishermen's Mission, an organisation that supported Sean, his family and the fishermen following the accident.

TWO fishermen who kept their crewmate alive to ensure he lived to see the birth of his daughter have been named Scotland's real heroes.

Mark Sheldrick and Darroch Fulton were named the winners of the courage trophy in the RBS Finding Scotland's Heroes Awards.

The two men were fishing aboard the Blue Angel, off the coast of Gigha, in January, 2011 when crewmate Sean Taylor, 24, was pulled overboard by an automatic creel shooter.

Skipper Mark, 55, from Tayinloan, and Darroch, 24, from Clachan, quickly sprung into action. They winched Sean back to the boat and carried out CPR until the Royal Navy AF air ambulance arrived.

Two weeks later Sean was out of hospital to welcome his daughter Corrin into the world.

Mark was told by the coastguard that no man had ever survived that type of accident before.

The men relived the experience for a STV programme in which they featured alongside two other finalists in the courage award.

The Scottish public were tasked

with voting for the most worthy winner and, on Friday night, the men collected the award at a star-studded ceremony in Glasgow.

Overwhelmed with support of people across the country, Mark said: 'It was very special to be given the award.'

'The whole experience of being on TV was quite overwhelming; it is something we will never forget.'

He added: 'Sean is as much a hero. I feel Sean's recovery was a miracle but obviously he played his part in that; he never gave up.'

'If he wasn't determined to get better it would have been a much longer and harder battle for him.'

'Sean has done incredibly well in overcoming the psychological barriers to face up to his fears to get back fishing.'

The Tarbert man has returned to fishing aboard the Blue Angel with Mark and is training to become a qualified skipper.

Sean said: 'If it wasn't for what Mark and Darroch did, I would not be here today; I now get to see my daughter grow up.'

Warning over brush cutter attachments

THE USE of non-standard attachments on brush cutters, for cutting grass and hedgerows, could cause fatal accidents according to Argyll and Bute Council.

The council, along with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are warning attachments such as chain flails can be extremely dangerous even if they carry a safety mark.

There have been recent cases where chains have

broken and flying metal links have killed bystanders and those using the implement instantly.

Any brush cutters fitted with flail or linked metal non-standard attachments must be taken out of use immediately and anyone who provides the implements for use at work must check for dangerous attachments.

It is now an offence for these attachments to be sold or to provide them for hire with brush cut-

ters. Responsible suppliers will already have dealt with this issue, removing such attachment from sale or hire.

Environmental health officers from the council will be contacting businesses to check appropriate action has been taken.

More information on brush cutter safety can be found on hse.gov.uk/safetybulletins/brushcutters.htm.

Keeping an eye on the play park

NEW CCTV is to be installed to help prevent further vandalism to the new play park in Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown.

Councillor Donald Kelly informed Campbeltown Community Council recently that funding had been found for the security cameras.

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Held in limbo

IT is hard to imagine what former Campbeltown man Billy Irving is going through as he languishes in an Indian jail after being arrested with fellow MV Seaman Guard Ohio crew members. Their boat, involved in anti-piracy operations, is accused of being in Indian waters illegally with apparently a huge cache of arms and ammunition.

The 33 year old, who spent most of his school years here, is a former army man, so hopefully he will not be too phased by any privations and hardships he has to endure. However, after four weeks in custody, he will be aware that he could face many more months of uncertainty and that may be the toughest part. Under Indian law, the crewmen can be held without charge and without going to trial for a year.

The situation is no less difficult for his girlfriend, Yvonne, and members of his family back home. Their lives, too, will be held in limbo until he returns safely to Britain. They have been unable to make contact with Billy and do not know when they will be able to. They have no idea of his physical and mental state, and how he is coping. Yvonne is writing to him every day, which will give him great comfort if he is receiving her letters, however she does not even know if they are finding their way to them.

Yvonne and Billy's family, who are receiving very little information from the Foreign Office, can only trust and hope that serious efforts are actually being made by the British Government and others to secure the crew's release.

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Scotland can do better than this

Sir,
I am writing in response to the letter last week from Mr Knight, whose base reason for supporting a no vote on the September 18 Independence referendum seems to be 'at least things will remain as they are'.

In the same week we learned that the UK government will not pass on hundreds of millions of pounds in EU agriculture payments due to Scotland which only accrue to the UK because of Scotland's unique agriculture, money which should be helping sustain our rural economy. Earlier in the week we discovered archived letters which show that in the 1980s the UK Government blocked test drilling for oil off the Kintyre Coast in favour of Trident nuclear weapons.

Is this the 'least' we should expect? Scotland can do better making our own decisions reflecting the priorities and aspirations of our people.

Councillor
John Semple
South Kintyre

Poor behaviour affects us all

Sir,
There seems to be a view held in certain quarters that there is too much fuss made about young drivers insisting on driving their cars with noisy exhausts up and down Campbeltown Main Street repeatedly and late into the evening.

Funnily, that admirable 'live and let live' attitude is only displayed by those who do not have to put up with the problem and have their peace

shattered at 10pm, 11pm and later. Would they be so tolerant of a noisy neighbour? I doubt it.

Civil and thoughtful behaviour in a town is essential if we want it to continue to be the kind of place we are happy to live in. That is why police are always keen to nip problems in the bud, whether it be anti-social driving, littering, vandalism, rowdiness or drugs.

They know that poor behaviour begets more poor behaviour. It is human nature, sadly. When the negative gets a hold it spawns other negative behaviour, individually and collectively.

We can maintain standards in Campbeltown or let them slip. We all have a choice. But if the town starts to go downhill, it could deteriorate rapidly and quickly become the kind of place that no one wants to visit, or at least return to, and no businessman wants to invest in and create jobs. That is why noisy exhausts matter to us all, not just those living in the Main Street area.

Name and address supplied and withheld on request.

Thanks to everyone who lit up bonfire night

Sir,
Dalintober and Millknowe Residents Association would like to thank Campbeltown Fire Services and fire cadets for all the good work they do with us on bonfire night to make it such a good night out for everyone, and Graham for bringing home such a wonderful selection of fireworks. It was a beautiful display.

Everyone is saying what a great night it is and commenting on how well organised it is.

We would also like to thank Argyll and Bute Council, Angus Ward and the boys for preparing the site and clearing it up afterwards; Dalintober Primary's schoolchildren and Miss Armour for making such a good job of Guy Fawkes; Argyll Bakery for the catering; police for attending; all contractors who delivered wood for the bonfire; Bobby Cairns for all his help; David for the posters; and all the tenants' committee; and anyone who I may have missed out, thank you.

It was great to see such a wonderful turnout on the night, that's what makes it so good.

Thank you to everyone who turned up - and see you all next year.

Cathie Duncan
Dalintober and Millknowe
Residents Association

Trying to trace relatives

Sir,
I am a 56-year-old woman planning to undertake a big cycle ride next summer from my home in Brighton to Shildale in Scotland. En route I hope to catch the new ferry to Campbeltown and cycle up the length of the Kintyre peninsula.

I believe that my great grandfather came from Campbeltown. He came from a farming family. All I know is that he was called Hugh Andrew and that he married a woman called Annie Young who came from Ayrshire. I understand that they emigrated to

Bedfordshire in England in the 1880s and that was where my maternal grandfather Robert (Bob) Young Andrew was born.

I would love to track down any Scottish relatives and visit land farmed by my ancestors and any family graves. I believe the family were quite devout presbyterians, I know my grandad took 'the pledge' to abstain from the demon drink.

Fiona Roberts
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Looking for former airmen

Sir,
I am researching the former RAF West Beckham in Norfolk and would like to talk to any former personnel who served there or family members.

I have so far managed to track down 14 former World War 2 WAAFs who served here and around 35 1950s airmen and a couple of officers.

I have managed to put WAAFs back in touch who lost touch in 1945 and airmen back in touch who have not seen each other since 1955, in one case a gentleman and his best man. For me this is a national and international search for all former veterans and their family members.

My details are tel 01263-824069, email miked3038@hotmail.com

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Ferry timetable to remain unchanged

DESPITE attempts to modify it, the timetable for Campbeltown's ferry service to Ardrossan will remain unchanged next summer.

Following discussion with Transport Scotland, Caledonian MacBrayne and the Scottish Government, the ferry's first sailing will be on May 1, 2014 leaving Ardrossan at 6.40pm and arriving at Campbeltown at 9.20pm.

It will then leave Campbeltown at 7.35am on Friday and return at 9.20pm that evening, leave at 7am to travel via Brodick to Ardrossan on Saturday and on Sunday arrive in Campbeltown at 1.50pm from Ayrshire before returning at 4.30pm.

A number of people complained that the timetable was unsuit-

able for Campbeltown during its first season this summer.

Councillor John Semple said 'very little flexibility' meant the changes he had hoped for could not be accommodated, as the MV Isle of Arran also sails between Brodick and Ardrossan during the summer.

He said: 'It's difficult to match the expectations and the needs of both Kintyre and Arran. Balancing the needs has been very difficult.'

When asked at a recent Campbeltown community council meeting if the pilot was set to fail due to the timetable constraints, he said: 'The fact we have a service is because we were able to acquire that Arran service. Next year is a year it will be fully marketed. That's something we



MV Isle of Arran's ferry timetable will remain the same as this year. 20_c47ferry01

would never be able to do if we didn't have a share of that boat.'

Community councillor Ann Gallacher was not convinced, however. She said: 'I still think for three days a week

the focus should be in Kintyre and not Arran. Lots of people won't be able to use it.'

Councillor Semple responded: 'That's the advantage of us having a pilot. It's looking at the

people who couldn't use it, not just the ones who could.'

He said a pilot, which will run for another two years, could mean a permanent service and a new boat for the route.

West Coast Motors takes over Glasgow firm

WEST Coast Motors has acquired Glasgow-based Fairline Coaches.

The acquisition will allow the Campbeltown-based company to expand its touring programmes and private hire offering available to local schools, groups and event organisers.

Colin Craig, managing director, said: 'I am delighted with this acquisition as it complements our recent purchase of Bowman's Tours, renamed West Coast Tours, and strengthens our offering company-wide and at a local level by introducing a further 16 vehicles to our 175 fleet.'

'The new vehicles also offer greater flexibility for group hire, transfers and tours as they range from 16 seat mini-buses right through to 70-seat coaches - all offering a

very high specification. 'While Fairline Coaches is Glasgow-based, I am keen to ensure that the benefits of the acquisition are felt throughout our business, particularly in Argyll and Bute.'

New additions

'I feel the new additions to the fleet will offer opportunities for group travel to and from Argyll and Bute - serving the local community and bringing much-needed visitors to the area.'

Fairline's former owner Mr Pawan Sood said: 'Having spent many years building up my business I am extremely pleased to be handing it over to such a reputable and successful company which I know will take it forward and, importantly, offer a bright future for Fairline's 31 staff.'

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Quartet impress in championships



Pictured from left are brass players: Innes Roy, Erin McLellan, Amy Paterson and Owen Pickering.

FOUR young Campbeltown made a big impression in the West of Scotland solo brass championships at Kilmarnock.

In the junior 12 and under category, Erin McLellan won a gold award first place, while Amy Paterson won a gold award third place.

In the intermediate section 16 and under category, Innes Roy won a gold award second place and Owen Pickering won a gold award third place.

Library performance for storyteller



Traditional storyteller Paraig MacNeil is coming to Campbeltown.

ONE of Scotland's best-known traditional storytellers will be at Campbeltown Library on Monday from 7pm.

Paraig MacNeil will tell the epic tales of the Fianna, clan legends, histories and genealogies, wonder and supernatural tales, comic tales, riddles, place name stories and stories of emigration, Jacobites and the Wars of Independence.

Translations

His storytelling is interwoven with Gaelic

song and poetry - with translations where required - of which he is a passionate exponent.

The free event is jointly funded by Argyll and Bute Council and Creative Scotland's Live Literature programme, which is managed by Scottish Book Trust.

The scheme exists to bring Scottish fiction writers, playwrights, poets, storytellers and their work to every corner of Scottish society including schools, libraries, writers groups, addi-

tional support needs organisations, community groups and literary organisations.

Encourages

Julie Amphlett, Live Literature project co-ordinator, said: 'The scheme encourages organisations of all kinds to include authors in their programmes.'

'It also widens the audience for contemporary writers and storytelling by increasing the amount of literary activity and by providing financial support.'

Come and join us and enjoy the spirit of Christmas

TARBERT CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thursday 5th December 4.00pm to 8.00pm

Christmas Lights will be switched on at 7.00pm in front of Tarbert Hotel

Stalls in the Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre

Santas coming
Xmas Carols
Gluhwein
Mince Pies

Xmas Lights 7.00pm
Fun for all the Family
Late Night Shopping

Crows land in Carradale

THE first Kings of Scotland, clan warfare in Dunaverty, the cattle thief of Ardnamurchan, and a grey-eyed stranger who appeared mysteriously on the shores of Southend, Kintyre in 563AD...

These tales and more from the legends and history of Argyll will be brought to life by the acclaimed Three Wee Crows Theatre Company in Carradale Village

Hall at 8.30pm on Saturday, December 7.

The Three Wee Crows - Vivienne DeCaris, Kathleen Campbell and Jane Dunbar, with Ann Barlow on fiddle - are fast developing into one of Scotland's most interesting and innovative theatre companies.

Reaching out from rural Argyll, their passionate, moving, humorous and entertaining performances have been

lighting up theatres, festivals, libraries and landscapes throughout Scotland - from Holyrood Parliament to Mull's Duart Castle to the bloody rock of Dunaverty at Southend.

Tickets are £10, to include winter-warming mulled wine and mince pies.

For tickets call 07821 970536 or email cjd.madcow@btinternet.com



The Three Wee Crows will descend on Carradale on Saturday evening, December 7.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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St Margaret's Annual Sale of Work
Saturday 23rd November
2 - 4pm
Community Centre, Lochgilhead
Baking, bottle stall, crafts, silent auction, teas, raffle & games for children
All welcome

NOVEMBER WALK
Wednesday 27th November
Meet 12.00 noon
Pontoon Gate, Campbeltown
Short, local, finishing with lunch, 1pm at Kinloch Hall
Positive Action - Free event
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Campbeltown Christmas Lights
At The Salvation Army
From 6.30pm
Friday 29th November
Campbeltown Corps
Warming winter refreshments (free of charge)
Christmas crafts & treats for sale

The Kintyre Writers' Circle
Invite you to an event to launch their new collection of writings called 'WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT?'

on Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 7pm in the Library at the Aqualibrium
Refreshments will be provided

Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association
PRIZE BINGO
Thursday 28th November
Argyll Bowling Club
Eyes Down 8pm

Kintyre Crafters Group XMAS CRAFT FAIR
Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown
Friday 29th November 6pm - 9pm & Saturday 30th November 10am - 4pm

NHASMA
Thursday 28th November
Firth of Clyde
Russell Cheshire
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Any queries to membership Secretary Phil Holt on 01546 810205 or e-mail glasvaar@btinternet.com

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Bowling club ceilidh for Mairi Semple Funds

ARGYLL Bowling Club was full of music and laughter last Friday as it hosted the annual Mairi Semple ceilidh.

The evening raises funds for cancer research and treatment,

with money helping local people who are suffering from the disease.

To date, £153,131 has been handed out locally, while money has also gone to treatment centres in Glasgow and

Oban and elsewhere.

On Friday Peter Sinclair was MC for the evening, while entertainment was provided by a range of performers, including Southend Primary School Choir,

Emma Cairns who sang and played the guitar and Peter McKerral who also sang.

The committee was also given a cheque from Kintyre Youth Motocross Club, who raised

more than £500 for the charity. The Mairi Semple Fund will next be fundraising on December 1 and 8 at the Glenbarr Abbey open days when they will be serving soup and teas.



Southend Primary School Choir who performed at the ceilidh on Friday. 20_c47ceilidh01



The Mairi Semple Fund Committee who organise the annual ceilidh to raise funds. 20_c47ceilidh02



Nicky MacLennan, left, and Rhys Blair from Kintyre Youth Motocross Club handed over a cheque to Enid Williams, centre, from the Mairi Semple committee. The club held a race meeting to raise money, which they plan to make an annual event. 20_c47ceilidh05



Peter McKerral took to the stage to sing. 20_c47ceilidh04



Emma Cairns stepped in at the last minute to play a few songs. 20_c47ceilidh03

Youngsters help light up Christmas parade

Rebecca MacPhail, 3, shows off her handiwork after taking part in the first Christmas lantern workshop of the year at The Hub, Campbeltown last Saturday.

The Dalintober Nursery pupil was one of several children who got involved - with the help of their grannies - making lanterns for the Christmas Lights Switch On parade which takes place on November 30.

Children at the Meadows pre 5 unit had their own lantern workshop last week, while Dalintober pre 5 and the Link Club had a go this week.

There will be further workshops for everyone today (Friday), tomorrow, Sunday and Monday from 12pm until 4pm at The Hub. 20_c47lantern01



Correction

THE COURIER would like to make it clear that the Santa Dash, due to take place on December 8, does finish at Grant Logan's at Glemram-skill.

However, Grant Logan's is not a gold foundry, as was reported. This title belongs to Carradale Gold Foundry.

The Courier apologises for any confusion caused.

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Friday 22 November for 6 days at 8pm (Not Saturday)

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Coming Next

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SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Ender's Game The Earth was ravaged twice by the Buggers, an alien race seemingly determined to destroy humanity. Seventy years later, the people of Earth remain banded together to prevent our own annihilation from this technologically superior alien species. Ender Wiggin, a boy of only six, may become the savior of the human race. He is separated from his beloved sister and brought to battle school in deep space.

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7 Put a stop to when putting it on (6)

8 Attendant (6)

9 One of four (4)

10 Perseverance (8)

11 Western lawman (7)

13 Singing play (5)

15 Absurd (5)

16 Hold a position of authority (7)

18 Completely (8)

19 Always (4)

21 Drink from sensitive plants? (6)

22 Band member relaxing on one (6)

Down

1 Stead (4)

2 Used to melt copper (9,4)

3 Close down (4,3)

4 Eager (5)

5 Longing (13)

6 Ragged (8)

12 Piece of torn skin on the end of a finger (8)

14 Holy cheese (7)

17 Secure a rope (5)

20 Large jug (4)

Last week's solution

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KILCALMONELL

Guild hears story of Campbeltown Cinema

MEMBERS of Kilcalmonell Guild were treated to a talk about the Wee Pictures Cinema in Campbeltown.

Jane Mayo, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Business, came to Clahan Hall to explain her involvement with the cinema.

She has worked with the committee and the few paid staff tirelessly to keep the cinema going up to the proud moment of the centenary celebrations.

Jane also told how the Picture House was built by a Glasgow architect with the then modern features of the balcony and castles on each side. The committee is now fundraising to extend and modernise the building, hopefully add a smaller screening room and improve the kiosk, toilets and facilities for other events to take place.

The Picture House is Scotland's oldest purpose-built and continuously operating theatre.

Jane was thanked and congratulated on the team's great achievement in preserving such an asset to the Kintyre community.

SOUTHEND

Santa to visit Southend

SANTA will once again be taking time out of his busy schedule to pay a visit to Southend.

Next Saturday, November 30, Mr Claus will be attending the Dunaverty Hall Christmas Fayre between 2.15pm and 2.45pm, making time for any children who wish to see him.

The fayre itself will run from 2pm at St Blaans Hall, Southend and will have the usual stalls, plus crafts, baking, tombola and a raffle for a Christmas hamper.

Tea, coffee, mince pies, scones and shortbread will all be on offer while visitors browse around the stalls.

CARRADALE



From left: Robert Strang from East Kintyre Community Council, David Gardner, Michael Russell MSP and councillor Vivien Dance at the site of the subsea link at Crossaig.

Kintyre Hunterston construction underway

WORK has started on the Kintyre Hunterston subsea link at Crossaig near Carradale. To mark the occasion, Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, was welcomed to the site of the new electricity substation by Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHE).

The new subsea link will significantly increase security of electrical supply to Kintyre by providing a secondary link.

Crossaig was the site of serious damage caused to the overhead electricity network during the March snowstorm.

Mr Russell said: 'I am delighted that this project is now underway. This £200m investment by SHE Transmission is a significant landmark for the Argyll and Bute economy and particularly for the Kintyre peninsula.'

Renewable generation

'It will improve the security of supply to Kintyre as well as unlocking the potential for the areas renewable generation which is not only a boost for local communities, it will make a significant contribution to the Scottish Governments ambitious renewable energy targets.'

David Gardner, Scottish and Southern Energy's director of transmission, said: 'The Kintyre Hunterston project plays a key part in our £1.4bn investment programme which will see the upgrade of Scotland's electricity network.'

'We are investing around £4 million a day in new energy infrastructure across the north of Scotland and we want to see real economic and social benefits flow to local businesses and communities as a result.'

The new link will be fully commissioned by the end of 2015.

TARBERT

Memorial ceilidh for John Hunt

A CEILIDH in memory of Tarbert businessman John Hunt, who died less than a month ago, is being held at Skipness Village Hall tonight (Friday).

Mr Hunt ran regular ceilidhs at the hall in aid

of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and all proceeds from tonight's event will go to the RNLI.

Mr Hunt ran Tarbert's Kintyre Electrical shop with his wife, Jeanette, for more than 40 years.

He grew up in Skipness and his name has been synonymous with running the regular fundraising ceilidhs at the village hall. Tonight's

ceilidh is on from 8pm till late and admission is £6 at the door (£4 for under 16s) and includes tea, cakes and a raffle.

Tarbert Post Office set for overhaul

TARBERT'S Post Office could have a new look and location depending on the results of a public consultation.

The Post Office is proposing moving the Tarbert branch from its current location to create a modern, open-plan office with longer opening hours at Woods Newsagents, Harbour Street. This is 150 metres from its current site at The Rest, Campbeltown Road.

Interested parties have been invited to give their comments on the move during a six week public consultation.

At the new location it would open 7am until 6pm Monday to Saturday and 7.30am until 4pm on Sundays. This is double the number of hours it is open at present.

Suzanne Richardson, post office regional network manager for Scotland and Northern England, said: 'We understand how important post office services are to residents in Tarbert and we are confident that this new modern branch will meet the needs of the local community and secure services for the future.'

The consultation runs until January 4, 2014 and people can send their comments by Freepost to Post Office Ltd, by emailing comments@postoffice.co.uk, by calling 08457 223344 or by textphone at 08457 223355.



John Hunt.

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courier farming

Anger grows over lost EU funding

WESTMINSTER environment secretary Owen Paterson is facing demands for answers after the Scottish parliament's rural affairs committee called for him to appear before them and explain why Scotland's farmers are losing out on EU funding.

The Westminster Government has announced that EU agriculture funding worth up to around €230 million – which only accrues to the UK because of the nature of farming in Scotland will not be passed on to farmers in Scotland – despite cross-party agreement in Holyrood that it should be. The decision will leave farmers in Scotland with the lowest level of CAP direct payments in the whole of the EU.

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said: 'The frustration and anger that is being felt across Scotland's farming sector is one that transcends party lines after this turn of events. The rural affairs committee has rightly agreed that Scotland's farmers should be the ones to benefit from additional CAP funding that the UK is only receiving because of the nature of farming in Scotland.'

Ignore

'The Westminster Government's decision to ignore this cross-party position is an extremely disappointing one and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency by Owen Paterson.'

'There is no doubt that he should make time to appear before the committee before the end of this year and explain why Westminster is taking around €230 million out of the pockets of Scotland's farmers.'

Mike MacKenzie, SNP MSP for Highlands and Islands, said: 'If Scotland was independent,

it would benefit from an EU rule that ensures all member states attain an average payment that is well in excess of what farmers in Scotland will receive as part of the UK.

'In fact, if Scotland were already independent we would be getting extra 1 billion Euros from Pillar 1 of CAP between 2014 and 2019,' he added.

Bitter blow

Nigel Miller, president NFUS, said recently: 'It is a bitter blow that we have not secured an immediate uplift in our budget allocation. This decision greatly impacts on our members, and we need to fully address the competitive disadvantage that Scottish producers are facing.'

Norman Leask, parliamentary spokesman for Scottish Crofting Federation, said: 'We just want what is rightfully ours. The only reason that the UK qualifies for the uplift is because of Scotland's very low payments in the upland areas that bring the UK average down.'

'This decision by the UK Government can surely only be seen as a political heist. The Scottish upland areas have 'earned' this uplift and this is where it should be spent.'



Westminster environment secretary Owen Paterson has been asked to explain why Scottish farmers are losing out on EU funding worth around £200 million.

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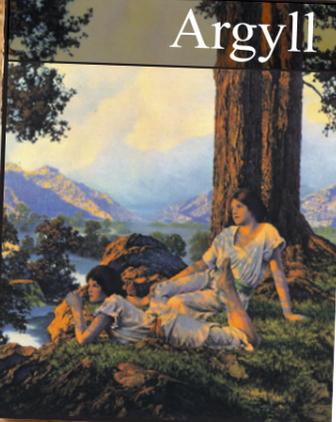
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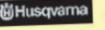
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Government accused of cover up over Kintyre oil potential

AN oil bonanza could be sparked off the east coast of Kintyre if Scotland votes for independence next year.

That is the prospect after reports last week that the Ministry of Defence blocked exploration of the area in the 1980s.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute has accused the UK government of a 'massive cover up' after an investigation by the Sunday Post showed letters, documents and briefings from the 1980s confirm the MoD blocked exploration despite a possibility of finding oil or gas in the Firth of Clyde.

Seismic surveys

The hidden files show three firms, including BP and then state owned British National Oil Corporation, undertook

seismic surveys in the area south of Arran and east of Kintyre in 1981.

BP also applied for a production licence in the same year but the MoD asked for no drilling rigs in the area to preserve it for nuclear submarine training and exercises.

It is not clear how much oil and gas there may be in the area, but at the time BP said it would not have been prepared to undertake the expense of conducting further investigations if the chances of a discovery were low.

Mr Russell said that the removal of Trident in the Firth of Clyde could 're-open the possibility of a west coast oil boom in an independent Scotland that would create thousands of jobs and boost our economy'.

The SNP has vowed Trident would no longer have a place in an independent Scotland. Mr Russell added: 'We now have clear evidence the MoD in the early 1980s made it very clear to the Department of Energy it would not tolerate oil drilling and production in the Firth of Clyde.'

Unhindered

'This was to allow unhindered access for nuclear submarines to Faslane. Instead of paying through the nose for Trident, Scotland could have been earning.'

*What do you think? Write to Editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email: editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk



Kinloch Road looking towards Longrow. Councillor John Semple says drivers are less aware it is a one-way street if approaching from the left. 08_c47road01

One-way street 'still confusing'

A KINTYRE councillor has called for action on a Campbeltown one-way street which is still causing confusion for drivers a year after being introduced.

A number of drivers have been stopped by police for driving the wrong way up Lochend Street which became a one-way after the altered route at Kinloch Road was completed last year.

Speaking at last Monday's community council meeting, councillor John Semple ap-

pealed for Argyll and Bute Council to make it clearer the road was one way.

He said: 'When you drive down to Tesco from Kinloch Road you can't see a sign to say you can't turn left.'

'I've got a live case with someone who has been dealt with by the police for this.'

Community council members agreed the signs were unclear adding that when the new road opened they had asked for Lochend Street to be completely blocked

off to avoid any confusion. Councillor Semple said he felt it was important the council take action and that council officers needed better communication to make sure issues like Lochend Street were dealt with swiftly.

*What do you think should be done with the new road? Has it caused you problems? Write to Editor, Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE or email: editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Argyll construction firm shows rise in profits

M&K MacLeod, the construction company which operates throughout Argyll and the Islands, has increased its profits to the year ending May 31.

The Lochgilphead-firm made pre-tax profits of £827,421 compared to £753,732 the previous year, despite a dip in turnover to £20.7 million.

The company, which has Campbeltown staff among its 200-strong workforce, also provides employment for around 200 sub-contractors.

It is engaged in construction, property development, quarrying, and the manufacture of timber house kits, windows and doors.

Jane MacLeod, company secretary, confirmed that it was looking to buy land throughout its traditional area having recently agreed a £5 million finance package from banking group Santander.

She attributed the dip in turnover largely to a slow private housing market, but said the current financial year was

'looking as good as the past year anyway'.

In the annual accounts, the firm's directors state: 'The construction industry retains a level of uncertainty due to the effects of economic instability, stock market uncertainty and cuts in public spending, which taken together continue to result in fragile confidence within the industry.'

M&K MacLeod was established by twin brothers Murdo and Kenny in 1975 and is still owned by them.

THI to host maintenance event

AN EVENT on preserving traditional buildings is to be held next week in support of National Building Maintenance Week.

The event, hosted by Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative, will take place on Wednesday, November 27 at the Ardshiel Hotel between 7pm and 9pm.

National Maintenance Week, an initiative of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, brings practical and straightforward advice on maintenance and repairs to everyone who looks after a property.

The event is intended for owners of traditional buildings but is open to all.

Anyone who wishes to attend can simply turn up on the night.

Writers recall March storms

KINTYRE Writers' Circle has collected people's experiences of Friday, March 22 of this year when severe gale force winds and snow blizzards hit the Kintyre peninsula and produced a publication called 'Where were you when the lights went out'.

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Gigha success story - from egg to plate

GIGHA-reared halibut is now served in some of the finest restaurants in the UK.

So perhaps it was not entirely surprising that the smoked fish was named new product of the year at the Highlands and Islands Food and Drink Awards in Inverness. It also received an excellence award.

The recognition, nevertheless thrilled staff at Gigha Halibut who are reaping the rewards of 20 years of work.

Alastair Barge, managing director of Gigha Halibut, said: 'We have been recognised for all the hard work that goes into rearing Gigha halibut.'

'The menu for the awards dinner featured smoked Gigha halibut and was enjoyed by a cross section of the food industry of the Highlands and Islands.'

Reinforce

'It all helps to reinforce our brand.'

'Gigha halibut features on many menus of the UK's top restaurants including Alain Roux, Gordon Ramsay and Michael Smith of The Three Chimneys.'

'Locally we are well supported by Dougal Johnson in Tarbert, and Watts the Fishmonger and Eeusk in Oban. Closer to home Gigha halibut can be found on the menu of the Isle of Gigha Hotel and our smoked fish is in the deli section of the Gigha stores.'

'It is a story of success from the egg to the plate and we are really grateful for everyone's support along the way.'

Kintyre council-

hatched at the Gigha Halibut's marine hatchery at Otter Ferry, Loch Fyne and reared for one and a half years before being taken to Gigha where they are organically fed for another two to three years in fresh Atlantic water which is pumped into the land-based system.

Rearing halibut is a tricky process as they have to be kept at the right temperature for optimum feeding, can get sunburn and have a

It is also more environmentally friendly, producing lean fish raised without the chemicals which are common in salmon fish farming.

Amanda Anderson, Gigha Halibut's marketing manager, said: 'It's wonderful for our product to get this latest prestigious award.'

Artisan

'We pride ourselves on our artisan production methods and as a result our halibut is served in some of the UK's finest restaurants where quality and provenance are key.'

'We are also increasing our retail distribution

in response to the growing demand for our products.'

Fresh Gigha halibut is served in the UK, Europe and America as is our smoked fish, created by smoking it over whisky barrel chips from Kilchoman Distillery, Islay.

Alastair added: 'We supply fresh halibut all over the world and we are not just blowing our own trumpet when we say we offer the best quality on the market - it's a fact.'

'It's wonderful for our product to get this latest prestigious award'

lor Rory Colville said: 'These awards are a great boost to Gigha in recognition of its work to produce Atlantic halibut, the wild stocks of which are under threat.'

'For an island as small as Gigha with a population of just 150 it is satisfying to have this national accolade.'

'The company has worked tirelessly for 20 years in perfecting a successful breeding programme which is now paying off.'

Halibut eggs are

high mortality rate.

The marine hatchery employs six people and the Gigha operation three.

In June, the company's smoked halibut was named the Seafood Product of the Year at The Crown Estates Scottish Marine Aquaculture Awards.

It was praised for its hands-on approach and bespoke production methods, which allows workers to closely monitor the welfare of each fish.



Alastair Barge with one of the environmentally friendly, chemical-free halibuts reared on Gigha.



The Gigha Halibut fish farm.



Alastair Barge, Gigha Halibut managing director, right, receives the HIFDA excellence award from its sponsor Gordon MacPhail.

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Reid fights for more aid on bedroom tax

MP Alan Reid has called on the Government to continue to give sparsely populated rural councils like Argyll and Bute extra money to pay the bedroom tax on behalf of tenants.

The Argyll and Bute MP last week sought assurance in the House of Commons from Steve Webb, minister for state, department for work and pensions, that it will continue in future years.

Mr Webb replied: 'I am aware that the chief secretary to the Treasury tends to be quite sensitive to the needs of remote Scottish constituencies.'

Mr Reid told the Courier: 'I voted against the

bedroom tax when it was introduced.

'I lobbied the Government for more money for sparsely populated councils like Argyll and Bute so that they could pay the bedroom tax on behalf of local tenants, and it gave Argyll and Bute an extra £250,000 this year.

Campaign

'I will keep up the campaign to ensure that this money gets to local tenants and continues in the future.'

The bedroom tax has resulted in tenants suffering a reduction in housing benefit if they are deemed to have more bedrooms than necessary.

On track for something better

There is not a dedicated athletics facility in the whole of Argyll



The Meadows in Campbeltown where it is proposed to establish a temporary grass track for the town's growing number of runners. 08_c46meadows01

A TEMPORARY running track could be laid out the Meadows playing fields in Campbeltown by spring.

The proposal is being warmly welcomed by the town's burgeoning running community who see it as a step in the right direction in resolving the lack of a proper facility.

There is not an dedicated athletics track in the whole of Argyll.

Councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier that, following approaches from Campbeltown Running Club, he was hopeful Argyll and Bute Council could lay out a temporary track around one of the pitches on the Meadows.

'We just need the backing of Campbeltown and District Junior Football Association (CDJFA) which uses the pitches,' he said.

A CDJFA member told the Courier this week that it supported the idea.

Elaine McGeachy, MOKRUN director and secretary of the running club, said: 'We have been hoping to get this for a while, so it would be great news if it happens.'

'We are very happy that councillors and lo-



Mo Farah's double gold medals at the London Olympics has helped sustain the running boom in Campbeltown.

cal groups have been very supportive of the rapid development of athletics in Campbeltown in recent years, and this would benefit the whole community.

'It may involve a reformatting of the Meadows to accommodate a track but it would not stop any of the current activities.'

'We also see it as a positive step towards having a permanent track in the town.'

The running club, which sees all ages turning out in all kinds of weather, feels that a proper track is necessary to fully develop its younger talent.

Two months ago, the Courier revealed a bid to see such a facility established within the grounds of the new Campbeltown Grammar School to be built.

Alex McKinven, chairman of Campbeltown Pupils AFC, has put such an idea to Argyll and Bute Council officials and has the back-

ing of local councillors.

Mr McKinven has suggested that the Pupils could give up their lease on Kintyre Park, freeing it up for use by the new school, in return for 'a top quality grass park as well as a running track and lighting that would be there for the community'.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the idea has received a cool response initially over budget concerns but its advocates are determined to stay the distance.

'Argyll and Bute's lack of a running track places our participants at a huge disadvantage,' added Ms McGeachy.

'A proper facility is long overdue and it is one we should be aiming for if there is to be a legacy from the London Olympics.'

'A grass track at the Meadows would be a boost through summer but the drainage there can be poor the rest of the year.'

Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)

Annual Update Evening

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Ideas sought for old playpark site

IDEAS of how best to utilise the old playpark on Kilkerran Road are being sought.

Earlier this year the play equipment at the Paddling Pool, as it was known, was dismantled after the new playpark at Jock's Boat was opened.

Local councillors are now looking for suggestions from the local community as to what they would

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All options

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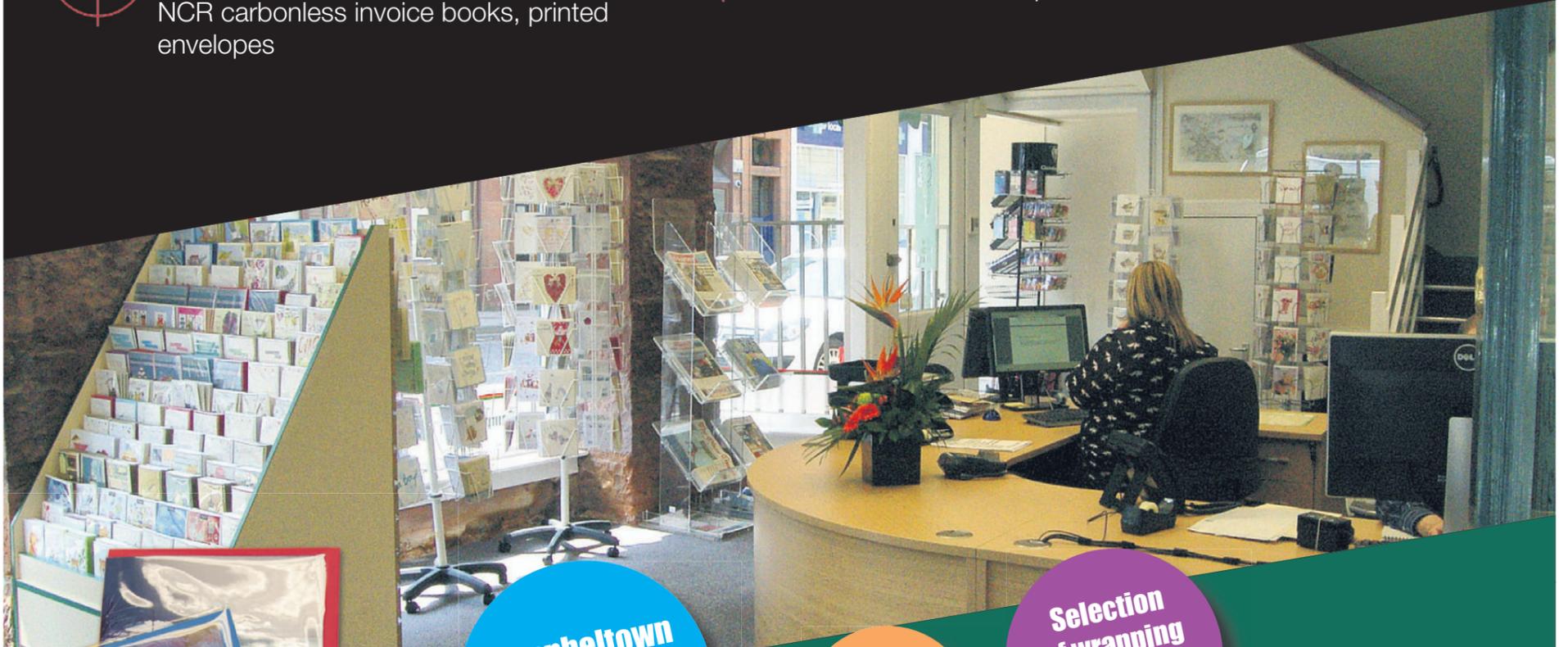
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with Marilyn Shedden



It was the most ghastly night. The wind whipped the rain along the seafront as we rushed from the car into the shelter of the library. Inside it was a haven of warmth and peace, and there was a great feeling of expectation. We settled into the cosiness of the arm chairs and conversations began. Glasses of wine were laid out alongside some tasty nibbles and soon the wet night was forgotten. We were gathered to listen to Kenneth Steven read his poem narrative, 'A Song Among The Stones'. The haunting strains of the fiddle brought a hush to the audience. Kenneth began to read his wonderful narrative to an enthralled audience as Peter interspersed the story with ancient Celtic music. The story is one of the courage and dedication of 6th century Celtic Christian monks who journeyed from Iona to seek solitude in Iceland. Kenneth's gift of descriptive prose made us almost feel we were on that perilous voyage on the edge of the ocean. As the wind roared outside the library and the sea crashed to the shore, we listened as Kenneth read of the monks' sea encounter. He spoke of 'islands of sea, floors of sea, valleys of sea, hills of sea, lifts of sea, slopes of sea, peaks of sea, rafts of sea - hollows, steeps, descents, edges, darkenings, flickering, and shapes of sea'. These monks set out on journeys of faith to reach the wild coasts, to build chapels and to seek God in the very teeth of the storm. Our own coastlines are scattered with similar little chapels, built by the saints of old, like Columba and Kentigern, who gave their lives to bring people to God. They are in ruins now, 'Novembered' by the storms. 'Sometimes faith is elusive, hard to catch as a fish'. But there will always remain a 'Song among the stones'.

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Red Cross fundraisers from left: Marion Warnock, Jane Mayo and Helen Steel. 20_c47redcross01

Campbeltown raises more than £1,000 for Philippines relief effort

CAMPBELTOWN residents have once again shown their charitable spirit by raising £1,453 to help those affected by a typhoon in the Philippines.

Last Saturday and Sunday members of the Red Cross in Campbeltown stood with buckets and money tins in Tesco to raise cash for the relief effort in the South-

east Asian country.

On November 8 typhoon Haiyan swept through the central Philippines, killing around 2,200 people and affecting around 11 million. It was one of the strongest recorded storms ever to make landfall.

Emergency aid has just started to reach the country and a UK

plane carrying 95 tonnes of emergency aid arrived there on Tuesday.

Anne Cousin, the local organiser for the Red Cross in Campbeltown, said: 'On behalf of the fundraising team I want to say a huge thank you to the people of Campbeltown for their generosity is always outstanding.'

Youth enquiry service pays back Children in Need

KINTYRE Youth Enquiry Service (KYES) was fundraising for a cause close to its heart last Friday - Children in Need.

Young people offered teas, coffees and home baking to raise money for the UK-wide charity.

BBC Children in Need awarded funding to the youth enquiry service in 2012 for a salary and training for an information worker.

Phil Edwards, information worker at (KYES), said: 'We're raising money to pay back Children in Need for what they've done for us.'

Young people can visit the service on Main Street, Campbeltown daily for information, advice, to access free internet, phone and to find out about a wide range of training opportunities.

Join us on facebook
www.facebook.com/campbeltowncourier

Christian fellowship meeting's panel night

A KINTYRE Christian fellowship meeting will take place in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown on Friday, December 6 from 7.30pm.

It will take the form of a panel night with questions being put forward to the panel for discussion.

Questions can be handed in before the meeting or on the night, or emailed to muller_kintyre@btinternet.com

All welcome to the meeting.

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Town centre work will be displayed

Completed projects by THI will be on show

EXAMPLES of completed projects by Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) will be on show at Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service next Friday, November 29.

Also exhibited at the annual update, from 7pm until 9pm, will be the THI's forthcoming projects and there will be a chance to meet members of the team.

Coincides

As the event coincides with the Christmas lights switch on, hot drinks and mince pies will be available.

The THI has worked on a number of projects this year, including the town hall which recently re-

ceived more than £1 million of Big Lottery funding, as well as £300,000 of CHORD funding. This means the THI can offer a £378,000 grant towards its renovation both internally and externally, bringing it back into community use.

The initiative has also recently completed the project at 13-15 Kirk Street, improving the streetscape and putting the building back into use with a grant of £176,000. The project cost a total of £335,000.

Renovation work was completed last year on the Royal Hotel, tenements 27-31 and 60 Main Street as well as work on the Old School-

house making it a backpackers hostel.

A total of 17 shop fronts have also been refurbished, while more than 50 small grant works have been completed including the refurbishment of 140 original timber windows.

Positive outcome

Argyll and Bute Council is also working on 'securing a positive outcome' for the building at 50-52 Main Street and 2 Cross Street.

The THI project has awarded more than 75 grants, totalling £835,000, with work carried out on more than 40 town centre buildings and involving more than 40 local contractors.

It has also held 36 traditional skills training initiatives for contractors, building professionals, homeowners and community groups.

During the summer, the THI ran the Campbeltown Heritage Trail, giving 150 people from all around the world the chance to see the historical sites in the town.

Tour dates for next year will be announced in the spring.

THI also works alongside housing services to encourage homeowners to work together to safeguard their properties. Further information can be found on argyll-bute.gov.uk/campbeltownTHI.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice' (Psalm 97:1).

BIRTHS



MCWHIRTER

Paul and Christina are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, James, on November 8, 2013 at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

ENGAGEMENTS

GALBRAITH - MCKIE - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Andrew, eldest son of Hugh and Elizabeth Galbraith, Colerain Farm, Southend, and Kate, only daughter of Stephen McKie and Marion Greenhill, Stranraer.

DEATHS

MACKINNON - Elma Mackinnon (née Macarthur), much loved wife of the late Alex Mackinnon of Islay, mother of Helen and Alex and grandmother of Natalie, Julia and Alexandra, died peacefully, on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at Ancaster House Nursing Home in Crieff. A private service will take place at Perth Crematorium. The family would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind wishes.

MACNICOL - Suddenly, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on November 14, 2013, with her family by her side, Ishbel MacNicol, née Galbraith, in her 69th year, of Glenview, Turnalt Farm, Barbreck, by Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Hamish, much loved mother of Donald and Lesley, much respected mother-in-law of Heather and Brian, loving granny of Lewis, Morven, Fraser, Shona and Iona and a dear sister of Douglas and Agnes. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Craignish Parish Church, Ardfarn, today, Friday, November 22 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilvaree Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to ICU, RAH Paisley and Craignish Parish Church Funds.

MITCHELL - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 17, 2013, Dugald Campbell Mitchell (Dougie), in his 84th year, 31 High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Moore Campbell, much loved dad of Alexander and Carol and a loving and much loved granda of Graham and Hannah.

NISBET - Kirsten, passed away peacefully, at home, on Saturday, November 16, 2013, beloved wife of Baxter, mum to Susan and Thomas and grandmother to Naomi and Alex. Loved and treasured by all. Funeral service at Kilmichael Glassary Parish Church, on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 11.00am, followed by a cremation at Cardross Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care (Lochgilphead).

INTERMENT OF ASHES

KEMPSHALL - Frances McIver, née Black, reunited with her beloved husband, Les, on January 27, 2013. The ashes are to be brought home to Campbeltown, to be interred in Kilkerran Cemetery, on November 23, 2013, which would have been our mum's, granny's and great granny's 95th birthday xx.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GILLIES - Donny and family would like to thank all friends and relatives for calls, flowers and cards received following the sad loss of Margaret. Special thanks to Rev Philip Burroughs for a warm and personal service, Alasdair Blair for his professional services and the Argyll Hotel for the funeral tea. Also to the community nurses for Margaret's care at home before her admittance to Kintyre Care Home. Thanks also to Dr Anderson and the staff at Kintyre Care Home for their care during her stay there. We would like to extend a special thank you to all who attended the service at Lorne and Lowland Church and who contributed to the retiral collection in aid of the church funds.

MACFADYEN - The friends of Archie (Swipe) MacFadyen would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all medical staff at Lorne and Islands and Mid Argyll Hospital for kind care and attention received, Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting and fitting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Stag Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

MUNRO - Mrs Elizabeth Munro, Bobby, Zara and Carol would like to thank all relatives and friends for the overwhelming expressions of sympathy following the recent sudden loss of Neil James. Special thanks to Rev Burroughs for his very comforting service, Alasdair Blair for his efficient funeral arrangements, the Ardshiel Hotel, the staff at the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital and for numerous phone calls, flower arrangements and sympathy cards. Again, thank you.

SMITH - Duncan and family would like to thank family and friends for flowers, cards and kind support following the sad loss of his wife, Sandra. Special thanks to all who travelled from Scotland and abroad to be with him, James and Catherine and to pay their final respects. A heartfelt thanks also goes to the Rev Gary McIntyre for assisting at the service and supporting the family at this difficult time. Stanley Mews, Roseacre, Preston.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of our son and brother, Dugald John, who sadly lost his life aboard "Antares" on November 22, 1990. Quietly remembered every day.

- Mum, Dad, and Donald.

DEWAR - In loving memory of Billy, died November 22, 2012, a loving dad and fantastic gramps. Always in our thoughts.

- Roslyn and James.

MACKAY - In loving memory of Catherine, died November 27, 2012, dear mum, granny and friend. - From all the family.

MCARTHUR - Neil, dear husband of Avril, loving father to Jean, Caroline, Catherine, Neil and Fiona, also sorely missed grandfather, who died on November 15, 2012. Missing you every day, though in our hearts you will always live on.

MCGOUGAN - In loving memory of our son, James, who died November 21, 1986. Lonely is the home without you. Life to us is not the same. All the world would be like Heaven. Just to have you back again.

- Mum, Dad and sister, Heather.

MCGOUGAN - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, James, died November 21, 1986. Sadly missed.

- Stewart, Heather, Kerry and Louise.

TODD - In loving memory of Geordie, who died November 25, 2000. Love and remembrance lasts forever.

- From Lorraine and family.

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 24 November
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Rev. Cliff Acklam

All welcome
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11:00 am
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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free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 24th November
11.00am Sunday School
12.45pm Worship Service
Mr Campbell Brown

Thursday 28th November
12.00 noon
Prayer & Bible Study

All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SCO09980

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493

Sunday 24th November
11.15am Rev A McIvor

Tuesday 26th November
Badminton
P1-5 - 6-7pm
P6-7 - 7-8pm

Wednesday 27th November
Nominating Committee
7.00pm Kirk St Hall
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number
SCO11686

Sunday 24th November
11.15am Morning Worship
(Creche, Triple C)
Rev. P Burroughs

Monday 25th November
Session Meeting in New Hall at 7.30pm

Tuesday 26th 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 28th November
Choir Practice 7.30pm

Friday 29th November
Lunch Club - 12 noon - New Hall

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 24th November 2013
11.00am Morning Service
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae

Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 24 November 2013
11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean
"One thing is needful"

Thursday 28 November 2013

7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

TARBERT LOCHFYNNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 24th November 2013

Tarbert Service 11.45am

to be held in Tarbert Free Church
Kilberry Service 2pm

Rev. Tommy Bryson

Joint Service between Tarbert Free Church

and Tarbert Church of Scotland on Sunday 24th November

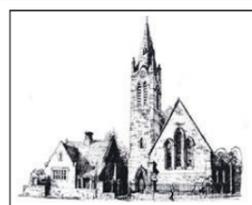
6.30pm in Tarbert Free Church to welcome new Minister

Rev. Robert McLeod

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Everyone very welcome
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SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2013

11.00 am Worship Service

Rev Hilda Smith

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2013

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In our newly refurbished church hall

All Welcome

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"It is good to sing praises to our God"

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24th November

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10.45am Family Communion
All Welcome

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Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141

The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday 24th November 2013
11.15am Family Communion with crèche

Mr John Ives, Southend

4.00pm Service at Lorne Campbell Court

Wednesday 27th November 2013
10.00am Jellytots Toddler Group
7.00pm Leadership Team meeting

8.00pm Bible Study

For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary

01586 551237

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SCO14646

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 (SCO002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 24th November

Morning Worship at Kilmartin
11.30am

Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome

SCO1212

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Sunday Services 24 November - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097

10am Cumlodden Church

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665

11.30am Inveraray Church

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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

Friday 29th November

Campbeltown Christmas Lights

At the Salvation Army

From 6.30pm

Winter Refreshments

Xmas crafts & treats

Lt. Mark Scouling

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Sarah wins club's handicapped series

IT is supposed to be fairly lighthearted fun, but funnily enough the many athletes who take part in

Campbeltown Running Club's series of handicap races throughout the summer take it quite

seriously. This year's overall winner and first female, announced at a social evening in the White Hart Hotel, was Sarah McFadzean.

Sarah has an excellent year, resulting in a number of personal best times, and her improved form was also borne out in the handicap races, each held over three miles, at five different venues this year, ranging from the likes of the forest track around Loch Lussa to Machrihanish MOD airfield and to the beach at Westport.

Other prizewinners were: 1st male - James Murdoch, 2 Kenny Campbell, 3 Stuart McGeachy.

2nd female - Mary Ann Wylie, 3 Ashleigh Conner.

The Meadow Muddles

winner - male Tommy Morran and Gregor Campbell; female Kerry O'May and Carly Ferguson; mixed pair Paul Crooks and Mary Ann Wylie.

The club's Stuart McGeachy, Allan Reid, Douglas Ferguson and Jennifer Martin set personal bests for the 10k when they took advantage of a fast course in the Jimmy Irving 10K at Bellahouston Park on Saturday, November 9.

Stuart ran 36 minutes exactly to knock 40 seconds off his best time with Tangy's Gary Turner clocking 36.57.

Allan finished in 39:52, Douglas in 40:22 and Alisdair O'May clocked 41.03.

Jennifer was the first CRC in 41.59 ahead of Susan Turner 45.35 and Katie Ferguson 46:45.



Kenny Campbell on his way to winning the Tin Farm 5 race at Ormsary Estate three weeks ago. It was held over road and trail before finishing on a beach. Invariably the back marker in Campbeltown Running Club's handicap races, he still did well enough to finish second male.



Prize winners from Campbeltown Running Club's handicap races.

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Skiff rowers looking for others join them

SKIFF rowing is set to make a return to Campbeltown - after an absence of 100 years.

A small group of people, including Rev Steve Fulcher, have banded together to establish a new skiff rowing club in the town following a resurgence of the sport on the west coast of Scotland. The world championships were recently held in Ullapool.

In the past, skiff rowing took place on Campbeltown Loch, with teams from Tarbert and Carradale competing with the town.

New clubs have recently been set up in Islay and Lochgilhead and Steve believes there is nothing stopping Campbeltown following suit. He said: 'There are a

few of us who thought we would quite like to establish one in Campbeltown.

'We hope to raise money over the next couple of months, build the skiff over the winter and start practicing in spring.'

Same boat

Skiff racing involves four rowers - one for each oar - and each team is given a kit to build a St Ayles skiff. This means every team in the country has exactly the same boat.

There are six people in the Campbeltown group so far, but Steve would like to see more people get involved.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about skiff rowing, contact Steve on 01586 830504.

Darts results and fixtures

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association Week 4 results: Southend 4 Kilbrannan C 6, Commercial 6 Ailsa 4, Fiddlers B 6 Kilbrannan B 4, Kilbrannan A 4 Burnside 6, Fiddlers /Bye.

There were 180 scores by J McIntosh (Commercial) and J McPhee (Ailsa).

Week 5 fixtures: Burnside v Southend, Fiddlers v Kilbrannan A, Ailsa v Fiddlers B, Kilbrannan C v Commercial. Kilbrannan B /Bye.

DUNAVERTY Golf Club recently held their annual dinner and prize giving in their clubhouse.

A lovely buffet was supplied by Muneroy tearoom which was followed by a social evening and fun quiz.

The prize winners were as follows: Gents: Hiccup 2012 - Brian Hone.

November Medal handicap - Terry Smith, scratch - Campbell McCallum; December Medal handicap - Neil Brodie, scratch - Campbell McCallum; January Medal handicap - Peter McCallum, scratch - Campbell McCallum; February Medal handicap - David MacBrayne, scratch - Campbell McCallum; March Medal handicap - Robert Irvine, scratch - Campbell MacBrayne; April Medal handicap - Andrew Robertson, scratch - Mark Eagers; May Medal handicap - Alex Arkell, scratch - Ross Sinclair; June medal handicap - Brian Hone, scratch - Sandy Watson; July Medal handicap - Neil Brodie, scratch - Bill Brannigan; August Medal handicap - Ian Docherty, scratch - Bobby Millar; September Medal handicap - Neil Brodie, scratch - Harry McLean; October Medal handicap - John Dregghorn, scratch - Bobby Millar.

Christmas Competition handicap - Alex Arkell, scratch - Campbell McCallum.

New Year Competition handicap - Alister O'May, scratch - Campbell McCallum.

New Year and Christmas com-

binised - Alister O'May.

Spring Meeting handicap - Darren Kelly, 2 Ross Sinclair; scratch - George MacMillan, 2 Donald Taylor.

Mersey Police Cup handicap - Owen Morgan, 2 Hamish Taylor; scratch - Campbell McCallum, 2 Donald Taylor.

Centenary Trophy handicap - Andrew Robertson, 2 Campbell Maguire, scratch - Robert Irvine, 2 Ross Sinclair.

Club Stableford - John Ronald, 2 Campbell McCallum, 3 Donald Taylor.

4 Club Competition - Cristian Ivan, 2 Bill Brannigan.

Tapoc Cup - Robert Allan, 2 Stuart MacBrayne, 3 John McDowell.

RNLI Cup - Sandy Watson, 2 John McDowell, 3 John Ronald.

Crae McIntyre Trophy - Campbell McCallum.

Charles Hunter Trophy - Alex

Arkell, 2 Stuart MacBrayne, 3 Brian Hone.

Autumn Meeting handicap - Ken MacMillan, 2 Robert Irvine; scratch - George MacMillan, 2 Ross Sinclair.

Keil Trophy handicap - Mark Eagers, 2 Alister O'May; scratch - Donald Taylor, 2 Ross Sinclair; Eclectic winner Robert Irvine.

Lephenstrath Trophy - Ross Sinclair, 2 Duncan Watson 111. McCallum/Lyon Trophy - Robert Irvine, 2 Brian Hone.

Muneroy Cup - Brian Hone, 2 Alex Arkell.

Amod McNeill Quaich - Ian MacKinnon and James Williamson, 2 Robert Irvine and John McDowell.

Dunaverty Trophy - Stuart MacBrayne and Margaret Macfarlane, 2 Campbell MacBrayne and Elizabeth Marrison.

Texas scramble - Bill Brannigan, Sandy Watson, Alasdair

Brown, 2 Robert Irvine, Andrew Robertson, John Ronald.

Senior Champion - Donald Taylor, Handicap Championship - David MacBrayne, 2 Donald Taylor, 3 John Dregghorn.

Club Champion 2103 - George MacMillan, 2 Ross Sinclair, 3 Donald MacNeil, 4 Duncan Watson 111, 5 Ian MacKinnon.

Ladies Results:

November Medal - Mary MacKinnon; December Medal - Mairi MacMillan; January Medal - Ailie MacBrayne; February Medal - Maggie MacArthur; March Medal - Mary MacKinnon; April Medal - Maggie MacArthur; May Medal - Elizabeth Marrison; June Medal - Ailie MacBrayne; July Medal - Lindsay Garrett; August Medal - Joan McInnes; September Medal - Linda Arkell; October Medal - Ailie MacBrayne.

Robertson Cup - Maggie

MacArthur, r/u Elizabeth Marrison.

Argyll Cup - Ailie MacBrayne and Kate McKerral, r/u Elizabeth Marrison and Margaret Barr.

Coronation Foursomes - Maggie MacArthur and Mary MacMillan, 2 Ross Sinclair, 3 Donald MacNeil, 4 Duncan Watson 111, 5 Ian MacKinnon. Denise Fawcett.

Spring meeting handicap - Ailie MacBrayne, 2 Mary MacKinnon, 3 Margaret Macfarlane; scratch - Lindsay Garrett.

Centenary Trophy handicap - Margaret Macfarlane, r/u Kate McKerral; scratch - Ailie MacBrayne.

Chest Heart and Stroke - Kate McKerral.

Club Stableford - Linda Arkell, r/u Elizabeth Marrison.

SSAFA Quaich - Linda Arkell.

St Dunstan's Foursomes - Joan MacInnes and Kate McKerral.

Charles Hunter Trophy - Mary MacKinnon, r/u Linda Arkell.

Autumn Meeting handicap - Elizabeth Marrison, 2 Florence Chrystie, 3 Maggie MacArthur; scratch - Ailie MacBrayne.

Golf Foundation - Joan MacInnes.

Greenlees Trophy - Joan MacInnes, r/u Elizabeth Marrison.

Red Cross - Mary MacKinnon.

Dunblaen Vase - Margaret Barr.

Glenadale Salver - Ailie MacBrayne, r/u Maggie MacArthur.

Ladies handicap champion - Eunice Hind,

Ladies Champion 2013 - Ailie MacBrayne, r/u Elizabeth Marrison.



Dunaverty Golf Club's prize winners.

Carradale reel off another eight goals against Firhill

Firhill	0
Carradale	8
West of Scotland AFL	

CARRADALE, who have certainly found their goal-scoring touch, clocked up another eight away to Glasgow-based Firhill AFC. The McFadyens Transport sponsored side



Man of the match Ryan McConnachie scored a hat-trick.

travelled to Maryhill in Glasgow to take on the league's bottom team and came home with a comfortable victory.

The game kicked off on a narrow bumpy pitch where good football was going to be hard to be found, and the McFadyens Transport sponsored visitors had good chances in the opening phase.

Craig Morris, Adam Graham and Cammy Maguire failed to find the net and this gave the home team confidence to create some attacks of their own without really testing Reid Anderson in the Dale goal.

Deadlock

It was not until the 38th minute that the deadlock was broken and it came from the penalty spot after Graham was brought down by his marker.

Maguire converted the spot kick to give the visitors the lead.

Within four minutes it was 2-0 when a Maguire and Morris move set up David Johnstone and his strike from eight yards

found the corner of the net.

Early in the second half McIlroy was unlucky to see his 22-yard shot come crashing off the underside of the crossbar but no one was there to follow up and the danger was cleared.

Penalty

The third goal arrive in 57th minute, following a penalty after Maguire was pushed in the back when through on goal.

The home keeper saved Maguire's effort but unfortunately he was unable to hold on to the ball and Johnstone scored with the rebound.

The boys from Maryhill seemed to lose their discipline and started to give away free kicks around their penalty area and Carradale took advantage from two of them.

Maguire twice found the head of McConnachie who gave the keeper no chance with precise headers.

McConnachie completed his hat trick in



Cammy Maguire scored twice and was involved in three other goals.

the 74th minute from a penalty after Campbell Ramsay was upended.

Maguire made up for his earlier penalty miss by scoring the visitors' seventh goal in the 81st minute by beating two defenders and firing home from eight yards.

Firhill by this time had completely lost the plot and in the 88th minute they gave away their fourth penalty of the match when Mc-

Connachie was scythed down.

Anderson, who had only one save of note, rifled a low drive into the keeper's left hand side for his side's eighth goal.

Man of the match was Ryan McConnachie.

Carradale's next league fixture is at home tomorrow (Saturday) against Third Lanark with a 2pm kick off at Kinloch 3G park.

Scottish Amateur League - results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup 2nd round replay - Tarbert v Yoker postponed; 3rd round - Oban Saints 6, Rosyth 1; West of Scotland Cup 3rd round - Lochgilhead Red Star 5, Cambuslang United 1.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Cup 2nd round replay - Tarbert v Yoker; Jimmy Marshall Cup 1st round - Dunoon Athletic v Dunoon; Oban Saints v Shawlands; Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Lochgilhead Red Star v East Kilbride.

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Young players get in the swing with golfing lessons



Kintyre's junior golfers have had their first two successful meetings of the season which attracted 21 youngsters to Machrihanish Golf Club. During the first session beginners were given tuition by club professional Ken Campbell and assistant Craig Barrett, while the older and more experienced players played a nine-hole stableford competition. On the second week, all the children participated in a fun warm up, followed by a practice session for the beginners and a Texas scramble for the experienced players. Tomorrow (Saturday) all the children should meet at Dunaverty Golf Club at 1pm. Picture courtesy of David Paterson.

Scottish Cup derby has town buzzing

The two sides have never met in the cup despite their long histories

IT has got the town buzzing.

Everyone who cares about football is talking about Campbeltown Pupils versus Carradale.

The two sides have been drawn against each other in the fourth round of the Scottish Amateur Cup.

Even those working away from the area are vowing to get back home for the match.

'Everyone is talking to me about it,' said Carradale AFC manager, Nonnie MacAlister.

'They are saying they would not miss it for anything.

'There should be some

crowd at the match.'

Incredibly, the two sides have never met in the Scottish Cup, despite their long histories.

A gala day atmosphere is expected for the game set for next Saturday, November 30 which hopefully will be played on grass at Kintyre Park.

The home side, Campbeltown Pupils, would dearly like it to take place there rather than the town's all-weather pitch - but that will depend on the park's condition.

'It would be better for everyone, players and the spectators, if we

could have the game at Kintyre Park,' said Pupils chairman Alex McKinven.

'It's where a special occasion like this should be played.

'Yes, it will depend on the weather, but the pitch was playable last weekend.

'Fortunately, because there is no travelling team as such, we will not have to make a decision until the Saturday morning.'

Hundreds of fans are expected to show up, though Alex doubts it will approach the 700 plus seen for an important cup game some dec-

ades ago or the 1,200-strong crowd for a Pupils match against a Celtic reserves side which featured Bobby Lennox, Derek Whyte and Peter Grant.

Nonnie said the Pupils will be favourites to win but his side will go on the pitch with an attitude that they have nothing to fear and nothing to lose.

Alex said: 'We don't want the players to get wound up beforehand speculating on results, though naturally enough members of both sides are already teasing each other.

'Everyone knows cup games are unpredicta-

ble, so we will not fall into the trap of assuming anything.

'We reached the quarter finals in 1983, only to lose narrowly away from home to the eventual winners Newarthill Hearts.'

The Courier's match preview:

Both teams, full of young players, are playing well and scoring lots of goals, so it should be a game not to be missed.

And the only thing that can be said for sure - one Kintyre team will reach the fifth round, and make the last 64 of an original pool of around 1,000 sides.

Pupils away to Inverclyde

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils are away to Inverclyde tomorrow (Saturday) in the first round of the Jimmy Marshall Trophy.

Last year, the Pupils made the semi finals of the trophy.

Tomorrow's game at Battery Park, Gourock begins at 2pm.

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