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Well done Welcon

'A very important business win for Campbeltown'

WELCON has won the contract to supply the towers for all 152 turbines for the £500 million Clyde Wind Farm, destined to be the biggest in Europe.

What a difference a year makes. This time last year The Courier was reporting on make-or-break talks to save the factory after then-owners Vestas announced it was to close. Now its new owners are celebrating a massive addition to their order book – and more jobs.

Welcon managing director David Canning told *The Courier*:

'Thirty job offers were sent out last week and we have already had half of them accepted. This is just the first wave of jobs.'

'We have been working very hard to secure this order over the past four months, the chief executive of Scottish and Southern and high ranking officials from Siemens have visited the plant.'

'We're just over the moon at winning such a major contract so early on in the company's history when you consider we have not even been running a year yet.'

'The deal will have a great impact on the local community and the local economy.'

This week Scottish and Southern Energy announced the deal to build 152 turbines for the wind farm in South Lanarkshire.

When complete the £500 million project is expected to create 350MW of new renewable electricity – enough power for more than 200,000 homes.

Work is expected to begin on February 1 next year with the first delivery in late March 2010. The deal to supply the towers will run to the middle of 2011.

Jesper Øhlenschläger, chief executive officer

of Skykon, said: 'The Clyde project is a very important business win for our Campbeltown manufacturing plant.'

'Scotland has become the most positive and the most interesting renewable wind power market in Europe. The Clyde Wind Farm project represents a landmark phase in Scotland's renewable energy strategy.'

Once completed Clyde is expected to overtake the Whitelee wind farm on Eaglesham Moor, south of Glasgow as the largest onshore wind farm in Europe. Above right: Robert McGeachy tack welding 2 tower shelves at Welcon on Tuesday

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Danger of scaffolding

POLICE are reminding children in the area of the dangers of climbing on scaffolding.

There have been reports of children on the scaffolding in Kirk Street and Main Street but they have disappeared by the time police arrive. Police are concerned that someone will get hurt especially in the high winds and wet weather experienced recently.

Anyone found on the scaffolding will be taken home to their parents and warned.

Fixed penalty

TWO drinkers in Campbeltown received fixed penalty tickets at the weekend.

On Sunday morning at 2.30am one man received a ticket for drinking in the street, and another man received one at 2.41am for the same offence.

At 1.17am on Saturday, a man was also issued a fixed penalty for urinating on Main Street.

Praise and condemnation for NHS in Kintyre

Care 'inadequate' at hospital

THE Board of NHS Highland must apologise to a Campbeltown man for their failure to provide him with adequate care at the town's hospital, a government watchdog has ruled.

The man, identified in a report by Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Jim Martin, only as 'Mr C' complained about the care and treatment he received during three admissions at Campbeltown Hospital on August 24 and 26 last year – when there was a delay in diagnosing appendicitis.

Mr C, the Ombudsman said in his report, first attended the hospital to have a cut foot treated; no records of abdominal pain or other symptoms were reported.

He returned later that day when a nurse recorded he was vomiting and had abdominal pain; he received an injection to fight nausea and was then discharged.

He went back a day lat-

er suffering from nausea and back pain; he saw a nurse and doctor and it was noted he had a high temperature and an abnormally fast pulse.



Jim Martin,
Scottish Public
Services Ombudsman.

It was then, Mr C said that the nurse and doctor were 'rude, uncaring and unprofessional towards him at this time and did not listen to his concerns'.

Later that evening the man went to see his GP when the abdominal pain got worse and he was sent to a larger hos-

pital where his appendix was removed.

'Because of the distance involved, Mr C's journey to the second hospital was an uncomfortable and distressful one,' said Mr Martin.

NHS Highland's board acknowledged that the standard of note taking was 'inadequate' and Mr Martin said actions have been taken to improve this.

Guidelines have been brought in for A&E and these will be audited next month; guidelines for abdominal emergencies will be added soon and skill levels for each shift, triage systems and staff supervision are other areas which will be reviewed.



Sir Andrew Cubie, chairman of the Scottish Centre for Healthy Working Lives, with Maggie Thomson, left, and Jill Matthew, from NHS Highland.

Top health award given

NHS Highland in Kintyre has received a Gold Healthy Working Lives Award in recognition of its efforts to improve workplace health and wellbeing at the hospi-

tal Community Health Partnership and Muasdale Surgery. The Healthy Working Lives Awards are administered by the Scottish Centre for Healthy

Working Lives, part of NHS Health Scotland. More than 1,000 organisations across Scotland have registered for the Healthy Working Lives Awards programme.

What next for the old court house?

FOR DECADES the Old Court House in Bolgarn Street has lain empty but now the Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust wants to test public opinion and see how people would like it brought back to life.

It is the oldest non-ecclesiastical building in the town, dating back to the mid 1700s, even earlier than the town hall.

In its time the Grade B listed building has been the home of Miners Welfare, the Civil Defence and pipe band practising – one idea is to turn it into a piping centre.

The trust is carrying out an appraisal of the building and if anyone would like to have their say visit its website: www.sbpt.org.uk.

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Getting the figures right

POPULATION predictions have not taken into account changes in Campbeltown and Kintyre's fortunes and as a result health service planning is being affected.

Councillor Rory Colville raised this issue when the Argyll and Bute Council Executive met in Campbeltown last week.

Predicting

'Local health services are predicting a reduction in their services because of figures we have produced saying that there will be 2,000 less

people living here in 15 years time,' he said.

Councillor Colville said that the arrival of Welcon, the new golf course and the possible ferry service mean the figures are now out of date.

Council leader Dick Walsh agreed that that could screw the figures.

'We can discuss this with our health colleagues; we do expect some growth in the local community. We need to be on top of this as a local authority and make sure we are dealing with realistic figures.'

Why are we waiting?

COUNCILLOR Donald Kelly wants to know why Argyll and Bute Council offices on Dell Road, Campbeltown, are still lying empty and have not been sold off after a reorganisation of council offices in the town.

'They are lying in a state of disrepair and have been empty for two years but haven't been marketed yet to raise money for what is a cash-strapped council,' he told members of the executive committee meeting in Campbeltown last week.

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Unpleasant pheasant

PHEASANTS stolen from a Kintyre estate may have their revenge on anyone who tries to eat them.

Around 150 pheasants have been stolen from woodland on the Glen Lussa Estate near Peninver over the past three weeks.

But none of them are fit to eat, because they were recently dosed with an anti-worm preparation.

A similar incident 10 years ago is suspected of leading to an outbreak of stomach cramps, sickness and diarrhoea in the area.

It is believed that many of the stolen birds may still be in the Campbeltown area, and police are warning people to beware of buying one.

The stolen birds all had silver or gold coloured metal tags where the wings joined their bodies.

The theft of the birds is expected to mean a loss of around £3,000 in sporting revenue for the estate.

Big cat back in the limelight

THE mysterious Argyll big cat has made another appearance in Kintyre.

The latest sighting was made by Campbeltown man Charles McLean and his wife Diane just before they arrived in Tarbert.

'It was quite a frightening sight,' Mr McLean told *The Courier*. 'I've seen wild cats before, but this was much bigger.'

'It looked brown, and had square face like a Great Dane. It was probably about the size of a labrador.'

'It just strolled across the road in front of our car, maybe 30 or 40 feet away. It looked at us and carried on its way.'

'I just wish I had a camera.'

Marine lab research contract

MACHRIHANISH'S marine laboratory has landed a £60,000 research contract – thanks to meeting European standards for its work.

Stirling University, which runs the lab, believes the contract awarded by 'a major European company' to investigate vitamin additives for fish would not have been possible without the Good Laboratory Practise award.

The award from the Department of Health means the lab meets laid down standards for handling chemicals. The research being carried out at Machrihanish has already been recognised by the government as being of 'international standard'.

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Down Memory Lane . . .

The way we were – exactly 30 years separate these two photographs. Southend's football team met up in a bar in Campbeltown earlier this year to recreate their original photograph.

Only James McShannon, now sadly deceased, Paul Izzet and Alan Glendenning are not in the recent picture.

For some reason Iain McIntyre and Malcolm Bannatyne swapped positions but everyone else is in the same place in the group.

It is amazing how nearly everyone has adapted the same

stance/posture or style of kneeling...arms folded the same way or at the side etc.

The old picture, back row, left to right: Alex Ronald (manager) Archie Ronald, John Cameron, John Galbraith, Sandy Ronald, Rod Angus, Malcolm Bannatyne, Iain MacIntyre, James McShannon (chairman). Front row, left to right: Donald MacSporran, Hamish Paterson, Bruce McConnachie, Paul Izzet, Johnny McCormick, Alan Glendinning, Peter Paterson, Kevin McMillan.

Well done kids!

Sir,

At a time of financial constraint it was heartening to hear of the quite superb effort from the pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School whose fund raising efforts for Children in Need exceeded £11,000.

Such an effort reflects well on the school, both pupils and staff, and also on the wider community of Kintyre for once again demonstrating their willingness to dig deep for a very worthy cause.

Jim Mather MSP
Argyll and Bute.

Grammar school faults

Sir,

Following last week's council meeting in Campbeltown, I along with some colleagues, visited the Grammar School to see the current state of the building. Unsurprisingly, as a typical 1960s build, it suffers from all the faults of that era, and some more into the bargain.

Leaky flat roof, metal windows that cannot open, stained roof tiles, worn flooring, dampness, old-fashioned classroom layout etc.

No wonder that education inspectors rated the building as 'unsatisfactory' and it earned a 'D' grade in a recent survey.

It is simply not fit for

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purpose and it is to the great credit of staff and students alike, that overall achievement is sustained in such an environment. The efforts made for Children in Need are testament to a great spirit within the school.

The replacement of heating and electrics have clearly improved matters, but ultimately the best solution is to build a brand new grammar school fit for 21st century learning. It was disappointing that in the first tranche of the SNP's school funding plans, Campbeltown Grammar was ignored in favour of central belt schools. But it is reassuring that Campbeltown Grammar is Argyll and Bute's number one education priority, a case local Conservative councillor Donald Kelly has consistently pushed for.

With new secondary schools costing between £20-40million, and the council's entire annual capital budget (for schools, roads, harbours, lights, town centres etc) being just £15m, the Scottish Government needs to step up to the mark and provide some money.

Just an idea - maybe if

we chopped the £12m from the SNP's referendum bill that no-one wants, that could be a down payment on a new school?

**Councillor
Gary Mulvaney,
Conservative Party
PPC, Argyll and Bute.**

Bertie Beatson writes

Sir,

I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to the guessing of my birthday date competition in aid of the Beatson Cancer Unit.

The total raised was £200 and this will be added to Jean Kirk's already magnificent amount from the recent coffee day in Campbeltown in aid of the Beatson.

I am also very grateful for the accommodation provided for me during this competition, many thanks to go George McMillan, Archie McKellar, Sue Fortune and their respective staff – I couldn't have done it without you all.

I'm now off to go and live with Patsy McGuire, who correctly guessed the fact that my birthday is on March 6.

I don't think I could have come to live in a nicer or kinder town.

**Bertie Beatson,
Teddy Bear.**

'Capsized duck'

Sir,

I note that one of the ruling SNP councillors has admitted that the council is like a 'capsized duck in a pond'.

This doesn't surprise me.

On my regular visit to Campbeltown last Friday, I could not help but notice that the potholes in the Kintyre stretch of the A83 were worse than ever. It was obvious that lack of drainage is the problem. There is no point in the council patching the potholes only for the poor drainage to cause the road to break open again the next time it rains.

I raised this with the council at a meeting later that day. Their response was the usual defeatist one of 'no money and the roads will get worse'. Yet the Council's SNP/Independent administration is paying consultants a fortune to carry out a 'competency evaluation' of the council's senior manage-

ment. Don't they know whether or not their senior managers are up to the job?

This is only a few years after spending another fortune on consultants during their last management restructure.

A fortune was also spent on consultants last year to decide which of the five town-centre projects would go ahead. Then they decided to do what they should have decided at the beginning without wasting money on consultants - go ahead with all five.

No wonder one of the ruling SNP Councillors has admitted that the Council is like a 'capsized duck in a pond'. It's high time this SNP/Independent Council got a grip of its budget and started doing basic things properly. They should start with putting proper drainage on the A83.

**Alan Reid MP,
for Argyll and Bute.**



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Employability fails to win new contract

'Our model was unique, what will replace it is driven more by expense and not by outcome'

ARGYLL and Bute has one of the most successful Employability teams in Scotland and the UK but its work could be slashed and the community as a whole miss out.

The service had to go out to tender as part of the government's 'Flexible New Deal'.

Employability has failed in its bid to tender for the contract and is now trying to become a sub-contractor, much to the disappointment of all involved.

Practical Training

Employability in Argyll and Bute gives long-term unemployed people IT and practical training help with life

skills and work experience. The community has benefited because of the number of projects Employability has helped with – clearing gardens, building pathways and even building an open-air classroom for one primary school.

In Campbeltown the council-owned putting green is operated by Employability.

The new service could be classroom only where people are offered just a job search service, which offers no real experience of work.

At last week's meeting of the Argyll and Bute executive committee members were told the service would

probably continue in its present form for another six months after next March and the councillors were unanimous in their disappointment at the news.

Unique

Councillor Gary Mulvaney said: 'Our model was unique, what will replace it is driven more by expense and not by outcome.'

'It is very, very short-termism, churning people through the system instead of getting them back onto the job market.'

From March next year people aged 18-24 will be moved to a difference service, the Young Persons Guarantee.



Christmas fun at Tarbert

Tarbert Parent Council held a Christmas Craft Fayre in the school hall last weekend. Tables were brimming with pots of jam, home baking, bric-a-brac and cuddly toys. Money raised from the event will go to the Parent Council fund. Stallholders travelled from Lochgilphead, Campbeltown and Clachan. Pictured are Parent Council members, Dr Corrina Spink (left) and Louise Stamesby (right) with some Tarbert pupils who helped on the day. 06_a48tarb01

Short term investments at £20 million

ARGYLL and Bute Council has just over £20 million in short term investments.

The executive committee had an update at its meeting last week from Bruce West, head of strategic finance.

Local authorities all put money on short-term deposit until it is needed to raise extra funds through interest.

Some have run into trouble in the past by investing in businesses like the Icelandic banks but Argyll and Bute is more canny.

All investments are only with Treasury approved organisations with high credit ratings and short-term for a maximum of three months.

Interest rate

At the end of September Argyll and Bute had £5M with Coventry Building Society; £0.2M with the Bank of Scotland and £15.2M with Clydesdale Bank; the interest rate is an average of 0.56 per cent.

The average rate of return on council investments to the end of September was 0.63 per cent compared to an average of 0.45 per cent for other councils.

Bogus phone calls

MEMBERS of the public are being reminded not to give any details out over the phone.

In the latest round of bogus callers, council tax payers are being targeted across Argyll and Bute.

The caller claims that the account holder is due a council tax refund, and asks for their bank details so that this refund can be processed.

Police and Argyll and Bute Council are urging people not to give out any details over the phone no matter how convinced they are that it is genuine.

Anyone who receives such a call should contact both their local Police station and Argyll and Bute's Trading Standards office on 01546 604404.

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Care query

TARBERT'S Councilor John McAlpine has been contacted by constituents worried about the future of the service provided by Argyll and Bute Council carers.

Douglas Hendry director of community services told him that no decision had been made about 'the future shape of the service'.

Tax collection

THE recent postal strikes have had a knock on effect for Argyll and Bute Council's council tax collection.

Figures up to the end of October were down; they are running at 96.53 per cent, which is a drop from the same time last year.

The council executive was told last week that the blip is believed to be caused by the postal strike.

Barney's life-saving appeal

A TARBERT man who suffers from a rare genetic disease is appealing to communities across Argyll and Bute to help him raise funds for vital stem cell treatment following a deterioration in his health.

Brian 'Barney' MacNeill was diagnosed in 2004 with Cerebella Hereditary Ataxia, a life-threatening genetic muscle wasting condition.

Two years ago people across the area and beyond raised more than £20,000 to send Barney to China for stem cell treatment.

But just 15 months after his last bout of treatment, the 39-year-old says the symptoms of the disease have returned with ferocity.

'I feel my walking is getting bad. I can't really manage distances and I've slowed right down. My legs are seizing up and my balance is going again as well,' explained Barney.

Replenished

The father of two said doctors in China had described the disease, which attacks the nervous system, as a patch of grass; when Barney receives the stem cell treatment, his body is replenished, and like grass it grows. But over time his body begins to wilt and the treatment is needed to keep him rejuvenated.

Ataxia is a hereditary disease and Barney is able to trace the disease back in his family to the 1850s.

'The illness comes from my mother's side. I've already lost two sisters to it and my other sister, who lives in Dunoon, has also been diagnosed with it,' he explained.

Barney, a former Forestry Commission worker, is now on the campaign trail and needs to raise £18,000 to return to China for 30 days' intensive treatment.

He said: 'I don't want to have to ask again but I'm degressing and so I've got to get the treatment. I want to have a decent quality of life and to see my children grow up.'

'The support from the community before was unbelievable and I hope they'll help me again this time.'

Anyone who would like to donate to Barney's cause or to find out more information can contact him by emailing – barneybhoy7@hotmail.co.uk or by popping into any Bank of Scotland and donating to the Tarbert Research of Heredity Ataxia; account number – 00889969, sort code: 80-09-82 or by sending to Brian MacNeill, 14 Market Place, Tarbert, Argyll, PA29 6AB.

Right: Barney MacNeill is appealing to the community to help him raise funds for life-saving stem cell treatment in China. 06_a48barn01



Success should not be measured by examination results alone say councillors

KIDS' success should not be measured just by academic examination results alone some councillors believe.

The Argyll and Bute executive committee was told at its meeting last week that this year's examination results produced the highest ever Advanced Higher result by S6 pupils, at 16 per cent.

Argyll and Bute results

remain above, or equal to, national levels and also those in comparable local authorities like Highland, Dumfries and Galloway, South Ayrshire and Angus.

There was a slight dip in exam results in S4 and S5 but the move is towards looking at the results from S4 to S6 as a whole because results can vary as there is more flexibility as to when

some exams are sat.

But councillors felt that success should not be measured by academic achievements alone – Skills for Work for the less academically minded but more practical students is also producing excellent results, which do not necessarily end up on a league table.

'Vocational education needs to be measured

better,' said Councillor Gary Mulvaney.

Councillor Isobel Strong, education spokeswoman, said: 'There is a lot more to schools than just examination results and HMI reports.' And council leader Dick Walsh agreed: 'Look at the cultural and musical achievements; we have some excellent achievers in our community.'

Christmas off-street parking to be free

ARGYLL and Bute has decided it won't be Scrooge this Christmas and given its towns four days of free car parking, losing the income of just over £2,000 a day it gets from car parks.

From December 21 – 24 inclusively, all council-owned car parks that charge will see the ticket machines turned off.

'This initiative should show the council as a willing partner in the local business community's attempts to maximise economic value to communities across Argyll and Bute,' said a report to last week's executive committee.

But this Christmas present is for off-street parking only; leave the reindeer and sleigh in an on-street parking space and you'll still need to pay and display.



Christmas Craft Fair at Clachan

MEMBERS of Clachan Youth Club gave up their usual Friday night meeting so that a Christmas Craft Fair could take place in the village hall. But all the youngsters still went along to the village hall, joined in and helped out by setting up the tables and the older ones served the teas as well. 04_c48cla01

Aids teach-in for Argyll schools

TO MARK World AIDS Day, December 1, this year the Terence Higgins Trust is joining forces with NHS Highland to work with secondary school students across Argyll and Bute.

Katrina Mitchell, the trust's specialist for Argyll and Bute, and NHS Highland's senior health promotion specialist for sexual health, Laura Stephen-

son, are working with students across Argyll and Bute to raise awareness about HIV.

Each pupil who takes part in a special HIV awareness workshop will receive a red ribbon and a trust bookmark. Schools have also been invited to take part in a poster competition for World AIDS Day.

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The cast of this year's Mid Argyll Musical Society production
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Anything Goes in Ardrishaig

ONCE again the Mid Argyll Musical Society presents their annual show in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

The cast of *Anything Goes* took to the stage for their first performance on Wednesday night.

But do not worry if you think you have missed it; performances will take place tonight, Friday, and tomorrow, Saturday, from 7.30pm.

Tickets for the show are available from the Square Peg in Lochgilphead.

The story takes place on the liner SS *America* on a trip from New York to London, the time is the 1930s. It concerns the adventures of Billy Crocker,

played by Iain MacInnes and the clerk to the stockbroker, Elisha Whitney, played by Ian Salmon.

Billy stows away in order to be with his lady love, Hope Harcourt, played by Ann Macmillan, who is due to marry on board the ship her fiancé Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, played by John Orr, who in turn falls in love with Reno Sweeny, played by Hanna Nixon, the nightclub singer.

As in all good love stories everyone lives happily ever after. The show has Cole Porter's wonderful music, including *Anything Goes*, *You're the Top*, *Friendship*, and the rousing *Blow Gabriel Blow*.

Christmas Craft Fair to be held in Guide Hall

THIS weekend the Campbeltown Guide Hall will come alive with gifts for Christmas at a craft fair – Mary Margaret Hanna's last fundraiser of the year for South Kintyre Riding for the Disabled.

You will be able to browse tables laden with gifts – jewellery, cards, hand knits, preserves, special gift baskets, cards, jams, jellies, chutneys pyrography, home baking and more.

Alongside local craft work there will be bric-a-brac stalls and lunches of homemade soup and crusty bread, sandwiches and teas and coffees.

Mary Margaret has said she is grateful for the help and support she has had from all her stallholders and her 'kitchen staff' as without all of whom she could not do the fundraising; it's like one big family get-together.

Thanks also go to the 'boot sale' supporters whose input has been invaluable through the year, but most of all the people of Campbeltown have to be congratulated for their unfailing support and donations.

The first fundraiser for 2010 will be a boot sale in February – no charity has been chosen yet but watch for the advertisement in *The Courier*.

Grand concert at CGS



Megan and Sarah Campbell were amongst the crowd who turned out to support Kintyre Schools Pipe Band at the Grammar School's grand concert in aid of Children in Need. 04_cgs03



Donna Graham, Eric Ross, Rhys Blair, Laura Mclellan, Madiah Ahmed, Kim Donnan and Debbie Brown before Thursday's concert.
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Guitar workshop in Campbeltown

Sam has been playing guitar for 12 years

GUITARIST Sam Hales will tutor two workshops next month in the White Hart Hotel, with Islay's

Rebecca Brown tutoring three fiddle workshops.

Confirmed by the Kintyre Music and Arts Tu-

tion Group (KMATG), The Kintyre Fiddlers and the Kintyre Cultural Forum the event, sponsored by the White Hart Hotel, will take place on Friday December 4.

Sam currently teaches guitar in Campbeltown and Tarbert and attended a year-long course at The Institute of Contemporary Music Performance in London where he studied contemporary guitar.

Sam, who has been playing guitar for twelve years and specialises in modern acoustic finger style, will tutor two workshops with a beginners level at 5pm and an intermediate level at 6pm.

Fiddle tutor Rebecca will tutor three fiddle workshops with a beginner at 4.15pm, an intermediate at 5.15pm and an advanced at 6.15pm.

These workshops are free and can be pre-booked, if you require the loan of an instrument please make contact beforehand.

In the evening there will be a music session in the White Hart Hotel.

If you require any more information or wish to pre-book any of the workshops please contact Iain Johnston on 01586 552034, email kmatg@hotmail.co.uk or simply turn up on the day as there should be spaces available.



Sam Hales

Rotary Club of Mid Argyll CHRISTMAS FAYRE SANTA COMES TO TOWN

Meet him in his grotto at Lochgilphead Community Centre

This Saturday between 2pm and 4pm

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7pm - midnight
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Alastair McDonald
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Kintyre U3A Meeting
Thursday 3rd December 10.45am
Campbeltown Heritage Centre
Video – U3A Aims
Talk – Development of Campbeltown
Mr James Lafferty
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Refreshments.
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Rotary Christmas Fayre

THE ROTARY Club of Mid Argyll will hold its annual Christmas Fayre tomorrow (Saturday) from 2-4pm.

A constant feature, the fayre marks the start of the local community's focus on the festive season.

Last year the club was delighted with the public's response to the new grotto, which the Club had built for Santa. This year, visitors will see the completion of the painting of the Grotto, with the interior receiving the inimitable attention of local artist, Jim Morrison.

At the grotto, the children will be met by one of Santa's helpers who will learn what the children want from Santa on Christmas Eve. All children will receive a present appropriate to their age. A photograph of the child or family group with Santa will be sent to parents within the following week. This element of the Santa experience

will be enhanced this year with the professional processing and printing of the images.

As ever, the club will provide something for everyone on the day with a variety of stalls, including; bric-a-brac, bottle in a box, face painting, games, hook a duck, home baking, pocket money shop, cafeteria for teas, coffees, prize raffle, and a Rotary Club information display.

The prize raffle draw provides the greater part of the funds raised by the Christmas Fayre and offers a range of quality prizes.

The funds raised by the club in this, and other events, are used to support local people and organisations, when raising funds for personal development opportunities, to provide facilities for groups or to support local charitable causes.

Invitation to Kintyre Christian Fellowship

KINTYRE Christian Fellowship holds its last meeting for this year in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown, on December 4.

The speaker will be

Captain J Beveridge from Greenock, formerly with the Scottish Fishery Protection Service. This is the first time he has visited the church.

There will also be music included in the evening and the church invites everyone, whether regular church goers or not, to join with them at 7.30pm

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Children in Need



Badden toddle for Pudsey

THE staff and children from Badden Farm Nursery in Lochgilphead donned their welly boots and waterproofs last week to take part in a sponsored walk for Children in Need.

The children decided it would be fun to do a sponsored walk in Kilmory Woods and had a thoroughly good time with the rain in no way dampening their spirits.

Proprietor Jennifer Campbell wished to thank in particular West Coast Motors for the generous donation of a free bus for the sponsored walk. 06_a48badd01



Numero Dix pyjama party

THE staff at Numero Dix hair salon held a pyjama party. Catherine Scott-Dodd and Mairi McKillop are seen here in the window!

All told the shop raised an impressive £250 which went towards the CGS Children in Need total. 04_c48dix01



PUPILS in Southend Primary School and Pre-5 Unit went a bit dotty raising money for Children in Need recently.

The schoolchildren wore a variety of spotty clothes and held a fantastic sale.

They raised a total of £203 that will be split between Children in Need and their senior pupils' residential trips.

Pictured above is Chloe MacMillan selling her spotty chocolate cakes.



Inveraray dancing shoes

RESIDENTS and visitors to Inveraray donned their dancing shoes last Friday to raise money for BBC Children in Need.

The Argyll Hotel staged the 12-hour dancing marathon, which saw around 80 people take to the dance floor. The event also featured on BBC Radio Scotland's live coverage of Children in Need.

The Argyll Hotel's general manager, Drew Anderson said the event had been a huge success. He added: 'We're all really pleased with the amount of money raised for Children in Need.'

Sponsor money is still pouring in but Mr Anderson believes the total will be in excess of £1000. Pictured with Pudsey Bear are some of the Inveraray dancers to take to the floor. 06_a48danc01



Manuel has legs waxed

PHARMICIST Manuel Campinas in Campbeltown's Boots store went through pain in aid of Children in Need last week.

Manuel volunteered to have his legs waxed, at £20 a strip on November 20 and 21, and along with a bake sale raised £180 for the charity.



Selling raffle tickets: Elizabeth Conley, Sandra Conley, Isabell Wilson, Marna Docherty. 04_c48aqu01



Face painting: Hannah McSporran, Aimee McGougan, Eilidh Anderson, Morgan Irwin, Lousie McGougan. 04_c48aqu02

Mussell Ebb raise money

MUSSELL Ebb at Aquabrium had a great time raising money for Children in Need.

There was face-painting fun for children and a well-supported raffle; the organisers would like to thank every business and shop in the town which generously gave prizes for the draw.

Alastair McDonald in concert

ONE OF Scotland's top showbiz personalities Alastair McDonald is making a welcome return to Campbeltown next month.

Appearing in concert at the Highland Parish Church, Alastair, who is firmly established as one of Scotland's leading musical talents will perform a large selection of songs including Scottish historical ballads and some of his well-known humorous songs.

He has on numerous occasions appeared in concert across America, Canada, Europe and beyond and has appeared in every American state except Hawaii and Alaska!

He is one of Scotland's foremost exponents of the banjo and this allied to his musical versatility means that anyone attending the concert is guaranteed a great evening's entertainment.

Alastair thoroughly enjoyed performing in Campbeltown last year and is very much looking forward to appearing again.

Tickets for the concert on Thursday December 3 at 7.30pm are available from Numero Dix, Union Street, Campbeltown and McKellar's, Main Street, Campbeltown.

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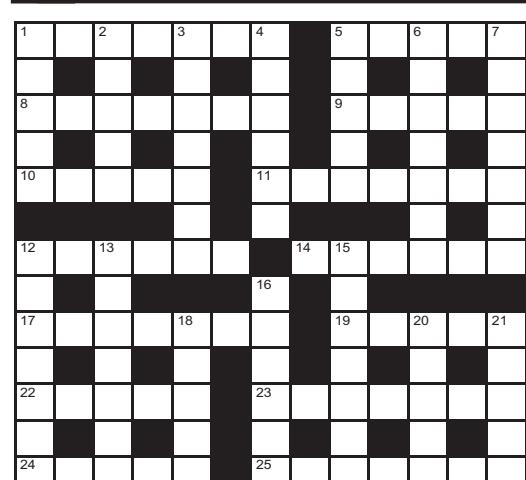
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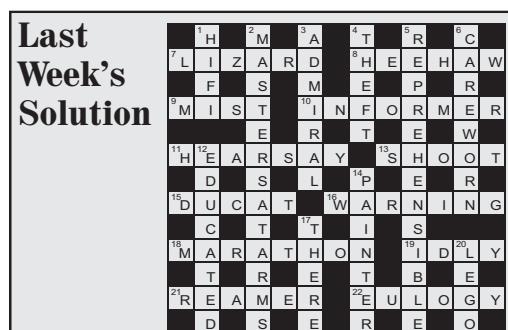
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- 7 Clothing (7)
- 12 Welsh egg dish (7)
- 13 Rough type of guy (4,3)
- 15 Way to sit on a beast (7)
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New creamery 'once in a lifetime chance'

'This opportunity will never arise again'

THE CHANCE to build a new creamery in Campbeltown is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, John Smith told members of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group at its meeting on Friday.

Important employer

The president of Kintyre NFUS said the dairy industry in Argyll and Bute had a turnover of £20 million a year and was an important employer not just on the farms but also through its service industries.

'This opportunity will never arise again'

again,' he said, 'the present creamery is well past its sell-by date.'

The new creamery is a cheaper option than maintaining the old one.

The new creamery is all tied to the Tesco deal; Robert Millar the First Milk local director added that the majority of people in the town were in favour of the new store.

Councillor John Semple, who chaired the meeting, said that many traders were worried about their livelihoods: 'There is a balance to be struck,' he said.

NFU post up for election

THE TWO annually elected posts of vice-president of NFU Scotland are open for election again in December.

Allan Bowie and Nigel Miller, both of whom were elected in February 2009, currently hold the posts.

Any NFU Scotland member can be nominated for election, providing they are proposed and seconded by NFU Scotland members. The election will take place at the NFU Scotland

Council meeting on Friday February 19 next year at the Fairmont Hotel, St Andrews, following the AGM and annual dinner the previous day.

The post of president, currently held by Jim McLaren, is open for election every two years; Jim was elected to the post in February 2009 so this position is not open for nominations.

Those wishing to compete for the positions of Vice-President should contact James Withers at NFU Scotland head office to obtain a proposal

form, which must then be signed and returned to the NFUS Head Office by Friday December 18.

KINTYRE Farmers packed out the meeting room at the Ardshiel Hotel on Monday evening, for a meeting on Bovine Virus Diarrhoea organised by the Moredun Institute and sponsored by Pfizer and NFU Scotland.

Dr Peter Nettleton, senior virologist at the institute,

Another difficult year for the hill sheep sector says QMS

DESPITE soaring input costs in 2008, Scotland's top livestock producers improved their margins through strong technical performance, however, it proved another very difficult year for the hill sheep sector, according to the annual analysis of performance and profitability by red meat promotion and development body, Quality Meat Scotland.

Stuart Ashworth, Head of Economic Services, QMS, pointed out the price of many inputs rose steeply over the first half of the year and there was little respite in input prices until late 2008. Fertiliser prices increased more than two fold during 2008 while feed and energy costs increased by over 20 per cent.

These higher input prices led to some reduction in input use.

Many suckler herds made savings of over 10 per cent in the quantities of feed used and reduced fertiliser applications by more than 25 per cent. Despite these physical changes in input quantities, variable costs typically increased by more than 15 per cent.

Variable

Top breeding herds and flocks had lower replacement rates and all have strong control over variable and fixed costs meaning they spent less per kg of output. Top-third producers also made greater use of family and/or paid labour in running their enterprises.

'Looking at the general picture, 21 per cent of suckler beef enterprises made a positive net margin, compared with only 4 per cent last year. Fifty per cent of finishing enterprises made a positive net margin, an increase of 19 per cent from last year but only six per cent higher than in 2007,' said Mr Ashworth.

'All store lamb finishers surveyed achieved a positive net margin,

up from 80 per cent last year. Nearly three-quarters (73 per cent) of lowland ewe enterprises achieved a positive return with 56 per cent of upland ewe enterprises also returning a positive margin.'

However, he pointed out that hill farms found it more difficult to achieve a positive margin with only 20 per cent of breeding ewe enterprises breaking even.

'Despite being lower than the other enterprise groupings, this is still an improvement from the 14 per cent of LFA hill ewe enterprises that returned a positive net margin in 2007.'

Average net margin for hill sheep units was -£1 for the top third producers, down to -£39.15 for the bottom third. Bottom third producers suffered considerably from lower lamb sales.

The results also reveal significant variation in the levels of financial and technical performance within the industry - for example the gap widened considerably in the case of LFA hill suckler herds, where gross margin ranged from -£126 to £355 per cow.



Jock Baxter of Pfizer, Donald Armour, vet, Peter Nettleton of Moredun and Archie McArthur, Ormsary Estate who chaired the meeting. 04_c48bvd01

Meeting packed by Kintyre farmers

talked to the farming community about the disease, its spread and principals of prevention.

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**Isle of Coll
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twice in Oban**

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Cattle sold to £1,400 twice for in-calf cows from A Taylor, Lonban, Isle of Coll while sheep sold to £100 for a Suffolk ram from A Campbell, Achnacreebeg.

Cows in-calf: Limousin - £1350, £1300 Lonban; British Blue - £1020 Balure; Saler - £980 & £950.

Cows with calf at foot: Simmental - £980 Gluine; Saler - £920 Lonban; Hereford - £780 Balure; Highland - £780 Lonban.

Bulls: Limousin - £490 Tifuir; Limousin - £375 Kilchanaig.

Bullocks: Saler - £660 Lonban; Limousin - £520 & £495 Tifuir; Aberdeen Angus - £470 Inshaig.

Heifers: Limousin - £510 (2) Tifuir; Simmental x - £370 Arisaig Estates; Highland - £320 & £280 Arigloss.

Lambs: Texel - 3 Ballygrundle £75; Suffolk - Upper Largie £73; Suffolk x - Auchnacreebeag £68.50; Texel x - Achnacloish £67; Continental - 14 Vatersay, Borré £63; Mule - Achnacremore £60; Cross breed - Poltalloch £67; Beltex - Tifuir £65; Cont x - Poltalloch £65.

Ewes: Suffolk - Barcaldine HF £80; Beltex - Barcaldine HF £80; Charollais - Fairt £72; Charollais x - 14 Vatersay £68; Mule - Tifuir £60; Cross - Strongorm £61; Blackface - Strongorm £47; Blackface x - Oban Seil Croft £44.

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Shopping locally takes the hassle out of Christmas



Above and Top right: Local organisations entertaining the crowds in Campbeltown during the 2008 Christmas lights switch on.

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OW would you like an extra £50 or so in your purse or wallet this Christmas? It's easy to get it – just shop local! Think of how much money you'll save.

How much money do you spend on petrol and parking, not to mention meals and snacks when you travel away for a day to the big city for your Christmas shopping?

And how many times have you come home without finding all your presents and your nerves frazzled from fighting your way through crowds in big shopping malls and city streets.

Take a walk along your own streets in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Tarbert, Ardrishaig and Inveraray – we have a fantastic range of gift shops in this area, all packed out with goods knowledgeably picked by the shopkeepers themselves, not just masses of merchandise from a chain store's central warehouse.

We've talented florists and garden shops to buy your Christmas bulbs and flowers where you can bet the produce will be far fresher and better cared for than in the big stores.

We also have food stores many of which offer superb local produce. And what's more all our local high streets usually have events planned with our pipe bands, choirs, schools, brass band and other musicians so turn out and support them too! Many local charities also organise events with kids in mind and have Father Christmas and his grotto – so stay local support a good local cause and let your children remember it as the Christmas they saw Santa without queuing for hours!

You also meet up with all your friends and bump into people you haven't seen for ages or are back home for Christmas.

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Decorations can burn easily – so don't attach them to lights or heaters.

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Today's Christmas is a mix of symbols with origins way back in time and from around the globe



ATHER Christmas, Santa Claus or Saint Nicholas, was Bishop of Myra, today in Turkey, in the 4th century; he was a generous man and devoted to children.

In 1087 Italian sailors supposedly stole his remains and removed them to Bari, Italy, greatly increasing St Nicholas' popularity throughout Europe.

In Greece, he is the patron saint of sailors; in France he was the patron of lawyers, and in Belgium the patron of children and travellers. Churches across Europe were dedicated to him and some time around the 12th century an official church holiday was created in his honour.

The Feast of St Nicholas was celebrated December 6 and the day was marked by gifts and acts of charity.

After the Reformation, European followers of St Nicholas dwindled, but the legend was kept alive in Holland where the Dutch spelling of his name Sint Nikolaas evolved into Sinterklaas.

Dutch children would leave their wooden shoes by the fireplace, and Sinterklaas would reward good children by placing treats in their shoes. Dutch colonists took this to America in the 17th century and here the Anglican name of Santa Claus emerged.

In France Pere Noel brings gifts on Christmas Eve and children leave their shoes by the fireplace. In Germany families go to church on Christmas Eve and while there the Christkind or Christ Child leaves the presents at home.

In Switzerland the Christkindl or Christ Child, or an angel brings the gifts

In the Netherlands Sinterklaas arrives by boat from Spain on December 6 when children leave shoes filled with hay and carrots for his donkey.

In Sweden, a gnome called Juletomten brings gifts in a sleigh driven by goats.

In Spanish-speaking countries such as Spain, Mexico, South America, children wait until January 6 for their presents, which are brought by the Three Kings or Wise Men. Children put shoes by the front door to get their gifts and towns and villages have a big procession with floats for each of the Wise men.

In Italy La Befana a good witch who dresses all in black comes down the chimney on January 6 and leaves gifts in the shoes placed by the fireplace.

Mistletoe has been part of the mid winter festivities for centuries before the birth of Christ. Druids revered the plant as it had no roots yet remained green during the cold months of winter.

Ancient Celts believed mistletoe to have magical healing powers and used it as an antidote for poison, infertility and to ward off evil spirits. Scandinavians associated the plant with Frigga, their goddess of love, so that is where the kissing under the mistletoe may come from.

It isn't Christmas without poinsettias! They were so named after they were named after Joel R Poinsett, a US ambassador to Mexico who took the plant to America in 1828.

Poinsettias were, it is believed used by Franciscans in their 17th century Christmas celebrations, as a substitute for the traditional holly and ivy of the old world.



DECK THE HALLS



IVE your house a little bit extra Christmas magic with co-ordination, by thinking of a colour or a theme and use it throughout the house.

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So what's it to be? Traditional always looks good – red, gold and green or silver, white and blue.

Now you've picked your colours what theme do you fancy? Victorian? Country style? Chic and minimalist?

If you are going to have an artificial tree buy a very good one and store it carefully.

If, for you, it isn't Christmas unless you've got a real tree get a heavy, top of the range Christmas tree stand that has a water well. Both of these are real investment buys and save you money and headaches in the long run.

When dressing the tree remember: lights on first, working top to bottom; then garlands, working bottom to top and finally ornaments. A roll of fine, green, floristry wire and a sharp pair of kitchen scissors makes light work of both these jobs and keeps things in place throughout the entire holiday season.

The fairy, angel or star goes on last at the top of the tree with all the family there.

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TABLE DECORATING



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If you know you are going to be entertaining a lot get some lovely Christmas themed paper plates for snacks with matching cocktail napkins – and your Christmas will be less likely to



have rows about whose turn it is to do the washing up or load and unload the dishwasher.

Use the same colours and themes for your table as you have for your tree and the rest of the house. It makes everything look so together and classy.

If you are going to bring out your best silverware, china and glasses then 20 minutes before Christmas dinner isn't the best time to discover they are covered in dust, tarnish and dead spiders. Get them out and give them a wash and polish NOW. Some very good-looking crackers and a lovely low arrangement in the centre of the table will carry the day. Crackers come with a whole range of gifts inside to match to your guests or buy ones you can fill with your own presents.

Keep the centrepiece low, or people will not be able to see each other across the table – unless you don't get on with some of the family members!

Take your favourite vase to a florist in the town, tell them your colours and your budget and get them to create something especially for you – you won't be disappointed.

If you have babies at the toddling stage, pets, or you know that people are perhaps going to drink more than they should (come on now, be honest) do not even think about having candles which are unprotected. See the fire safety advice on page 13 and follow it.

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Food is an essential part of the Festive Season, Christmas Day Dinner is the highlight of all the celebrations and always requires a bit of planning to ensure a hassle free feast! If you are hosting the Christmas Dinner it is a good idea to plan out your menu now and start making up a shopping list. You can perhaps choose some desserts which can be made ahead and frozen which always makes life easier nearer the big day. Our local food producers are all on hand to supply the best of fresh produce. If you are planning a drinks party with friends the tasty treats featured here are guaranteed to make your party go with a swing and are easy for you to put together. Cocktails are great fun and really make things special. Dress up your glassware with some fun accessories and your guests will really feel in the party mood.



Brie Toasts

Makes about 60

350g/12oz Blue Brie Cheese
45ml/3 Level tablespoons mayonnaise
10 Thick slices of bread crusts removed
Butter for spreading

1. Beat together the cheese, mayonnaise and seasoning
2. Spread one side of each slice of bread with butter, the other with the cheese and mayonnaise mixture.
3. Cut each slice into triangles
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285g Jar artichoke antipasti in oil
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3 Tablespoons Crème fraîche
1-2 Teaspoons lemon juice
6 Pitta breads
2 Tablespoons olive oil
Sea salt
Lemon wedge and mint to garnish

1. Blitz the artichokes and their oil with the mint in a food processor until fairly smooth
2. Add the crème fraîche, seasoning and lemon juice and mix well together.
3. Chill the dip until ready to serve.
4. Preheat the oven to 200 c /180 c for a fan oven
5. Tear the pitas into rough pieces and spread out on baking sheets.
6. Drizzle with the olive oil, scatter with sea salt and bake for 7-10 minutes until crisp.
7. Garnish the dip with the lemon wedge and mint sprig, serve with the warm pitta bread.

Spiced Nuts

25g/1oz Butter
450g/1lb Shelled whole nuts....brazils, almonds, peanuts and hazelnuts.
2 Teaspoons chilli powder
2 Teaspoons dried English mustard
1 Teaspoon sugar
½ Teaspoon salt

1. Melt the butter in a large frying pan, add the nuts and cook gently, stirring for 4 to 5 minutes.
2. Mix together the chilli, mustard, sugar and salt.
3. Sprinkle over the nuts to coat well.
4. Allow to cool completely.
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2. Place a prawn on top.
3. Finish with a scattering of coriander and a light dusting of paprika.

Smoked Salmon On Rye Bread

Makes 24

2 Eggs
2 Tablespoons mayonnaise
2 Teaspoons chopped dill
1 Teaspoon lemon juice
25g/1oz Butter
½ Teaspoon freshly grated lemon rind
6 Thin slices rye bread or brown bread
175g/6oz Smoked Salmon
A little black lump fish roe
Salt & Pepper
Fresh dill sprigs to garnish/

1. Hard boil the eggs and leave to cool.
2. Shell the eggs and separate the yolks from the whites
3. Mash the yolks and finely chop the whites
4. Mix the chopped whites, mashed yolks, dill, lemon juice and mayonnaise and season with salt and pepper.
5. Beat together the butter and lemon rind, then spread thinly over the slices of bread.
6. Cover with the smoked salmon and cut each slice of bread into 4 squares.
7. Arrange on a serving platter, spoon a little of the egg mixture onto each and top with a little lump fish. Garnish each one with a small dill sprig.



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2. Add 3 bay leaves, 1 cinnamon stick and one orange studded with cloves and cut into wedges.
3. Simmer for 10 minutes, then add a bottle of Port.
4. Simmer for a further 5 minutes.
5. Serve in sturdy glasses.

Raspberry Sparkler

Pour a little sieved raspberry puree or crushed raspberry and orange drink into glasses. Top with Champagne or Sparkling Wine and serve.

Kir

Pour 1 teaspoon of crème de cassis into a wine glass, top up with chilled dry white wine and serve. For Kir Royale use Champagne. Decorate the glasses with a spray of redcurrants.

Ginger Highball

1. Crushed ice
2. 1/3 Glass whisky
3. 2/3 Glass Soda water or ginger ale
4. A little grated fresh root ginger
5. Lemon twist to decorate.

Spoon ice into a wine glass. Pour over the whisky and soda water or ginger ale add the ginger stir well, decorate and serve.

Mince Pies

Ingredients: 8 oz/250g all purpose/plain flour
Pinch of salt
4oz/100g butter, cubed or an equal mix of butter and lard
2-3 tbsp cold water
1 jar of mincemeat, shop bought or home made
2 tbsp icing sugar

Preparation: Heat the oven to 425F/220C/Gas 7

Make the Pastry Place the flour, butter and salt into a large clean bowl. Rub the butter into the flour with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs, working as quickly as possible to prevent the dough becoming warm. Add the water to the mixture and using a cold knife stir until the dough binds together, add more cold water a teaspoon at a time if the mixture is too dry.

Wrap the dough in Saran wrap/Clingfilm and chill for a minimum of 15 minutes, up to 30 minutes.

The dough can also be made in a food processor by mixing the flour, butter and salt in the bowl of the processor on a pulse setting. When the mixture resembles breadcrumbs, add the water, slowly, through the funnel until the dough comes together in a ball. Wrap in Saran wrap/ Clingfilm and chill as above.

Assembly

Dust a work surface lightly with a little flour and roll out two-thirds of the pastry to 1/8"/3mm thick. Cut circles 3"/7.5cm of pastry to line the cups of a standard muffin or bun tray, don't worry if the pastry doesn't come to the top.

Fill the pastry lined tins 2/3 full/ approx 1 heaped tsp with mincemeat.

Roll out the remaining pastry to the same thickness and cut smaller circles to fit as lids on the tarts or to be decorative, cut stars or other fancy shapes.

Dampen the edges of the tart bases with a little cold water and press the lids on. Make a small hole in the surface of each pie with a small sharp knife to allow the steam to escape (you can omit this if using stars).

Bake in the preheated oven for 15 mins or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with the icing sugar.

Mince pies are delicious served hot or cold on their own or with Brandy Butter.



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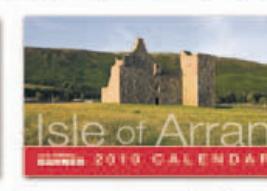


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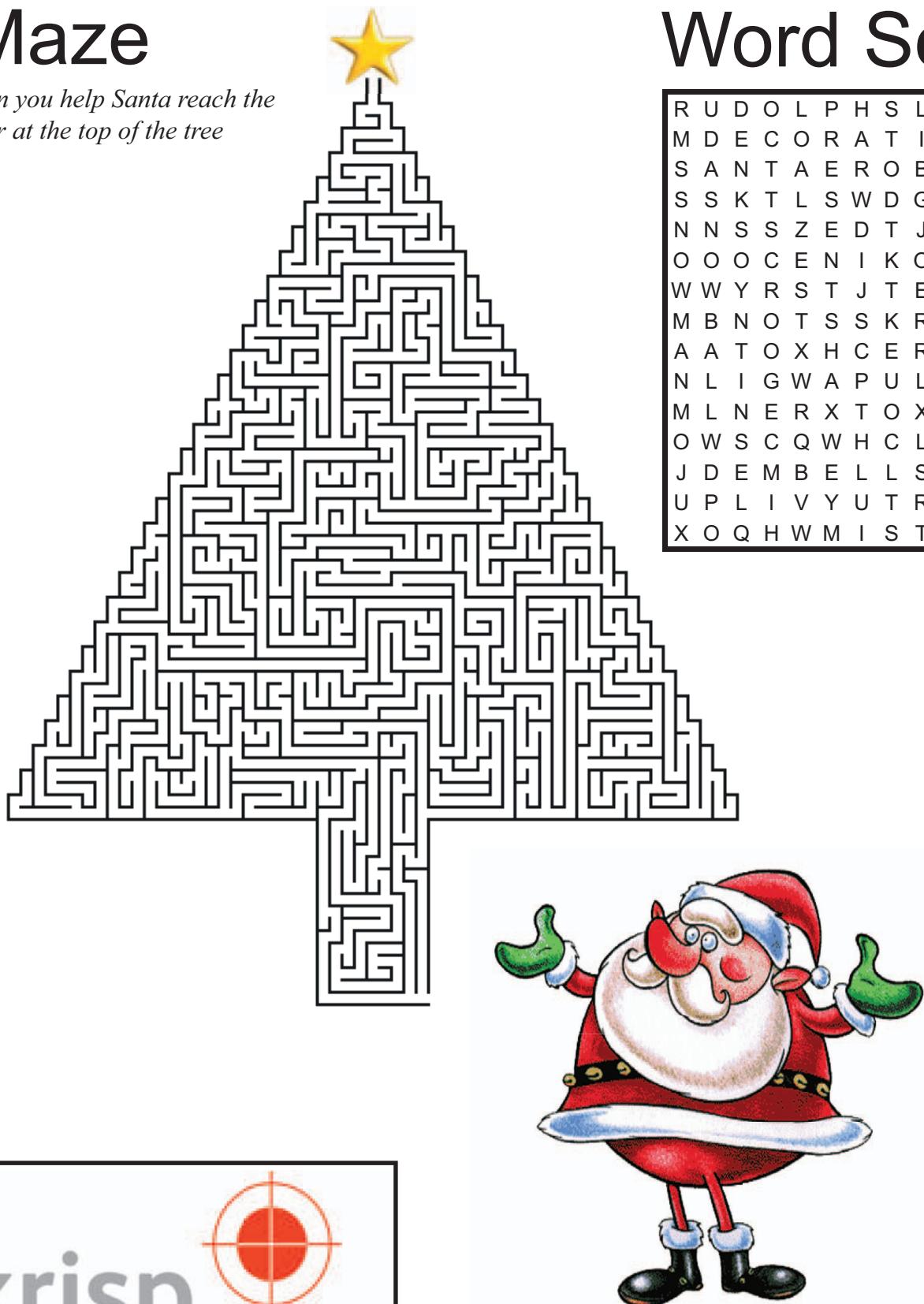
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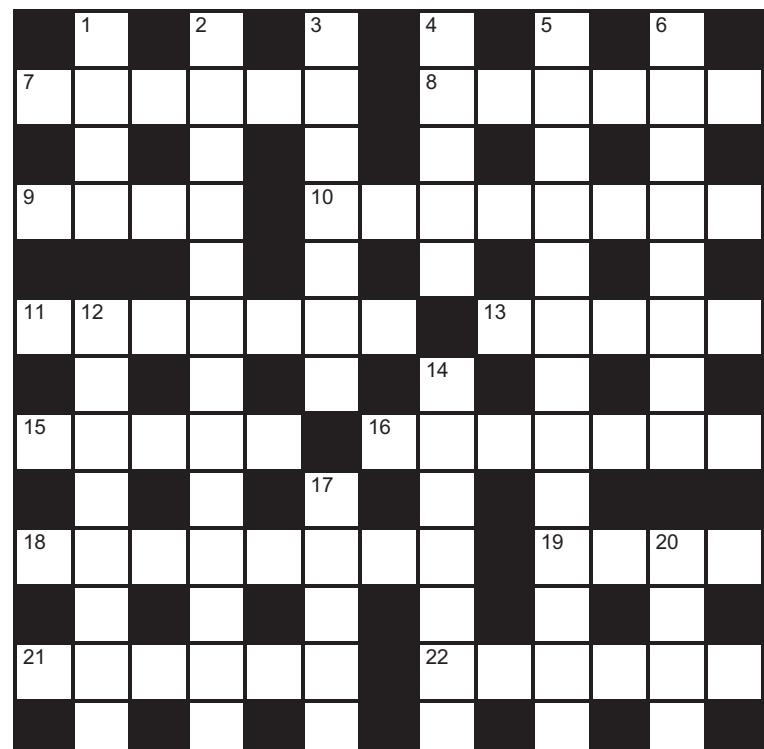
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Find the following words in the box.

Rudolph	Stocking
Tinsel	Turkey
Tree	Mulled Wine
Bauble	Candle
Santa	Bells
North Pole	Star
Snowman	Snowball
Scrooge	Robin
Carol	Ivy
Presents	Decorations
Sleigh	Trifle
Mistletoe	Crackers
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Use the clues to complete the crossword



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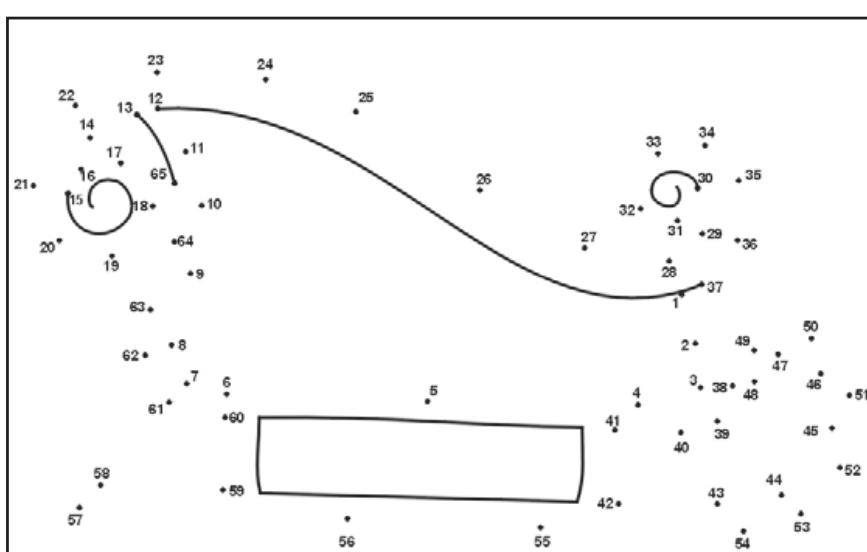
- 7 Christmas is a time of (6)
- 8 Scrooge was one (6)
- 9 This snowman is abominable (4)
- 10 Traditional fire fuel (4,4)
- 11 The birth of Christ was one (7)
- 13 A warm wrap (5)
- 15 and goodwill towards all men (5)
- 16 After effect of Christmas dinner (7)
- 18 Tin soldiers march to this (8)
- 19 Christmas mistletoe and wine (4)
- 21 Biscuit depository (6)
- 22 Christmas, Easter, Hallowe'en - all annual ones (6)

Down

- 1 Traditional place to hang your stockings over (4)
- 2 Snappy Christmas gift (7,6)
- 3 Main ingredient of eggnog (3,4)
- 4 Christmas should bring one of these to your face (5)
- 5 Composer of "Wonderful Christmas Time" (4,9)
- 6 A gift for her perhaps? (8)
- 12 Not traditional but a common dessert for children (8)
- 14 One of Santa's reindeer (7)
- 17 Rung out at Christmas (5)
- 20 Hand warmer (4)

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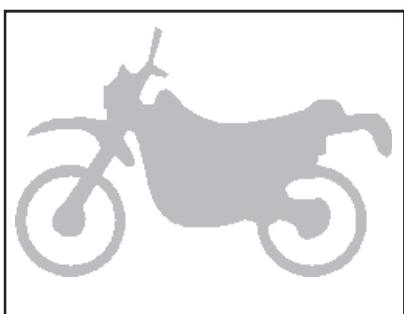


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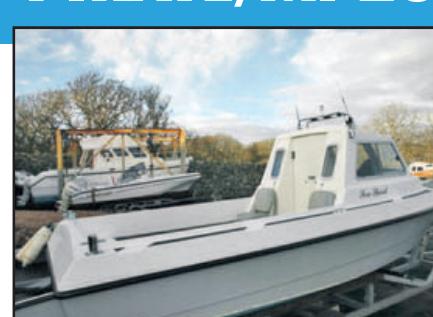


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TRANSPORT DIRECTORATE**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
SECTION 8(1) SCREENING DETERMINATION****SCOTTISH FERRIES STRATEGY**

The Scottish Government Transport Directorate (Ferries Policy and Procurement) has determined, in consultation with the Consultation Authorities, that the Scottish Ferries Strategy is likely to have significant environmental effects. It has therefore been concluded that a strategic environmental assessment is required. An environmental report will be prepared alongside the Consultative Draft of the Scottish Ferries Strategy in due course. This screening determination can be viewed on The Scottish Government's website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Transport/ferries-ports-canals/14342/Review>.

AMANDA CHISHOLM

The Scottish Government Directorate for the Built Environment on behalf of Transport Directorate Ferries Policy and Procurement

Date of Determination: 16 November 2009

Tarbert Lochfyne Yacht Club
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**AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

A special meeting of the Area Committee for Mid Argyll, Kintyre & The Islands will be held in The Council Chambers, Kilmory, Lochgilphead on Wednesday 2 December 2009 at 10.30a.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend and will be invited to have informal discussions with members and officers at the end of the meeting.

Nigel Stewart, Director of Corporate Services

**HARBOURS ACT 1964 (AS AMENDED)
PROPOSED CALEDONIAN MARITIME ASSETS
(KENNACRAIG) HARBOUR REVISION ORDER 200[X]**

- Notice is hereby given that Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited ("the Company") has applied to the Scottish Ministers to make a Harbour Revision Order under section 14 of the Harbours Act 1964 ("the 1964 Act").
- The objects of the proposed order are to empower the Company to construct, operate and maintain works in West Loch Tarbert and on adjacent land at Kennacraig in the district of Argyll and Bute at the Company's ferry harbour. The works will substantially upgrade the existing facilities and comprise land reclamation; a new jetty and linkspan; the strengthening and enlargement of the existing causeway; a new terminal building for passenger and baggage handling, sales areas, management offices, staff welfare facilities and storage areas; a new building for ticketing and check-in facilities for passenger and freight vehicles; and hard standing for the marshalling and parking of vehicles. The proposed order also defines the limits of jurisdiction of the harbour.
- The Scottish Ministers have by letter dated 18 November 2009 informed the Company that they have decided in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act that the application relates to a project which falls within Annex II to Council Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (as amended by Council Directives 97/11/EC and 2003/35/EC) ("the Directive"); but whose characteristics do not require that it should be made subject to an environmental assessment. Accordingly, the Scottish Ministers have directed that an environmental statement is not required.
- Paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act (which requires information to be supplied concerning a project which is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Great Britain and in another European Economic Area State) does not apply to the application.
- A copy of the draft Order, the letter dated 18 November 2009, and the deposited plans, sections and elevations which accompanied the application may be inspected at all reasonable hours until the expiry of the forty-two days period specified in paragraph 7 of this notice at the offices of the Company at Municipal Buildings, Fore Street, Port Glasgow PA14 5EQ at the Ferry Terminal, Kennacraig, Whitehouse by Tarbert, PA29 6YF and at the offices of the undermentioned solicitors and parliamentary agents.
- Any person requiring further information concerning the proposed works should apply in writing for that information to either one of those offices quoting reference "Proposed Caledonian Maritime Assets (Kennacraig) Harbour Revision Order 200[X]."
- Any person desiring to make to the Scottish Ministers an objection or representation concerning the application should write to Jane Rougvie, Scottish Government, Aviation, Ports, Freight & Canals Division, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ within forty-two days from the date at the foot of this notice quoting reference "Proposed Caledonian Maritime Assets (Kennacraig) Harbour Revision Order 200[X]" and specifying the grounds of their objection or representation and giving an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or representation may be sent.
- If an objection to the application is made and not withdrawn the Scottish Ministers may, before making their decision, (i) cause an inquiry to be held, or (ii) give to the objector an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by them.

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

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead and 67 Chalmers Street, Ardriishaig, PA30 8DX and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the appearance of this notice. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS**Ref No: 09/01529/PP**

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Cairns

Proposal: Erection of a two storey rear extension, front porch and garden shed and conversion of loft space into living accommodation.

Site Address: 6 Campbell Place Portnahaven Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA47 7SQ

Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Portnahaven

Ref No: 09/01562/PP

Applicant: Argyll Community Housing Association

Proposal: Renovation work to roof and re-rendering of external walls.

Site Address: 27 - 27 Union Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8JS

Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office

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

Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other document submitted with them may be:

Examined at 67 Chalmers Street, Ardriishaig, PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging on to the Council's Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on online planning applications.

Written comments for the following applications may be made to Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardriishaig, PA30 8DX by 18th December 2009 for the following list of applications for planning permission.

Ref No: 09/01349/PP

Applicant: Mr I Pinniger

Proposal: Formation of access road

Site address: Tighanrudha, Ardmish, Isle of Gigha, Argyll and Bute, PA41 7AD

Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Gigha

Ref No: 09/01400/PP

Applicant: BB Timber

Proposal: Formation of new vehicular access

Site address: Achnafad Forest Access Road, A83 North of Tayinloan from Ballochroy to South Access Road To Tayinloan, Argyll and Bute

Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan

Ref No: 09/01606/PP

Applicant: Stewart Marshall

Proposal: Erection of residential wildlife management centre

Site Address: Land to the North of Rhuval, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute, PA29 6YF

Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Tarbert

Ref No: 09/01617/PP

Applicant: Miss Christy McLarry

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling house

Site Address: Land South East of The Homestead, Ardfern, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8PT

Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Ardfern

Ref No: 09/01635/PP

Applicant: Mr Hassan Rashed

Proposal: Formation of new access

Site address: Beech Cottage Ashfield, Achnamara, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8PT

Location of Plans: Council Area Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Ref No: 09/01636/PP

Applicant: Mr Brian Sullivan

Proposal: Demolition of shop and erection of dwellinghouse

Site Address: Land North Of Church, Ford, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8RH

Location of Plans: Council Area Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Ref No: 09/01647/PP

Applicant: Violet May Glen

Proposal: Replace new garage roof

Site Address: Kames, Lochgair, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8RZ

Location of Plans: Council Area Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

**Ref No: 09/01687/PP**

Applicant: Erica Thornhill And Brian Sutherland

Proposal: Change of Use of land to siting of a caravan (Retrospective)

Site address: An Cala, Ardfearn, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8QN

Location of Plans: Council Area Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Ref No: 09/01703/PP

Applicant: William Francis Bergant

Proposal: Erection of a domestic garden shed (Retrospective).

Site address: 29 Ballimor, Kilmichael Glassary, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8QD

Location of Plans: Council Area Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Ref No: 09/01721/PP

Applicant: Mr And Mrs J. Bevan

Proposal: Renewal of previous consent (04/01631/DET) - Erection of a bunkhouse/hostel

Site Address: Barfad, Ardfearn, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8QN

Location of Plans: Council Area Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Ref No: 09/01630/PP

Applicant: Mr And Mrs J Roberts

Proposal: Variation of Condition Number 3 from planning consent 09/00819/PP

Site address: Waterside Tayvallich, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute PA31 8PJ

Location of Plans: Council Area Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8ST.

An extant list of planning applications which can be viewed on the Councils website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

A weekly list of applications which can be viewed at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES**(COLCHESTER SQUARE AND ARGYLL STREET,
LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF
TRAFFIC) ORDER 2009**

On Monday 23rd November 2009, Argyll and Bute Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 16(A) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, made the above named Order the effect of which will be that for a temporary period, on the occasion of the switching on of the Christmas lights, no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle through the lengths of road indicated in the Schedule hereto.

Exceptions will apply to emergency services vehicles and vehicles being driven upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform.

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SCHEDULE**Prohibition of Traffic**

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Alternative Route:	Via adjacent streets.

Andrew R Law, Director of Operational Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll

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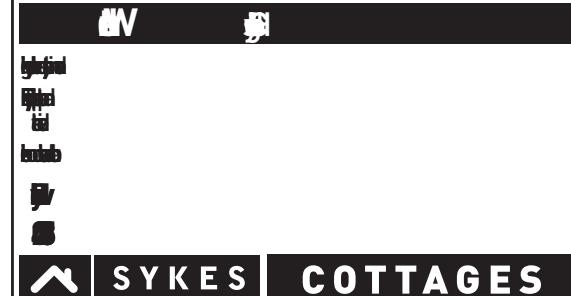
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BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG - PATERSON - Kara and Gordon are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Taylor, on October 30, 2009 at Royal Alexandra Hospital. A wee sister for Ellie, and another granddaughter for Tricia and Mike at Southend.

MARRIAGES

M A C P H E R S O N - MCGLYNN - On November 14, 2009 at the Art Club, Glasgow, Grant to Katherine. A wonderful day was had by all.

DEATHS

HELM - Peacefully, at Clinton House Residential Home, Glasgow, on November 23, 2009. Andrew Helm, in his 75th year, formerly of Feorlin, Southend, dearly beloved brother of David and Donald Sinclair Helm. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Monday, November 30 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

HERD - Ishbel, formerly of Ardrishaig died peacefully in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary after a short illness, on November 19, 2009. Cremation on November 27, to be followed at a later date by interment of ashes at Achnabreac Cemetery.

LAING - On November 24, 2009, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, MidArgyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, James Clark MacDonald Laing in his 90th year, beloved husband of Irene Macqueen, much loved father of Constance and John, and a dearly loved papa of Mark and Fiona. Funeral service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Monday, November 30, at 12 noon, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please.

PETO - (née Turner). Caroline, of Kildalloig, died November 21, 2009 at Gatehouse of Fleet after a long illness. Funeral at Gatehouse at 11.30am on Monday, November 30. No flowers please, but donations to MacMillan Cancer Support would be much appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JENKINS - The family of the late James A Jenkins wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends, neighbours and ex-colleagues for kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received following their sad loss. Special thanks to medical and

social work staff for their care and concern, to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting and friendly service and to Roddy MacDonald and staff for efficient and caring funeral arrangements. Many thanks also to the Flower Shop, Lochgilphead, to Cairnbaan Hotel for excellent catering and to all who came to pay their respects at church and graveside. Sincere thanks for donations amounting to £370, which sum was raised for Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Community Hospital. A wee sister for Ellie, and another granddaughter for Tricia and Mike at Southend.

MORRISON - The family of the late John Morrison would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and for cards and phone calls received during their recent sad loss. The family would like to express their gratitude to local police and ambulance services and to Dr Lazarus for his assistance. Special thanks to the Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and also to Alasdair Blair for his dignified and professional services. Thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and at the graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

DOCHERTY - In loving memory of Barbara, who passed away on November 25, 2004.

- Always remembered by Peter and the family.

FERGUSON - Rebecca (Rea), died November 23, 2006. Loving thoughts, tears unseen, wishing your absence was only a dream.

- Love you always Dougie, Fiona, Mhairi, Ailsa and family.

MACKAY - Remembering with love, Sheena, who passed away on November 26, 2005. Your life was a blessing. Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words. And missed beyond measure. Sorely missed.

- All at Lilybank.

MACLELLAN - Treasured memories of a devoted husband and father, Neil, Nursing Officer at Carstairs State Hospital, brutally murdered on November 30, 1976.

A never ending love. Forever in my thoughts.

- Loving wife Marion.

So sadly missed.

- Loving son John.

STEWART - Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978. A heart of gold stopped beating.

Two willing hands lie still. The one who did so much for me.

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- Johnnie.

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Monday, 30th November

The Guild Coffee Evening

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Tuesday, 1st December

Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 3rd December

Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 4th December

Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

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Sailing club prize-giving

CAMPBELTOWN Sailing Club members met at the clubhouse on Saturday for their annual prize-giving.

Owen McManus has had a year to remember winning a vast amount of the silverware and almost wearing out the carpet as he went up to collect the trophies from the Commodore's wife, Margaret Mitchell.

Owen, with his 38ft T4 Albyn Bal-

lard, *Jochr* won all the Wednesday series, the Treasurer's Race, Commodore's Race, the Double Diamond, Keith Cup, and the Dalriada Shield for the club championship.

Club commodore Ray Mitchell tactfully suggested that as many members who turned up on Saturday might like to turn out to attend the AGM the following Wednesday!



The clubhouse was full for the prize-giving night. 04_c48csc01



It was Owen McManus's year, he won so many trophies with *Jochr*, including the Dalriada Shield for the club championship. 04_c48csc09



Margaret Mitchell presented Jim Leask with the Crew Cup. 04_c48csc02



The Secretary's race went to Frank Hardy with Blue Liz. 04_c48csc03



The West Highland Week Trophy went to Alistair Cousin with Carna. 04_c48csc04



George Lennox won the Endeavour Cup. 04_c48csc05



Margaret Mitchell presented Spencer Ellis and Mr Dog with the Katana Cup. He also was awarded the Cathy Kerr memorial Prize, which was presented by John Kerr. 04_c48csc07



Mike Taylor had the honour of winning this year's Seabed Trophy. 04_c48csc08

Tin Farm 5 sees Turners do the double

A RECORD breaking 64 runners descended upon Ormsary Estate near Kilberry last Sunday, November 15, for the third running of the Tin Farm 5.

The challenging course was steep and muddy in places which called for runners to be sure footed and confident in their running.

A very strong field of male runners was led by Matthew Turner (male senior) of Campbeltown in a time of 33minutes 12seconds. Second male senior went to last year's winner also from Campbeltown, Kenny Campbell in 33.25, with third male senior going to Eamonn Staunton from Lochgilphead in 33.35.

Andy Law of Ardriishaig brought home a strong field of male veteran runners in a time of 35.15, with Peter Robertson of Lochgilphead (36.52) and Matt Donald of Ormsary (37.07) in second and third respectively.

Emma Hoskins (Cheshire) celebrated getting married the previous day with a win in the ladies race and first female senior in a time of 38.47. Jenny Reid of Campbeltown (43.29) and Sandra Holsdworth of Kilbarchan (46.14) were second and third in the female senior category.

Bringing home the la-

dies in the veteran class was Joycelyn Richard of Machrihanish in a time of 44.59, with Fiona Corner (Inveraray) in second in a time of 46.28 and Moira McLennan of Campbeltown in third place in a time of 49.08.

Strong competition in the junior male category saw Gary Turner of Campbeltown storm home in a time of 35.47 to make it a family double with his brother Matthew overall winner of the day. David McAlister (Ardriishaig) was second in a time of 36.16 and Toby Corner (Inveraray) finished strongly in third in a time of 37 minutes.

Rosie Doull (Lochgilphead) brought home the junior girls for a second year in a great time of 43.32, with Madeline Ward (51.29) also of Lochgilphead and Tess Donald (57.53) of Ormsary finishing in second and third.

Prizes also went to the first local male and female runners. Matt

Donald of Ormsary took the prize for the men for a second year, with Helena Bevis also from Ormsary taking the prize for the women in 55.05. Caroline Armour, of Campbeltown took the 'Most Courageous Effort' Award.

The organisers would like to thank Sir William and Lady Lithgow for their continued and enthusiastic support of the event.

Kirsty Young of the Tin Farm 5 added: 'Also thanks to our new sponsors for this year Allt Dearg Community Wind Farm for their generous sponsorship of the event.'

'Thanks also to all those who helped put on a great spread of soup and sandwiches to warm everyone up, which raised over £150 for the Royal Sick Kids in Edinburgh. Lastly, thanks to all the marshals, helpers and runners without whom the event could not have gone ahead.'



The start of this year's Tin Farm 5.

Heidbangers Cup

WITH only one round left the race is on for the annual Heidbangers Cup and there is still time for the current leader Alistair O'May to be caught.

In the November 18 game 11 players were in contention. Alistair was leading by one point ahead of Brian Hone, Sandy Watson, Robert Scally and Alastair Brown and these four were one point clear of Stan Utley.

Duncan Watson II was a further point behind with five others one behind him.

Despite adverse weather conditions 14 hardy souls turned out but the weather proved too much for four of them and they turned back.

Alistair made light of the conditions and turned in an excellent card of 39pts to Alistair Brown's 33 in second place. This puts the former three points clear of the pack and only two can now catch him.

The final round will be held next Wednesday with an earlier start at 11am. We hope to have a good turnout.

The presentation of the trophy will be after the annual dinner in Muneroy Tearooms next week.

Provan Shield Final in Oban

THE Provan Shield final will take place in Oban next month.

The match had to be postponed due to bad weather and pitch complications but will now take place on Sunday December 6 at 2pm in Oban at the High School astro pitch.

Lochgilphead Wanderers will battle it out with Carradale.

Swim kids

WELL done to the young members of the Aqualibrium Wednesday morning swimming session.

They swam a mile (64 lengths) at Aqualibrium on Friday for Children in Need and collected donations for their swim.

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New match day sponsor

A NEW match day hospitality sponsor has been gained by Campbeltown Pupils.

Argyll Bowling Club's clubhouse will be the venue for the football club's after-match hospitality.

The Campbeltown team looks forward to a good working relationship with the bowling club.

A quiz night recently held in the White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown raised over £500 for club funds. The club would like to thank the people who attended, and local businesses for their support, in the promotion of the quiz night.

Islay golf

ISLAY Golf Club results for Winter League, week two: 1 John Campbell 35pts, 2 Kenny Gillies 33pts, 3 Donald Gillies 32pts. CSS 72.

Week three: 1 Sandy Peters 33pts, 2 Keith MacDonald 30pts, 3 Alistair MacMillan 30pts; Magic twos Sandy Peters. CSS 72.

MOK entries now taken

ENTRIES for next year's Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k are now being taken.

Organisers have so far received more than 60 entries so far and those wishing to take part can go to runnersworld.com/mokrun to enter.

An extra 50 places have been created for the event on Sunday May 30, bringing the total competing to 650.

As well as entering, people can also purchase the much sought after ceilidh tickets and pasta party tickets online.

In the New Year The Courier will feature a 12-week training schedule for the 10k and half marathon events.

Mud, mud glorious mud

£600 raised for Children in Need

A NEED for an All Weather Pitch was highlighted once again when the local football group played knee deep in mud for charity.

The Children in Need five-a-side football competition took place at the Meadows last week under floodlighting thanks to McFadyens.

Despite the rain the event, which saw 12 teams taking part, went ahead and raised £600 for the charity. The overall winning team was Rolland Butter with manager F Gillespie.

Other teams which took part were McGeachy Butchers, manager S Gorman; McKellar



The teams and managers before they started. 04_c48ffd01

Grocery, manager H McMurchy; Morrisons Shop, manager J Farren; Livingston and McEachran, manager G Gillespie; Donald Colville Builder, manager B Deans; Peter Patterson Joiner, manager C Lang; Archie McKellar Bookie's Lochgilphead, manager D McDonald; The Crew, manager M Casey; Livingston and McEachran, manager D Corr; Archie Smith Electrics, manager B McFadyen; John Armour, manager C Robertson.

Campbeltown United would like to thank all the other sponsors, J Thomson Builder, G Nugent, D McEachran, Cowal Soft Drinks, and a big thank you to Archie and Billy McFadyen who provided the floodlights, referees Peter McCallum and C Robertson, also Fiona, Gael, Kim and Alice, who kept the boys and spectators going with tea, coffee and rolls.

Raffle

Raffle prize sponsors and winners: Eagle-some Lewis McFadyen,



One of the teams and referee after a match.

Rolland Butter Lorne Allan McCormick, J McKinnon, Rab Brown's Debbie Brown, Liam Renton, Intersport McIlcheres Robbie Dudley, The Headquarters Annie Colville and Fraser McBrayne; CDJFA Allan Glendinning.



Lachie is MX champ

A CAMPBELTOWN man has been crowned this year's Mid Argyll Motocross Champion for adults.

Lachie Black, aged 46, took the title after the Mid Argyll MotoCross Club was reformed last year, with Lachie also lifting the last championship in 1983.

Lachie is proving he is not ready to hang up his boots yet. With motocross running in the family. His daughter Laura, 15, and nephew Sandy, 16 will be riding in next year's championship series to keep up the tradition.

Lachie would also like to thank all the organisers and supporters of the Mid Argyll MotoCross Club for making high quality racing available in the area again.

Campbeltown hosts Sports Hall Athletics competition

SCHOOLS in Kintyre are being encouraged to take part in this weekend's sports hall athletics in Campbeltown.

This Sunday, the competition is taking place in the Victoria Hall, with young people competing in various running, jumping and throwing events.

This is one of four similar area events promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club over the next few months with the local final winner being put into the Argyll-wide final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban in February 2010.

The Oban contest goes

ahead on Saturday, December 5 and the Mid Argyll and Mull events will be held in January 2010.

This indoor version of athletics brings the skills and excitement of 'track and field' into sport's halls giving youngsters a taste of athletics in a warm and dry atmosphere.

The organisers are hopeful that schools in the Kintyre area will encourage pupils to take part on Sunday.

Competitors are reminded that the Campbeltown contest starts at 1pm this Sunday and

Rangers' bus

THE next Rangers Supporter's Bus will leave Campbeltown on Saturday December 12 for the Rangers v St Johnstone match.

The bus leaves Kinloch Road bus stand at an earlier time of 9.15am and all dues to be paid to the bus convenor by Monday December 7.

Names are now being taken for the Rangers v Motherwell on Saturday December 19, and the bus convenor should be contacted for more information.

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