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Good news about base buyout?

'Who knows we might get something before Christmas'

THERE could be good news about the buyout of the Machrihanish Airbase by Christmas and for workers at the base that news can't come fast enough.

For the 17 people employed to keep the base secure and maintained have found themselves in limbo, unsure about their future job prospects.

In a meeting called to update the public about what was happening with the buyout that was upbeat and positive about the future, this one matter cast a shadow.

The contracts for the present employers at the base, Turner Estates and Vigilant, will end when the buyout takes place.

But until all the negotiations are over and the deal complete Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) is forbidden to enter into discussions with the employees.

'It would be totally, totally illegal for us to do so,' chairman of MACC Ian Wardrop said at Tuesday's night's meeting in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

Sympathised

All the directors of the community buyout group MACC have sympathised with the workers; three of the Vigilant workers took voluntary redundancy this week.

'They were all over retirement age and went so the younger ones could

keep their jobs,' said Malcolm Black, one of the staff.

The Ministry of Defence has cut back on maintenance at the base as negotiations have taken longer than expected and its budget for work has run out.

Stewart McIntosh who works for Turner Estates said the stumbling block appeared to be TUPE, the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) regulations regarding pensions and working rights.

'It is very worrying and we have had this hanging over our heads for nearly three years. I was one of the first supporters of the buyout. I

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Santa pays a visit to Southend

SEVEN-month-old Tegan McSporrán was happy to receive a present from Santa at Saturday's Christmas Fair at Southend.

The annual Dunaverly Hall fundraiser, held in St Blaas's Hall, is always a

hit with people from all over Kintyre.

There was a tombola, crafts, mince pies, teas and coffees as well as a raffle and baking stall, with the special visit from Santa for the children.

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Landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful

FEARS for the safety of the A83 were back on the agenda on Thursday morning after an early morning landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Police and surveyors were at the scene as *The Courier* went to press, and it was unknown how bad the landslide was, or for how long the road would be closed, forcing people to add hours to their journeys.

'It was inevitable that there would be another landslide on the Rest and Be Thankful and it is even more frustrating that my pleas have been totally ignored in respect to researching the alternative forestry road route which runs parallel to the existing road,' said Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly. 'Hopefully now the Scottish Government will take action and take every conceivable opportunity to circumvent this notorious landslide area.'

He was also worried about hospital transfers by plane during the present bad weather leaving people to face a longer ambulance journey by road.

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wanted to safeguard our jobs; I was out canvassing for them – to put myself out of work.’

Robert McDowall consultant employed by MACC told Tuesday’s meeting: ‘It is a very delicate issue.’ He said that MACC had to be very sure of the basics and what would be sustainable in the short-to-medium-term.

But the long-term

prospects for the buyout will secure the use of the base for future generations in Kintyre.

The rest of the meeting was very positive about the future of the base; wanting to turn it into a centre of excellence for renewable energy amongst other things; increased use of the airfield and linking up with Argyll College for training in industry, agriculture and hospitality and tourism.

There will be a meeting on December 5 between MACC and the MOD which will feed information into a major meeting between the MOD and the Scottish Government by the end of the month.

‘Who knows we might get something before Christmas which would set an end date for this particular process,’ said Ian Wardrop.

Islay, Gigha and Colonsay added to RET in 2012

ISLAY, Gigha and Colonsay are now three of the routes added to the Scottish Government’s road equivalent tariff (RET).

The RET scheme is to become a permanent feature on Western Isles, Coll and Tiree services, following a pilot scheme. It is also to be introduced to Sounds of Barra and Harris routes.

RET is also to be extended to cover Colonsay, Islay and Gigha ferries from October 2012 and a pilot scheme for Arran is to start from October 2014.

The scheme sets ferry fares to what it would cost to travel the same distance by road.

A pilot has been running in the Western Isles, Coll and Tiree since October 2008 and is due to end in spring 2012.

The government said it was looking at bringing RET to other west coast and Clyde islands at a future date.

Poppy Appeal raises £4,516

CAMPBELTOWN and Kintyre have done it again and beaten all previous records for the annual Poppy Appeal.

Organiser John Pemble told *The Courier* on Wednesday that this year the sum was £4,516, which is more than £650 higher than last year.

‘I’d like to thank everyone in the area for supporting the appeal and for the members of Royal British Legion Scotland branch in Campbeltown for all their work.’



Campbeltown Brass Band’s Tanya McDonald and Lindsey Armour with Adjudicator David Childs.

Brass band are just champion

CAMPBELTOWN Brass Band has added another first place to its achievements.

This time it was at the

Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships in Perth at the weekend when the group performed a 15-minute programme of four pieces.

They competed in the Development section of the championships, under conductor Jamie McVicar, and played very well.

Enthusiastic
The audience was very enthusiastic, numbering a large contingent of parents and supporters who accompanied the band to Perth, and the

end result was well deserved.

Proud
Jamie McVicar said: ‘I was very proud of the performance that they put on. It was the result of much hard work on the part of both players and supporters alike, to get the result we had hoped for was the icing on the cake of a great trip.’

The band is due to hold its Memorial Solo Competition in Kirk Street Hall this Sunday evening (December 4).

MP welcomes fuel duty increase postponement

ALAN Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said he welcomes the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s announcement that January’s three pence fuel duty increase will be postponed until August and the inflation increase planned for August will not go ahead.

The Chancellor’s decision was to defer the 3.02 pence per litre fuel duty increase that was due to take effect on January 1, 2012 until August 1, 2012 and cancel the inflation increase that was planned for August 1, 2012.

See island fuel duty cut, page five.

Consultation over war memorial hedge

A FULL consultation will take place with the community before a final decision is taken on whether to replace the hedge or not at the town’s war memorial.

At Campbeltown Community Council there were concerns that it would be replaced with ornamental railings without people being consulted.

The community council said it would like to see the plans for the war memorial and the surrounding area, including the hedge.

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Police Files

Keyholders, please:

THE PRESENT spell of stormy weather has caused a big problem for the police across Kintyre.

There have been many instances or false alarms with the equipment going off due to the high winds.

All these reports need to be checked and if the alarms sound late at night, or any time outwith office hours if they are in business premises, it is important that key holders can be contacted.

The police would ask everyone to make sure that their list of key holders held at Campbeltown Police Station is up to date.

Minor bump:

POLICE were told that two cars were involved in a minor collision in the car park of Campbeltown's Tesco store on Saturday.

Smashed:

A WINDOW was smashed in a shop on Main Street, Campbeltown, on Friday.

Washer stolen:

A HOUSEHOLDER in the Ballyreggan area had a power washer stolen from their property this week, Campbeltown police report.

Chimney fire

POLICE on Islay report there was a chimney fire at a house on Stanalane, Bowmore on Tuesday last week.

The fire service was called to the scene.

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Local supporters and those interested in operating the bunkhouse met members of the Kintyre Amenity Trust on Saturday to view the progress on the former Old Schoolhouse. 21_c48bunk02

New bunkhouse project on show to supporters

by RUTH McCLEAN
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KINTYRE Amenity Trust (KAT) opened up Big Kiln, Campbeltown on Saturday to show the new bunkhouse at off the progress of their

project. Local supporters and people who have expressed an interest in operating the bunkhouse met on Saturday at the building, which was

the former Old Schoolhouse.

It is hoped the building will be officially handed over to KAT in February next year with the bunkhouse open in March.

Trustees

The trustees showed 20 visitors round the project over the course of the day.

The work has progressed well with local contractors McKInven and Colville carrying out the work and managing to main-

tain some original features restored.

Funding for the partnership project has come from CARS and ERDF and KAT has been supported throughout the project by Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust.

While the building renovation has been fully funded KAT has raised money locally to equip the bunkhouse with furniture like bunks and linen and crockery.

Sewage work still ongoing

WORK is still ongoing to resolve the future of water and sewage maintenance at the Sound of Kintyre.

A meeting is to be held in December to hopefully get a resolution for the residents of the Sound of Kintyre.

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly has been making representations on a number of occasions on behalf of the residents and has been in regular contact with David Olney, Director General of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

'I have again stressed to him, it is imperative that the issues regarding the future maintenance of the water and sewage are resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned before any transfer of the base takes place,' said Councillor Kelly.

High wind damage

POWER and telephone lines were damaged in high winds in the Kilmkenzie area on Sunday night.

Police say that the 999 emergency call system was out of action for three hours.



John Bakes shows Susan MacDiarmid around the interior.

Meeting

THERE will be a meeting of the Kintyre Third Sector Forum at Campbeltown Community Centre at noon on Thursday December 8

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The big Christmas lights switch on

Hundreds turn out despite the wind and rain

CAMPBELTOWN'S Christmas lights were officially switched on last week and despite the wind and rain hundreds of people turned out to see who the mystery guest was. The different businesses and emergency services from Campbeltown made their way through the streets, including the local pipe band and for the first time a lantern parade also took part, after weeks of hard work making them.

Honour

The Meerkats, from comparethymeerkat.com, took the honour of switching the lights on once the parade made its way up the town's Main Street.



The pipe bands led the parade through the streets of Campbeltown. 21_c48xmas07



Cajus Walker collects for Campbeltown Brass Band. 21_c48xmas06



From left: Natasha Allen, Clayne McCallum, Chantelle Cameron and Rachel O'May.



Kids and crew on the Campbeltown Lifeboat's D boat during the parade. 21_c48xmas04



'Snowpeople' from Wind Towers Ltd. 21_c48xmas01



John Pirie, Graeme McMillan, James Young and Fiona McArthur from Campbeltown Young Farmers. 21_c48xmas12



Campbeltown Lifeboat: Al McPhee, Ellie McNair and David Mullen. 21_c48xmas03



Ken Greig and John Bakes of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown. 21_c48xmas15



Jimmy Russell and Karen Russell. 21_c48xmas02



Campbeltown Sea Cadets. 21_c48xmas14

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Leslie Hume, Josh Parr and Craig Conner from Campbeltown Young Firefighters. 21_c48xmas11



Tommy Morran and Emma Conley on the Campbeltown Runners Club float, 21_c48xmas13



'The Meerkats' officially switched on the Christmas lights. 21_c48xmas18

Rotary playing postie again this Christmas

ROTARY Club members in Campbeltown will be playing postie once again this year.

They will be operating the Christmas post, as they have done for many years, ever since the Campbeltown Scouts disbanded; there are currently no active Scouts

or Cubs in Campbeltown due to the retirement of the active leaders but a group has started recently in Southend.

The funds from the post will be used to help Rotary support charities and other good causes in Kintyre and elsewhere.

Last year the Rotary

club delivered nearly 26,000 Christmas cards in Kintyre. The number of cards delivered has increased almost every year since the service started and the club hopes this will be maintained again this year.

Boxes will be in the usual collection points:

Millknowe, The Wallpaper Shop, Longrow; McGeachy Butchers, Keith's Newsagents, Ralston Road Store, Machrihanish Golf Club Pro Shop and Muneroy Stores, Southend.

Delivered

The last collection day from the shops will be Saturday December 17 with the cards being delivered from the next day onwards and all cards will be delivered before Christmas.

The Rotary Caravan will be on Main Street, Campbeltown, on Saturday 10 from 10am to 4pm and again on Saturday December 17 from 10am to 4pm.

Cards can be delivered throughout Kintyre as far north as Tayinloan and Carradale and cost 60 pence for three; parcels can also be delivered for £1.50.



Catherine features in switch on of Preston's Christmas lights

A WOMAN from Campbeltown was part of the switching on of the Christmas lights in Preston.

Catherine Ann MacVicar, aged 32, who is from the town and still has a lot of family here, featured in the switch on with her band Detroit Ted.

They performed at the Real Radio North West Preston Christmas lights switch on last month.

They played in front of 11,000 people, not bad for the band's fourth gig.

Other performers included Soul legend Beverley Knight and The X-Factor's Jonjo Kerr.

Catherine, who went to Campbeltown Grammar School, is the daughter of Alistair Glen and the late Patricia Glen and also has grannies Cathie Glen and Grace Ellis who stay in Campbeltown.

Cut in fuel duty should extend to remote mainland areas as well

THE news that fuel duty will be cut by five pence a litre at petrol stations on all Scottish islands from March next year has been welcomed by Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid who wants to see the same benefit extended to remote mainland spots like Kintyre.

He told *The Courier*: 'I have campaigned for this since I was first elected 10 years ago.'

'The Labour Government kept telling me that it couldn't be done, but the new coalition government has fulfilled this promise in less than two years. If this pilot scheme is a success, and I'm sure it will be, I will campaign for it to be extended to remote parts of the mainland.'

'This is great news for islanders, they will pay five pence a litre less in duty at island pumps.'

Disabled parking fees to increase

THE fee for new Blue Badges for disabled parking will be increased, it was agreed by Argyll and Bute Council's Executive.

This is as a result of significant changes, which will be made following the introduction of a new Scottish Government Scheme.

Transport Scotland is co-ordinating the introduction in Scotland of a new national Blue Badge Improvement Service (BBIS), un-

der which all councils in England, Scotland and Wales will have to source new fraud-proof badges via the BBIS and use a new single BBIS data sharing system.

The changes, agreed by the Scottish Government, will take effect from January 1, 2012.

They will significantly increase the administrative burden for the council as well as the cost per badge.

The council's Executive agreed to raise the

fee for new Blue Badges, and replacements, awarded after January 1, 2012 to the maximum permissible amount to reflect the additional workload and cost of badge production.

Councillor Andrew Nisbet, spokesman for social affairs, said: 'I very much regret having to bring in these increases. However, the increase will only take Argyll and Bute into line with the majority of other Scottish councils.'



Christmas at the Kilmartin Hotel

A FAMILIAR face will greet customers of Kilmartin Hotel this Christmas as the hotel comes under new management.

Richard Pate, former manager of the hotel, has taken over the lease of the popular Mid Argyll hotel and is looking forward to feeding local families in the run up to the festive season.

'This is quite an exciting time for me, Richard said. 'I feel there are many things we do well here, we are a tra-



Local man Richard Pate is ready and waiting to serve locals at Kilmartin Hotel.

ditional rural Scottish pub and that's not about to change.'

But building on the success of the hotel, renowned for its warm welcome, is key for Richard and his hospitality team.

'I want to develop the food menu as well as host events with music and bands,' Richard explained. 'I think we have a good reputation for delivering quality food, with good serv-

ice and we're going to keep that and build the business on that.'

Urging locals to get in touch via facebook, Richard said the hotel would post updates online and urged customers to get in touch with ideas and feedback on the hotel.

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THERE was just a glimmer of light left in the late afternoon sky as we drove along Loch Long. The loch was glass flat and the lights of Arrochar reflected across the water in absolute perfection. It was so still that the lights almost reached from one side of the loch to the other. The lights lit up the darkness and even highlighted the swirl of mist that settled on top of the Cobbler. Smoke rose vertically from the chimneys and drifted noiselessly into a starry sky. Soon we left the lights behind and drove into the darkening night.

The hills folded into the blackness and merged with the sky.

Suddenly the whole landscape was bathed in light and, glancing in the rear view mirror, I saw it.

The moon had risen over the hills and was brighter than any spotlight or beacon. It danced softly on the water and lit up sky and sea and land.

It was a wondrous sight and its light really did banish the darkness.

At this wintering time, we spend a lot of time in the dark as the days are shortening.

How lovely to see this moonlight embrace us and remind us that darkness is powerless when light appears.

Darkness is powerless when light appears.

We are an Advent people walking in the darkness waiting for the light.

We are an Advent people, pregnant with hope waiting for the Light of the World to come to us once again.

We are an Advent people expecting the rebirth of love.

We are an Advent people lingering in the night, but anticipating the dawn.

We are an Advent people waiting for the mid-wife of the world to come.

The labour pangs have started; so let's put aside the shopping, and the rushing and the grumbling.... and get ready for a birth.

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Down Memory Lane

Ian Duff of North Berwick sent us this photograph, of his late aunt Isobel Morrison, who died in September.

Ian wrote: 'It was found among her papers with no caption, and I've been unable to determine where it was taken.'

'Isobel was a nurse in hospitals home and abroad all her working life, and was at Campbeltown in the early sixties. From her apparent age in the photograph it seems to have been taken at about that time, so the location may be there. I wonder if any of your readers would be able to identify it from the dis-

tinctive townscape? The sun would suggest that the view is approximately eastward.

'After leaving Campbeltown, Isobel moved to Stracathro Hospital near Brechin for the rest of her career. I've established that none of the towns round there ever looked like that, so hope that the location is indeed somewhere in Campbeltown.'

The Campbeltown skyline has changed a little since this was taken, a few of the buildings are missing but the gas works is still there.

If you can help Ian please contact him on ianduff@yahoo.co.uk

Ring and Ride letters

Sir,
At the Argyll and Bute Council meeting of the November 24, the following question was submitted: 'Why has the administration taken the unprecedented and wholly unnecessary step of writing to every signatory of the petition provided to the Provost by concerned members

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of the Campbeltown Community at a cost of more than £100 in stationary and postage.'

As one of the three local councillors for South Kintyre I recently, at my own expense took the opportunity to write to all those who had

signed the petition relating to the future of the Ring and Ride service in Campbeltown.

I did so to reassure the local people who had signed the petition that I and the Administration are mindful of the needs of Campbeltown's most

vulnerable residents and will take as much time as is needed to make sure we fully consider the impact of any changes on them.

I am disappointed that others now choose to make mischief and query my intentions.

Previously in your letter columns an anonymous letter (Courier October 28) claimed that I 'chose not to support the cause' of the Ring and



From our facebook

THE Courier was out and about and took this photograph of a rainbow over the sea and shore near Bellochinty on Sunday when on the way to Glenbarr. It was one of those days when weather changed every five minutes.

As well as scoring loads of likes, here what our facebook friends had to say:

Jean Hacker: Brings back memories when we were stationed in Machrihanish...love the scenery and weather wild and wonderful!

Simon Holland: Lovely - if you don't like the weather wait five mins.

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Ride. That was simply not true and was apparently based on my non-attendance at a public meeting.

Far from my not supporting the people affected by the withdrawal of the service, the opposite was true.

Because of the concerns which constituents raised with me I had arranged a meeting with the Leader of the Council and senior council officers and, as a direct result of my actions, the Ring and Ride service DID NOT stop.

For the avoidance of doubt should anyone with genuine concerns wish to query my actions all they have to do is ask.

Yours sincerely
Councillor Rory Colville, South Kintyre

Friends of the Beatson

Sir,
I am writing to thank Jean Kirk and her daughter Morven of Campbeltown who held a coffee morning in the Red Cross Hall in Kirk Street on Saturday November 19 and raised £892 for Friends of the Beatson.

Friends of the Beatson is a small charity which provides practical comfort for patients of The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre.

Friends of the Beatson relies heavily on support from a variety of sources ranging from some of the larger businesses in the West of Scotland to numerous individual supporters and we are extremely grateful for the support of Jean Kirk and the generous people of the Campbeltown area in progressing our work.

Gordon W Thomson
Director
Friends of the Beatson

Empty flagpole

Sir,
For many months now our flagpole has been empty at the head of the Old Quay, Campbeltown. I'd like to know why and who decided not to have our Scottish flag flying as Lochgilphead does especially on this St Andrew's Day.

A McKinnon,
Cnocbaan,
Kirk Street,
Campbeltown

Campbeltown Sheriff Court: Eight months jail for baseball bat assault

A 21-YEAR-old man was sentenced to eight months in jail for striking a man across the head with a baseball bat with such force in the single blow that the bat split in two.

'I would be failing in my duty if I did not impose a custodial sentence in this case,' Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Arunas Karvaitis, of 1 A Harvey's Lane,

Burnside Street, Campbeltown, as she sent him down.

Admitted

Karvaitis, a Lithuanian national, had previously admitted assaulting and severely injuring the man outside licensed premises on Shore Street, Campbeltown, on April 4 this year.

It was a completely unprovoked attack; Karvaitis mistook his

victim for a man who had been involved in an altercation with him and a friend earlier that evening.

As Karvaitis sat in the dock he was handed the book of police photographs showing the damage he inflicted on his victim. The court had heard a doctor's report which said the blow was one of 'tremendous force' which

needed both internal and external stitches and a pressure bandage; had the blow not landed on one of the thickest parts of the man's skull the consequences would have been even more serious.

Karvaitis worked as a fisherman, sending money home to his wife and three-year-old child in Lithuania.

£300 fine for assault on pub employee

IT was the pub's fault I assaulted an employee, not mine, a man told Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Stephen Blackstock, aged 39, of 24E Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to assaulting an employee of a town centre bar on September 16; he pushed the man and butted him on the head.

Blackstock admitted he was drunk at the time. 'There should have been a doorman there at 11pm and I wouldn't have been allowed in the premises,' he said.

'So you are saying it's their fault?' asked Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC.

'You have got a bit of a record Mr Blackstock and you are getting older,' said the sheriff as she handed down a £300 fine.

Man ordered to pay cost of repairing a broken window

A MAN was ordered to pay the cost of repairing a window along with a £100 fine, when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday.

Andrew Grogan, aged 42, of 69 The Roading, Campbeltown, had previously admitted throwing an ornament through a glass door to the danger of the occupants, and breaching the peace, shouting and swearing and attempting to enter a house uninvited; repeatedly striking the windows and placing the occupants in a state of fear and alarm on July 9 at a house on Dell Road in Campbeltown.

The repair bill came to £232; the court was told the original hearing that Grogan 'deeply regretted his actions'.



Maintenance event in Campbeltown

A MAINTENANCE event, organised by Campbeltown THI, gave local people the chance to discuss their buildings.

Questions

Officers from Argyll and Bute Council and Historic Scotland were on hand at Campbeltown's town hall last Friday to answer questions and give advice.

The event was organised to highlight

the importance of regular maintenance of buildings as part of National Maintenance Week from November 18 to 25.

Left to right: Moses Jenkins from Historic Scotland, James Lafferty of Campbeltown THI, Glenn Millar, Kim McKay of Argyll and Bute Council's planning department, Bill Halliday from housing services and Alex Johnson from building standards. 21_e47thi01

Chance to win a Christmas hamper

A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE questionnaire drop off in the Millknowe and Dalintober area of Campbeltown is taking place this week.

The town hall development project in partnership with Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association has organised the deliv-

ery, and Members of the association will collect the completed survey from your doorstep on Sunday December 4 between 2pm and 6pm.

Doorstep

If you are not at home, please leave your survey on your doorstep.

You can also drop it through the letterbox at

Broom Cottage, Saddell Street, Campbeltown.

For copies in large print contact the town hall development project on 01586 552870 or email claudia@albrecht@skdt.org.

The questionnaire can also be completed online at www.campbeltowntownhall.org

or www.surveymonkey.com.

Complete the community consultation questionnaire and return by December 9 for your chance to win a luxury Christmas hamper.

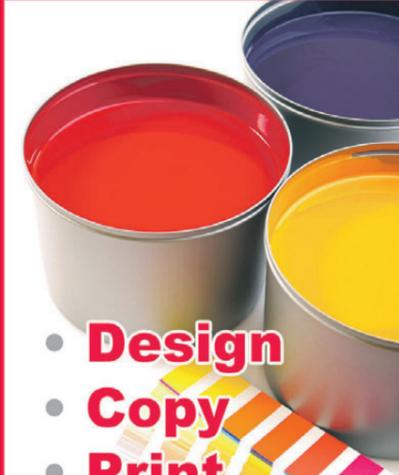
The project is funded by LEADER Argyll and the Islands and Investing in Ideas.

Bank hours extended

THE opening hours at the Royal Bank of Scotland branch in Campbeltown are to be extended and simplified.

The bank will be open an extra six hours per week.

Opening hours as follows: Monday 9am-5pm, Tuesday 9am-5pm, Wednesday 9.30am-5pm, Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am-12.30pm.





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Some of the parents and children who attend the group.



Charl Lavery, Emily Gillies and Skye Lavery.

Sharing scheme set up by church group

by **RUTH McCLEAN**
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A NEW scheme to help parents share unwanted items has been set up as part of the Campbeltown Community Church Baby and Toddler Group.

The group, run by volunteers from the community church, was set up in August and has more than 25 children of pre-school age attending each week.

The 'Bring Share Give' initiative allows parents to share their unwanted items, mainly clothes, with others in the group,

with any surplus donated to charity.

'We all know how quickly children grow out of things and with this scheme, it provides a dropping off point where parents can bring in unwanted items, share with other parents and any surplus we will donate to local charities,' said Emily Walker, who together with Anne Norrie, Andrea Holden and Hazel McLean are the organisers of the group.

Campbeltown Community Church is an in-

dependent church which started in June this year and meets in the Guide Hall.

So far the group has provided spare clothing to a local nursery and bags of clothes and toys to a charity shop.

Thursday morning

The group meets every Thursday morning in the Guide Hall on Kinloch Road.

The organisers thanked the public for their generosity in donating items, and supporting the group week-by-week helping to cut down on waste by recycling these items.

The group aims to provide a fun and safe environment where children can play and enjoy a variety of activities, which include: story time, snack time, simple arts and crafts and of course free play. It also offers a place where parents, grandparents and carers can meet up, enjoy a cup of coffee, meet new friends and find support.

If you wish to find out more about the group, please visit their page on the Church's website at www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk.

Talk on fishermen's jumpers at the SWRI

CAMPBELTOWN SWRI members held its third meeting of the session in November at the town's Community Centre.

Helen Watson, president, introduced Jeanette Brodie, who gave an excellent talk and showed a film about fishermen's jumpers; she also passed around lovely jumpers knitted by members of the town's fishermen's jumpers knitting group.

Jeannette's dream was that she wanted to knit and preserve this piece of the

town's heritage and she has now managed to achieve this.

Jenny Graham gave the vote of thanks.

Competition results

Knitted phone cover: Christine Duncan, gold; Margaret McKendrick, silver; Joan Grady, Agnes Nicol, Ailsa Scott and Jane Millar, red.

Bookmark: Christine Duncan, gold; Margaret McKendrick, silver; Jane Millar, Ailsa Scott, Renee Shaw and Ella Young, red.

Christmas lunches at church hall

CHRISTMAS lunches are being held in Kirk Street Hall next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

From noon to 2pm the Highland Parish Church has organised the lunches with a baking stall on Saturday only.

Community Noticeboard

ROTARY CHRISTMAS POSTAL SERVICE

(Formerly Scout Post)

Posting boxes in shops until Saturday December 17th

Caravan on Main Street, Campbeltown
Saturday December 10th
Saturday December 17th.

Delivery December 18th onwards

Kintyre north to Tayinloan and Carradale

60p for 3 cards
Parcels - £1.50

KINTYRE MUSIC CLUB CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Lorne & Lowland Church Hall
Campbeltown
Tuesday 6th December
2011. 7.30 p.m.
All welcome
Admission £5.00

COFFEE MORNING & Usual Stalls
Templars Hall
Sat. 3rd December
10am - 12pm
In aid of Tarbert After School Care.

Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society

'Baligrundle: The Life, Death and Rebirth of an Island Township'
an illustrated talk by Robert Hay
Wednesday 7 December
2011 at 7.30 p.m.
in Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown
All welcome
(Non-members £2.50p at door)

Rotary Club of Mid Argyll ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT

Saturday December 3rd at 7.30pm
in Lochgilphead Parish Church
The Carol Concert will take place after the Christmas Lights switch on.
Everyone welcome
There will be a collection in aid of Water Aid.

Highland Parish Church Christmas Lunches

Thur 8th, Fri 9th & Sat 10th December
In Kirk Street Hall, Campbeltown
Lunches from 12pm - 2pm
Adults £3, Children £2
Baking Stall Saturday only.

RENT A STALL

Ardishaig Public Hall
Sunday 4th December
1 - 3pm
Do your Christmas shopping here
Great bargains
Please confirm your stall by Friday night.

EXHIBITION OF FABRIC COLLAGE

by **Julia Love Griffiths**
Fri. 2nd - Thurs. 22nd December 2011
The Dochas Centre, Lochgilphead
30% of sales & all donations to be given to the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association
Weekdays 10am - 4pm & Saturdays 10am - 2pm

Sunday, 4th December - 7pm
The Salvation Army presents
An evening of traditional Christmas carol singing
Campbeltown Christmas Carol Service
Lorne and Lowland Church
Featuring local school choirs, Campbeltown Brass and participation by a cross section of the community (Offering will be uplifted to aid in the community services fund of The Salvation Army).

NHASMA

Friday 9th December 2011
Effects of the 23rd May storms in our forests and woodlands
TBA Forestry Commission
All meetings, unless otherwise stated are at the Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and commence at 7.30pm
Attendance free to members, visitors £1 per head
Any queries to membership Secretary Phil Holt on 01546 810205 or e-mail glasvaar@btinternet.com

British Red Cross
Christmas Coffee Morning
Saturday 3rd
December 2011
10am - 12noon
Red Cross Centre,
Union Street,
Lochgilphead

Christ Church Night Market
6.30 - 8.30pm
Friday 9th December
2011
Bishopton House,
Lochgilphead
Entry £3

Glenbarr Abbey
Charitable Trust
CHRISTMAS OPEN DAYS
Sunday 4th & 11th December
12.30pm to 4pm
Gus MacAlister Band
Mairi Semple Cancer Fund
Soups, teas, home-baking
Christmas Gift Shop
Visit from Santa
Mrs MacAlister 01583 421247

Christmas Craft Fair
Kilmartin House Museum
Saturday 3rd and Sunday
4th December
11am to 4pm
Local crafts
Children's activities
Lunches and refreshments
www.kilmartin.org for details

Ardishaig Craft Club
Annual sale of crafts and coffee morning
At North Church hall,
Ardishaig
Saturday 3rd December 2011
10am - 12noon
Admission £2 Children £1.50
All proceeds to chosen charities



Kerry McAllister, Eilidh MacAlister, Nicole Anderson, Ruth Semple, Louise Mitchell and Laura Russell set off at 6am to do a sponsored walk from Southend to the school.

Grammar school holds Charities Day

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar School held its second annual Charities Day, raising more than £3,000 for a variety of good causes, with money still coming in.

The total will be split between the four house charities, chosen by the students of each house: Help for Heroes, Red Cross, Children's Hospice Association Scotland and Macmillan Nurses.

The entire school was involved in the fundrais-

ing efforts, with each registration class from S1 to S6 coming up with their own ideas for the day.

Activities ranged from the athletic, including 'Beat the Goalie' and a demanding obstacle course, to the sedentary, incorporating a variety of games consoles, to the unclassifiable, epitomised by 'Thomas the Tank Engine's Train Stop Roulette'.

Particularly popular was the Powerhooping

workshop ran by Mrs McGeachy, the school's Principal Teacher of Business Studies. Lindsey Campbell and Jennifer Kelly took part in a sponsored Powerhoop marathon, lasting four hours and contributing more than £400 towards the day's total.

The day was rounded off with an extravaganza showcasing the talents of the students, including some exceptional dancers and vocal acts.

Not to be outdone,

some sixth year boys chose to have their legs and chests waxed, and to undergo glamorous makeovers. - all for a good cause. A group of sixth year girls embarked on a walk from Southend to the school.

They left at 6am and arriving 2 hours and 45 minutes later, they raised more than £1,400 so far.

Well done everyone great effort!

School Captains Alexander Palmer and Ruth Semple

Kintyre Music Club's Christmas concert

NEXT week the Kintyre Music Club's Christmas Concert takes place which is always a special night in the club's programme.

Mixture

The form for the concert on Tuesday December 6 draws people back year after year and is a mixture of young performers, Christmas songs and Christmas music.

This is accompanied by hot mince pies and community carol singing and creates a warm atmosphere of delight and excitement with everyone joining in a very real feeling of Christmas.

The singing will again be led by Castlehill School Choir.

There will be wind and brass music from members of Kintyre Schools

Concert Band and Brass Band, a recorder trio by Joanna, Isaac and Gaia from Clachan and a prize winners duet by Erin McSporrán and Fraser Cosgrove plus many more musical treats.

Family

This is one of those evenings of joy that the whole family can join in and enjoy from 7.30pm at Lorne and Lowland Church.

Glenbarr Primary bring and buy

THE first of the bring and buy sales organised at Glenbarr Primary took place on Sunday.

A total of £130 was raised between Rhunahaorine and Glenbarr at the sale of children's clothing and toys.

There are still some beautiful bundles of baby clothes which can be

bought at the Wee Ones and Rascals Toddler Group, every Friday between 2pm and 3.30pm or by calling Hannah on 01583 421138.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who supported the sale, with more in the future planned.



Hannah Jones and Alison Younger. 21_c48glen01



Katie Younger. 21_c48glen02

Exhibition of S6 Art advanced higher work so far
Tuesday 6th December 2011 5 - 7pm
Lochgilhead Joint Campus
Refreshments will be served
All welcome

The friends of Craae present a Carol Concert
The Corran Singers
Furnace Village Hall
Thursday 8th December 7.30pm
Seasonal punch and mince pies; raffle
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Children free if accompanied by an adult

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Saturday 3 December for 5 days at 8pm (Not Monday)

Tower Heist (12A)

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Please note children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or over

First Monday Presentation Sponsored by West Coast Motors
Monday 5 December for 1 day only at 8pm

The Help (12A)

Change begins with a whisper. Emma Stone, Bryce Dallas Howard and Sissy Spacek
Please note children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or over

Coming Next

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Synopsis: Tower Heist Josh Kovacs has managed one of the most luxurious and well-secured residences in New York City for more than a decade. In the swankiest unit atop Josh's building, Wall Street titan Arthur Shaw is under house arrest after being caught stealing two billion from his investors. The hardest hit among those he defrauded? The tower staffers whose pensions he was entrusted to manage.
Synopsis: The Help Based on one of the most talked about books in years and a #1 New York Times best-selling phenomenon, "The Help" stars Emma Stone ("Easy A") as Skeeter, Academy Award®-nominated Viola Davis ("Doubt") as Aibileen and Octavia Spencer as Minny—three very different, extraordinary women in Mississippi during the 1960s, who build an unlikely friendship around a secret writing project that breaks societal rules and puts them all at risk. From their improbable alliance a remarkable sisterhood emerges, instilling all of them with the courage to transcend the lines that define them, and the realization that sometimes those lines are made to be crossed—even if it means bringing everyone in town face-to-face with the changing times.

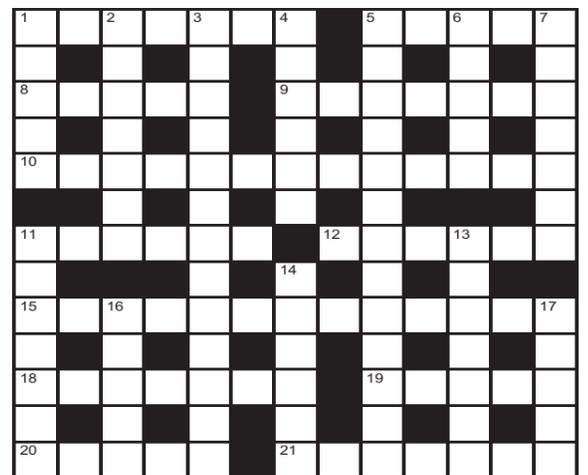
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Charge (7)
- 5 Text of Islam (5)
- 8 Become a member (5)
- 9 Covering (7)
- 10 One who works for the general masse (6,7)
- 11 Light coloured hair (6)
- 12 Dismal (6)
- 15 Luminous electrically charged globe (6)
- 18 Four square (7)
- 19 Kingdom (5)
- 20 Assignment (5)
- 21 Record (3-4)

Down

- 1 Depleted (3,2)
- 2 Buffalo (7)
- 3 For one's own satisfaction (4-9)
- 4 Crop stripper (6)
- 5 Four sided (13)
- 6 Cool Indian condiment (5)
- 7 Occurring at the end of every day (7)
- 11 Young one was looked after (7)
- 13 Paper fun (7)
- 14 Land on Lake Victoria (6)
- 16 Carelessly (5)
- 17 Final putt (5)



Last week's solution



Drive SAFE this winter



DRIVING IN WINTER

Whenever possible avoid driving on snow or ice. However, if you really must make the journey

- tell someone where you are going and when you hope to arrive
- listen to news and weather broadcasts
- reduce your speed
- increase the gap between you and the vehicle in front
- Use dipped headlights when visibility is reduced
- avoid harsh braking and acceleration
- keep your vehicle well ventilated to avoid feeling drowsy
- if caught in a snowdrift remain in vehicle unless shelter is nearby - let help come to you. Do not run your engine to keep warm unless you are sure the exhaust can vent.

PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE

- have a full service before winter starts - have anti-freeze tested
- check tyres regularly - tread condition & inflation pressures
- check lights regularly - must be working and clean, consider fitting fog lights
- windscreen - keep clean and washer bottle filled with screenwash

Always carry emergency equipment during the winter months.

In the Boot: Tow rope, spare bulbs, spare fuel, shovel, spare wheel, jack & tools, hazard warning triangle

In the Car: de-icing can, first aid kit, torch, car blanket, wellington boots, phone, hi-vis jacket

SNOW CLEARING

During the winter period Argyll and Bute Council will endeavour to keep our roads and footways free of snow and ice. Trained operatives and managers from Development and Infrastructure Services will be on standby from the beginning of November until the middle of April.

This workforce can be backed up by an additional eighty operatives with further resources capable of being called upon when necessary. There are over 17,000 tonnes of rock salt, an increase of 70% over previous years, held in stores located around Argyll and Bute together with thirty three gritting and ploughing vehicles. Senior employees monitor weather reports which are regularly updated by the Weather Service Provider, Meteogroup UK and any relevant information on road and weather conditions is passed to Strathclyde Police and Traffic Scotland control rooms.

On Priority 1 routes gritting operations will normally be carried between 6am and 10pm but additional treatments will be made during the overnight period as required.

Priority 2 routes will also be treated between 6am and 5pm with additional reactive treatments as required until 10pm but overnight treatments will only be made when conditions are extreme.

Priority 3 School or Service Bus routes will be treated similar to Priority 2 but only in advance of scheduled journey days and times.

Priority 4 routes will normally only be treated during normal working hours as resources become available from other routes and only when hazards persist.

DRIVING IN WINTER ALWAYS INVOLVES THE RISK OF AN ICY ROAD SURFACE - EVEN AFTER GRITTING OR SNOW PLOUGHING YOU MUST TAKE GREAT CARE AT ALL TIMES - DRIVE SENSIBLY



ENSURE ALL ICE IS CLEARED FROM ALL GLASS BEFORE DRIVING, YOU WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE IF YOU DON'T.

Drive Safe is a Community Planning Partnership initiative

The coming of winter always brings bad news for motorists in Argyll and the west Highlands with traditionally some of the worst driving conditions experienced anywhere in the UK. It can hit us first and leave us last, meaning month after month of mounting misery on the roads with unpredictable traffic delays and unforeseen dangers lurking around every corner. Argyll and Bute Council's road safety department have offered seasonal advice on staying safe behind the wheel and how to be properly prepared for whatever hazards the winter ahead might have in store.

Driving in Fog

Fog is the most dangerous of all winter weather conditions for motorists – especially freezing fog which can make the road surface wet and slippery. Drive very slowly with dipped headlights. Use front and rear fog lamps if visibility is seriously impaired – generally when you cannot see for more than 100 metres (328 feet) – remembering to turn them off if visibility improves. Don't rely on the rear lights of the vehicle in front to lead the way. This can cause you to travel too close and not be able to stop in time if the vehicle in front brakes. Fog can be patchy, so don't speed up if it appears to clear as you could suddenly find yourself back in the thick of it!

Low winter sun

The angle of the sun during winter is often too low for your visor to be of any help. If you are temporarily blinded by glare, it would be advisable to put on a pair of polarised sunglasses. Make sure you keep your windscreen clean both

inside and out, to reduce the effects of glare.

Rain and flooding

Rain and spray from other vehicles can make it difficult to see and be seen so slow down and always drive with dipped headlights. If steering becomes unresponsive, this could be because water is preventing the tyres gripping the road. Ease off the accelerator and slow down gradually. Never attempt to drive through floodwater if you are unsure how deep it is, and don't drive through any kind of floodwater if a vehicle is coming the other way. Keep towards the middle of the road to avoid deeper water at the side of the road. Always test your brakes after driving through a flooded area as soon as you can be sure it is safe to do so by checking the traffic behind in your rear view mirrors.

TOP TIP

Keep well topped up on fuel during the winter months as you never know when you might get caught up in a traffic jam or unexpected weather conditions that could leave you stranded

PEUGEOT WINTER CHECKS

Bring in any make of car for a winter check for just £19.99.

Stay safe this Christmas and Don't Drink and Drive.

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Watch out for gritters and snowploughs



Take extra care when traveling behind winter maintenance vehicles.

Salting vehicles can travel at speeds up to 40mph, spraying salt and grit across the road. This can be a hazardous operation and remember ... it takes time for the road salt to take effect!

Watch out for the hazard of irregular amounts of snow thrown up by snowploughs. Avoid the temptation to overtake snowploughs by squeezing past into partially cleared lanes

Argyll and Bute Council have reserves of over 17,000 tonnes of rock salt, a 70 % increase on previous years, held in stores strategically located around Argyll and Bute together with thirty three gritting and ploughing vehicles.

High winds

Take extra care when driving over bridges or open stretches of road exposed to strong winds. Keep your distance from motorcycles and make sure there is always sufficient space for you to pass high sided vehicles as they could suddenly swerve or even topple over – better to be late than never arrive at all!

Winter driving in snow and ice

The first thing to do is ask yourself ... is this journey really necessary? Make sure you fully understand the hazards and risks of possible weather conditions you might meet along the way – especially ice, snow and fog – before you venture out. The Highway Code is a great source for valuable information on this and other key winter driving issues. To view online, go to www.direct.gov.uk then type 'winter driving' in the search box provided. Check the weather forecast for your intended route online (e.g. www.trafficscotland.org) together with broadcast weather updates and travel information on local and national radio.

Plan your journey so you can stick to major roads as these routes are more likely to have been treated for snow and ice. Allow extra time for your journey, and tell someone about your route and estimated time of arrival. Give your car time to fully defrost before your set off, and make sure the heater is blowing hot air to help keep the windscreen clear.

Take warm clothing, boots, a high visibility jacket, a torch and a map to help identify your location if you get into trouble unless, of course, you have a satellite navigation system in your car or a GPS facility on your mobile. Make sure your mobile phone is fully charged in case you have to call for help.

Always carry a scraper and a plentiful supply of de-icer. In snowy conditions, stash a shovel and a tow-rope in the boot. You should also consider taking a thermos flask with a hot drink or soup to warm you up if you find yourself stranded.

TOP TIP
Never use water to defrost your windscreen. Warm water can crack the glass and damage the rubber wipers, whereas cold water will quickly freeze over again

Cameron Auto Repairs

FINLAY Cameron is Loch Fyne born and bred and he has returned to the Royal Burgh and started up a new business.

A qualified specialist in his field, he has opened Cameron Auto Repairs at Upper Riochan, Inveraray, for all types of bodywork and paint spraying on cars, vans, and plant and commercial vehicles of all sizes.

A former pupil of Dunoon Grammar School, Finlay trained in Oban before going to work with Volvo and in their factories in both Holland and Sweden as a panel beater and paint sprayer. He then returned to work at a company in Oban before setting up his own business.

He has installed a state-of-the-art spray booth and oven at the premises.

The present economic outlook has not deterred him; far from it.

Business is good for bodywork repairers who are not tied to massive insurance company contracts.

'Customers who are now facing high insurance premiums and insurance excesses are thinking twice about claiming on their insurance; it now makes sound financial sense for motorists and plant companies to deal directly with specialists like myself,' said Finlay.

Finlay and partner Kirstie have two children and many people will know his mother Greta who was manager at the Loch Fyne Oyster restaurant.



Finlay Cameron in his new premises at Upper Riochan.

TOP TIP
If you get stuck in a snowdrift, try to manoeuvre yourself out by moving slowly backwards and forwards using the highest gear you can.

Don't drink and drive

ALCOHOL in the blood stream depresses the nervous system and as a result it slows down the body's reflexes. The more alcohol consumed, the more the depressant effect. This, however, is not the whole picture. Alcohol also affects a number of other abilities.

Firstly, it affects judgement, making a person's ability to judge speed, distance and angle, very distorted. This can be lethal in heavy or fast traffic where you must judge the speed and possible manoeuvres of other road users.

Secondly, there is its effect on co-ordination. It seriously impairs the actions of hands, arms, legs and eyes. Under the influence of alcohol, simply controlling the car accurately can become very difficult. Unfortunately, it also impairs the ability to realise these shortcomings so someone under the influence is never aware of their danger.

There is nothing you can consume that will alleviate the effect of alcohol until the body has processed it, so this Christmas, be sensible. Don't drink and drive!



Look after your car and it will look after you

Before winter bites, have your car professionally serviced so it can be checked for such things as antifreeze, tyre pressures and tread depth which should be at least 3mm for winter driving compared to the minimum legal limit of 1.6mm.

Have your battery tested to make sure it won't let you down with all the extra hard work it has to do during the winter months.

Keep checking that your wipers and lights are in perfect working order, and that your washer reservoir is fully topped up with the right concentration of screenwash additive. Squirt WD40 into your door locks to prevent them from freezing

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ISLAY

Islay girls dance at the Berlin Tattoo

THREE girls from the Ella Edgar Dance School on Islay were selected to join a group of 25 dancers performing at the Berlin Tattoo earlier this month.

Katie McNiven, Mairi McGillivray and Stacey Baker from the island took part in the event under the group name of The Ailsa Craig Dancers under the direction of Aileen Robertson from Ayr.

The girls were delighted to have been selected to be part of the group representing Scotland at such a magnificent event and had a fantastic experience performing in a stadium as large as the O2 stadium in London.

At 13 and 14 -years-old they were the youngest dancers in the group.

The dancers were given a tour of Berlin by the Tattoo organisers. The highlight was meeting a man from Jura who was one of the pipers. He was very pleased they knew where Jura was, because where he lives, nobody had ever heard of it.

The girls are particularly grateful to The

Schroder Foundation for generosity in assisting with expenses from Islay to Glasgow and two nights' accommodation for themselves and Ella.

Agricultural shelter

LAND near to Sanaigmore Farmhouse, Islay, has been approved retrospective planning permission for the erection of agricultural shelter.

The two applications are for land north east of the farmhouse and Gruinart, and land south east of it.

Lifeboat bids farewell

MEMBERS of the Islay Lifeboat crew, along with management committee representatives and friends, met at a curry night in the Ballygrant Inn to bid goodbye to Roger Eaton who has been a member of the *Helmut B Schroder II* crew for more than a decade.

Roger, who owned and operated Islay Marine Charters, first joined the crew in 2000 and has acted as deputy second coxswain for the past seven years.

He is now moving to the Oban area where he

SOUTHEND



Back row: Melissa Chambers, Caitlin Russell, front: Alba McGowan, Craig Barbour and Heather Millar.

Fun day for Children in Need

ALL the children at Southend Primary School took part in a fun filled day in aid of Children in Need last Thursday.

The older pupils devised activities and ran stalls for the young ones.

Aaron Chambers in P7 let people throw wet sponges at him for an hour. He then got a proper soaking when the bucket was tipped over his head!

People donated cakes and goodies to be sold and Mrs Ronald got a makeover at the crazy hair salon. A total of £83 was raised and Mrs Ronald wants to thank all the boys and girls for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the day.



Primary 7 Aaron Chambers gets soaked.

will continue with his marine interests.

His departure was marked with the presentation of a signed photograph of the island lifeboat along with other parting gifts, carried out by coxswain David MacLellan and David MacArthur, the lifeboat's resident mechanic.

Poppy Scotland Appeal

THE generous folk from the Bowmore district on Islay dug deep into their pockets and donated £576.16 to the 2011 PoppyScotland Appeal.

Local co-ordinator David Barr Jnr commended all who had given so generously to the cause.

Planning approval

A PLANNING application to change to use of a former Scottish Water pumphouse at Portnahaven has been approved permission.

The application was to change the house to a hut or bothy with the retrospective installation of a flue.

LARGIESIDE

SWRI hold November meeting

THE November meeting of Largieside WRI took place in Tayinloan Village Hall on Thursday, November 17.

The President, Helen Steel, advised the members that the Treasurer, Margaret Semple, had resigned and that Ann Clark had agreed to take over the post.

Helen thanked Margaret for her many years service to the Institute and presented her with a bouquet. Margaret thanked everyone for their support and was looking forward to many more years as a rural member.

The speaker for the evening was Anne Morran who gave a fascinating story of her life as a health visitor working for the Minis-

try of Defence.

Originally from Campbeltown she qualified as a nurse and, after training as a health visitor, joined the Ministry of Defence to work with families of servicemen stationed overseas.

Her job took her to such places as Germany, Hong Kong, Holland (working in a multi national community) and then to Gibraltar.

She then went to Cyprus and back to Berlin and Dusseldorf.

Ann finished back where she had started, in Campbeltown, where she now works as a volunteer for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association - Forces Help.

This is a charity which gives assistance in many forms to ex-servicemen and women including those serving in the TA.

What a wonderful life she has had, with lots of hard work, but with many interesting and amusing tales to tell. The vote of thanks was given by Jessie Main and the hostesses for the evening were Helen Steel and Enid Williams.

Members from Whitehouse and Clachan Institutes had been invited to join Largieside for the evening and Pam Caley from Whitehouse thanked Largieside on behalf of the visitors.

The competitions were: Mince meat: Linda Hutchinson 5, Ann Clark 4 and Helen Steel 3. A Poem: Patricia Johnstone 5, Linda Hutchinson 4, Denise McKeown and Adrienne Bradley 3.

GIGHA

Community garden up and running

A COMMUNITY garden is now up and running on Gigha.

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust's Remi Wasserman initiated the project, and with the help of a local farmer and the Trust's employees Jim and Raymond a field has been transformed.

The area, which was full of weeds and rushes, allows the islanders to grow fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers and herbs

Argyll and the Isles LEADER, the Scottish Government and the European Agricultural Fund have funded it.

Several events have already taken place at the garden.

These included an open day, which saw islanders coming together to complete work on a shed and polytunnel.

A 'preparing your plot' workshop outlined how to best deal with weeds, site planning and crop rotation.

The Gigha Hotel played host to a very popular seed swap event, where a wide variety of vegetable and flower seeds were available. All events were open to the public.

There are still a small number of plots available, and there is room for more. Children are being encouraged to get involved and a children's area is to be created to entertain and educate both local and visiting children alike. Initial thoughts include a pond and wildlife area and willow house.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust is kindly supplying a variety of apple, pear, plum, cherry and damson trees,

enabling an orchard to be created.

The Community Garden members are looking forward to future events and a successful growing season.

CARRADALE

Concert

CARRADALE Primary School will hold its Christmas Concert on Tuesday December 13 at 7pm.

Pupils are currently rehearsing their lines and songs for their plays as well as learning Christmas songs on the recorder and bells.

Lunch

MEMBERS of the community are being invited to join staff and children at the primary school for a Christmas Lunch.

It is taking place on December 15 and can be booked by phoning the school.

Craft fair

A CHRISTMAS craft fair will be held in the school on December 17.

Members of Kintyre Crafters Group will be joining the school for the occasion.

Tables can be hired for the event and can be booked by phoning the school; the event takes place from 2pm to 4pm.

Party

EXCITEMENT is building at Carradale Primary as the pupils get set for their Christmas party on December 20.

Santa will be making an appearance at the party.

The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday December 21 at 2.30pm.

JURA

Passenger ferry

ARGYLL and Bute Council has called on the Scottish Government to honour a pledge made earlier in the year regarding the Jura Passenger Ferry.

Spokesman for rural and island affairs, housing and Gaelic, Councillor Robin Currie, referred to a meeting held in the council offices in Lochgilphead on May 23 this year.

Amongst those present were the council leader

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and depute leader, members of the council's SNP and Argyll First groups, Michael Russell MSP and Mike Mackenzie MSP.

'At that meeting, there was a very strong message given from the MSPs that if the council funded the operation of the Jura Passenger Ferry in 2011, the Scottish Government would help with the funding in future years,' Councillor Currie said.

'This is a vital service, which is a lifeline to the Jura community. The council kept its side of the bargain and identified money to ensure that the ferry could continue to operate in summer 2011 - despite the fact that all those involved acknowledge that funding this service is not a matter for the council.

'I now call on the Scottish Government to honour its original pledge to allow marketing to take place now for the summer 2012 service and beyond.'

The seasonal Jura Passenger Ferry runs between Tayvallich on the mainland and Craighouse on Jura.

GLENBARR

Red Cross shop talk

PRESIDENT Elaine Hemmings welcomed members to Glenbarr Hall on November 19.

Business matters were discussed and Sheena Howarth from the Red Cross Shop was introduced.

Sheena explained how the shop had grown from very small beginnings and told of life behind the counter.

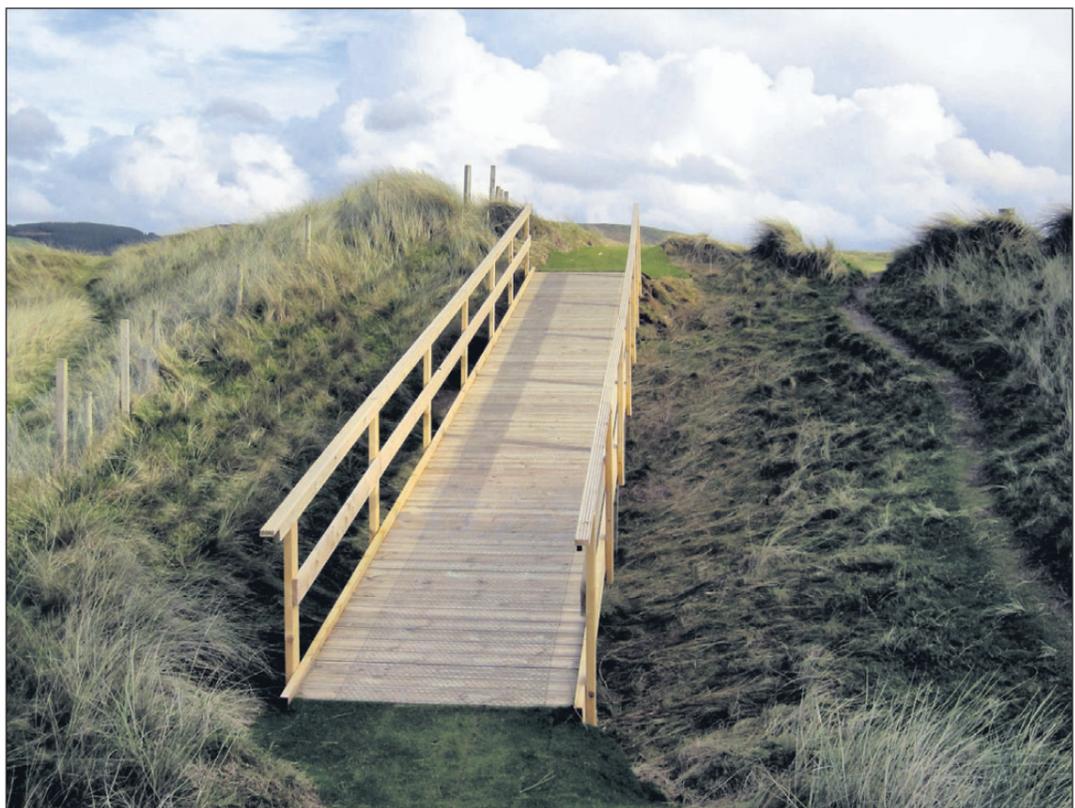
When clothing is received each item has to be examined, steamed, sometimes sewn and priced before being displayed for sale. This is a big task for the staff and helpers and many volunteers are needed.

The amount of money raised weekly from the sale of clothing and bric a brac is simply amazing.

Christmas cards and a variety of clothes were on sale. The speaker ably answered many questions.

Barbara Young proposed a vote of thanks and congratulated Sheena on her first presentation and for the shop window

SOUND OF KINTYRE



Work done to improve core path at Sound of Kintyre beach

IMPROVEMENTS have been made to the core path to the beach at the Sound of Kintyre.

The last 100 metres of the path through to the sand dunes was very undulated and difficult for people to walk on, especially those with limited mobility.

This community partnership involved several agencies.

In May 2011 the West Kintyre Community Council Windfarm Trust kindly approved a grant of £1,340 for materials.

Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club kindly provided

the labour for free to build the wooden walkway and viewing platform and Scottish Natural Heritage offered expert advice because this is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Manufactured

The Employability Team have manufactured a bench that will be fitted to the viewing platform when weather permits.

Residents at the Sound of Kintyre are very pleased with the excellent result and on clear days there are wonderful views towards The Mull, the Antrim Coast, Islay and Gigha.

displays. Tea was served and the raffle drawn.

Competition results as judged by Sheena:

Baking, three Whoopie Oakes: gold Elizabeth Young, silver Susan Turner, red Libby Kerr; Preserves, Gooseberry jelly: silver Coleen McCallum; Craft, wedding ring cushion: gold Tricia Fair, silver Elaine Hemmings and Libby Kerr.

Fun competition: gold Nettie Semple, silver Janet Hamilton and Elaine Hemmings, red Cynthia Butter and Margaret McKinnon, blue Mary Barbour, Lois Fell, Pam Francis, Jean Miller, Coleen McCallum, Susan Turner and Elizabeth Young.

SOUTHEND

SWRI hold November meeting

THE November meeting of Southend SWRI was held in St Blaas's Hall in the village.

The theme for the

evening was Travels in Antarctica, and Elizabeth Semple, president, welcomed Michael Taylor and a good number of members together with a few visitors; three being local men interested in coming along for the night.

Mr Taylor gave a most interesting and well-illustrated talk about his trip with his brother James in February and March 2010 aboard a Russian icebreaker ship to Antarctica.

His photography was a great pleasure with many spectacular and stunning scenes of icebergs, water and views across the ice, together with the many species of wildlife, birds, whales, reindeers seals and of course the many penguins with their funny characteristics.

Josephine Milligan proposed the vote of thanks to Mr Taylor, who also operates Sea Tours, for a wonderful evening of his photographs and invited him, along with everyone to enjoy refreshments.

Elizabeth Semple then made a couple of SWRI

announcements; the 'Rural Olympics' will be held again in Oban in February 2012 where teams for four members can take part.

And she announced that the December 5 meeting would be the Christmas Party at Muneroy Tea-rooms.

Competition results Baking, coffee buns: Janet Ferguson and Marion Warnock, gold; Margaret McDowell, silver; Jean Ives and Margaret Penman, red.

Preserves, mincemeat: Fiona Rowland, red.

Photography, 'Alive and kicking': Jean Ives and Margaret Penman, silver.

PORT ELLEN

Coastguards

PORT Ellen Coastguard team was tasked to man the landing site at Islay Airport on Saturday at 10pm.

Rescue Helicopter 177 picked up two patients to transfer them to the Glasgow Southern General.

TARBERT

Plenty of fruit in Kintyre

FRUIT will be in abundance in Kintyre next year as a programme of tree planting gets underway.

Organised as part of the Entire Kintyre Orchard (EKO) Project, hundreds of trees will be planted between Campbeltown and Tarbert in the coming months, forming a community orchard.

The first tree was planted by Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell and Tarbert Academy pupils at Tarbert Harbour on Monday.

Speaking at the event Mr Russell praised the EKO Project, run by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, for its vision and ability to enlist support.

The project, which was awarded an Awards for All Grant by the Big Lot-

tery, is now set to plant a thousand fruit trees across Kintyre, Islay and Gigha, providing apples, pears, plums and cherries for community use.

Speaking at the planting ceremony, project co-ordinator Jim Paterson, said: 'We can provide trees to schools, community groups, youth groups, and tenants' associations, as well as to individuals.'

He added: 'Growing the trees will increase community awareness of fruit as a local food, and will get people talking to other members of their community. Any trees remaining, after we honour our commitments to organisations, will be available to individuals, who can contact me on 07500 677651 or via jph-paterson@gmail.com.'

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Ayrshire Breeders Club hold heifer competition

by RUTH McCLEAN

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KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held the annual heifer competition on Wednesday November 23, when five teams were presented for the judge, Grant Woodburn of Hillock Farm, Galston, to inspect and place.

A healthy turnout of interested spectators followed the event throughout the day and enjoyed predominantly dry and mild conditions.

In the evening 27 members and friends enjoyed dinner at the Old Clubhouse, Machrihanish.

Before inviting Mr Woodburn to present the prizes, club chairman Archie Reid paid

tribute to the life and example of one of the club's founding members, Tommy Ralston, of East Drumlemble Farm, whose passing on November 15, aged 94, had greatly saddened the entire community of Ayrshire Breeders both in Kintyre and indeed much further afield.

He then offered warmest congratulations to the Ralston family on being presented at Agriscot, the very next day, with the Scottish Dairy Farm of the Year award, sponsored by World Wide Sires.

Their success in the competition reflected well on all that had been

steadily accomplished at East Drumlemble down the generations, by always remembering the key skill of good stockmanship and careful management, that are so vital in breeding good dairy cattle.

Mr Woodburn then presented the prizes as follows: Parkers Cup: Heifer team: 1 W Ralston, East Drumlemble, 2 J&M Barr, Clochkeil, 3 J Barbour and Co, Machribeg; Kintyre Farmers Cup for individual heifer: 1 T M Cameron, Gartvaigh, 2 J&M Barr, Clochkeil, 3 W Ralston, East Drumlemble; James and Sons Quaich for Progency group: 1 East Drumlemble (ED Jasper three), 2 Machribeg (Carnell



Best team of heifers at East Drumlemble.

Dunn Real), 3 Gartvaigh (West Mossiel Athos); Mother and Daughter Quaich: 1 M M Ronald, Ormsary, dam by Alemere Pericles, daughter by West Mossiel Athos, 2 J&M Barr, Clochkeil, dam by Calderglen Jubilee, daughter by Sanderson's Last Talisman, 3 W Ralston, East Drumlemble, ED Pat Laro, daughter by ED Jasper Three.

John Barr Memorial Tray, a yield of butterfat and protein: 1 East Drumlemble Treasure Sixth by Subliem Tulip Red (434kg BF+310kg protein in 364 days CI=775 points) This cow previously won this



Judge Grant Woodburn.

competition in 2006 and 2008 and was runner up in 2007.

Runner up: Ballygreggan Cuskie by Brieryside Golden Sand

(423kg BF+316kg protein in 356 days CI=774 points).



Best individual heifer at Gartvaigh.

First Milk delivers solid financial results

FIRST Milk, the dairy farmer's cooperative, which represents all Kintyre and Gigha herds, has announced that it has delivered solid financial results for the six months to September 30.

But at that date, bank debt was up slightly at £70m (£63m in 2010) mainly as a result of increasing cheese production in response to the rapid growth in branded sales.

Bill Mustoe First Milk chairman said: 'We've set quite a pace over the last 18 months, but despite the tough UK

and global economy, we will not be slowing down. Members tell us they want change in this market. They want us to re-work the old ways and look at new opportunities.

'In addition to continuing to deliver solid financial results, we have moved our milk price by more than any other national dairy company in 2011.'

He added: 'Last year, we paid out a return on members' capital for the half and full year results. Likewise, we intend to pay a return on members' capital linked

to our performance in the six months to September 2011 and will contact members to confirm the details of this payment.

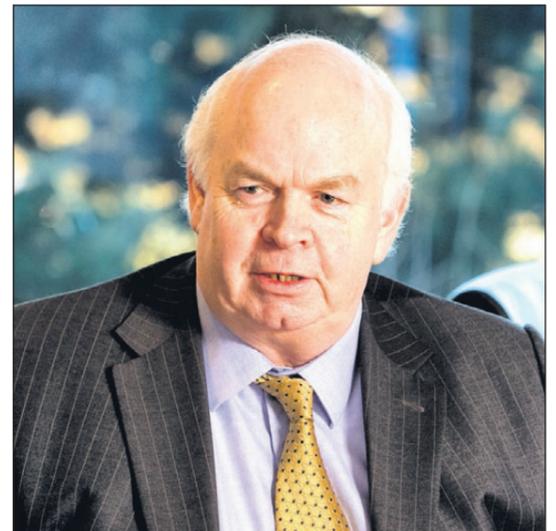
'Equally importantly, we know from feedback that our producers appreciate the transparency of our milk price.'

Despite challenging economic conditions, a positive swing in operating profit was achieved.

This resulted in an operating profit of £4.7m (2010: £3.8m)

Pre-tax profits were steady at £3.2m (2010: £3.2m). This figure is net of £0.9m that was paid out in June as a return on members' capital for the six months to 31 March 2011

Group turnover was £272m (2010: £280m), a small decrease on 2010-11



Bill Mustoe: solid financial results.

Islay Young Farmers reform

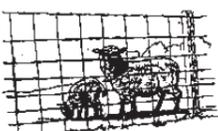
ISLAY Young Farmers Club has reformed and held its first event last month.

The club saw more than 40 people of all ages taking part in a stock-judging competition at Craigen.

Results: Young Farmers: 1 Crystal Maw; 2 Kieran Archibald; 3 Lynn Campbell. Under 14s: 1 Calum MacTaggart; 2 Donald McGill; 3 Angus MacMillan; Not so Young Farmers: 1 Charlie MacMillan; 2 Tracey MacMillan; 3 Petra Archibald.

Crystal Maw won the Young Farmers Trophy and Calum MacTaggart won the Diageo Trophy.

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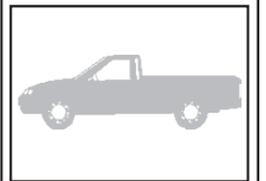


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The Christmas Lights Group would very much like to thank everyone who took part, donated to, and helped with the switch-on ceremony. They are too numerous to mention, but are very much appreciated. A huge thank you to the thousands of people who lined the streets to support us and who made the night such fun!

Special thanks to Marjorie and Marie for the past 14 years. If it wasn't for them there would be no Christmas Lights. They are passing the reins onto the new committee but I'm sure we'll be calling on them for help at times!!

Thank you to my friends and neighbours for cards, gifts and good wishes received on my eightieth birthday. Special thanks to Isobel and Janette and to the O'May family at home and away, through great sadness made it a day to remember.

Aunt Jenny

HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY AL



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11/02331/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and formation of new access.	Land North West of Woodbank Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6PH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

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Copies of the Financial Statements will be available to any interested persons on application to the Head of Strategic Finance, Argyll & Bute Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive

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Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

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Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810 391/07977327751 or by email donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor John Semple (E.W.1. South Kintyre)

Councillor Semple can be contacted on Tel: 01586 555 765 or by email - john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donnie MacMillan (E.W. 3 Mid Argyll)

Councillor MacMillan can be contacted on Tel: 07979 086093 or an appointment can be made by phoning Members Services on Tel: 01546 604209. Councillor MacMillan can also be contacted by email - donald.macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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Councillor Anne Horn (E.W.2 Kintyre and the Islands)

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- The Offices of the Scottish Government, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ;
- The Harbour Master's Office, Old Quay, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6EF; and
- The Offices of the Council at Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT.

Dated this 2nd day of Dec 2011.

Brodies LLP, Solicitors, 15 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Area Committee for Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands will be held in Town Hall, Campbeltown on Wednesday 7th December 2011 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.

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director - Customer Services

Lochgilphead Community Council

AGM

Monday 12th December

2011

7.30pm

Community Centre, Lochgilphead

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God ...' (James 1:5).

BIRTHS

GRAHAM - Ann Graham is delighted to announce the birth of her gorgeous granddaughter, Layla, to Pauline and partner, Robert. Proud, blessed Grandma.

HOUSTON - Walter and Maureen Bell are delighted to announce the birth of their third grandchild, Isla Belle, to Mark and Hilary, on November 23, 2011 at Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Thanks to all staff at SGH for special care.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

ANDERSON - BRODIE - At Lorne Street Church, Campbeltown on December 1, 1961, by the Rev Hood, Alasdair to Janice.

DEATHS

CRAIG - Peacefully at her home, 3 Baddens Park, Lochgilphead, on November 24, 2011, Eileen Margaret Craig, née Turnbull, aged 76 years, eldest daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Turnbull, loving mother of Maureen and Allan; adored gran of Emma, Donald, Rory, Craig, Calum and Alasdair and much loved sister of Ian, Fiona and Jeanette. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral Service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

GEMMELL - Peacefully at home, 23 Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown, on November 26, 2011, Mary Anderson, in her 84th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Jack Gemmell, much loved mother of Jimmy and Moira, loving mother-in-law and a much loved and loving grandmother and great grandmother.

MACMILLAN - Janet (née King). Peacefully at Lizdean Nursing Home, Kilmarnock on November 25, 2011, Netta (formerly of Tarbert, Loch Fyne), in her 90th year, beloved wife of the late Hector MacMillan, dear mother to Anne and Robbie, grandmother to Katie and Kirsty and great grandmother to Lewis and Farrah.

THOMSON - Peacefully at North Tyneside Hospital, Newcastle, on November 22, 2011, William (Billy) Thomson, aged 58 years. Will be missed by his children, Debbie, Julie, Laura and Billy. Service and cremation was held on December 1.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACDONALD - Betty and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and

telephone calls after the sad loss of James. Thanks also to Dr Anderson and staff of Campbeltown Hospital for their care, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service, Matthew Ramsay RNMSDF for the eulogy, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient funeral arrangements and also Seafeld Hotel for catering. Finally thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiring collection raised £947.34 for The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Thank you all.

MCPHAIL - The family of the late Annie McPhail would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all their expressions of sympathy, visits, flowers, cards and support during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Norrie and all staff at Campbeltown Hospital Acute Ward, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their kind and efficient handling of all the funeral arrangements, Rev Burroughs for his comforting service and the Argyll Hotel for an excellent purvey. Finally thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The collection made £474 for the Acute Ward.

RALSTON - The family of the late Thomas Millar Ralston would like to express their sincere thanks to all who sent cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy. Thanks to all the staff of Ward 1, Southern General Hospital for excellent care and to Rev Philip Burroughs for comforting service. Thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient arrangements, the Argyll Hotel for catering and to all who paid their respects at church and graveside. The retiral collection in aid of Lorne and Lowland Church amounted to £1298.

WOODIER - The family of the late Mrs Joyse Woodier wish to express their thanks to the doctors and nursing staff who attended Mother during her stay in the Acute Ward of Campbeltown Hospital. Also to the ICT and District Nurses who diligently and caringly attended her when she returned home to "Tom Dhu". Thanks to all those friends and acquaintances of Mother who had known her over the past forty years, for their cards and warm messages of sympathy. Special thanks to David McEwan for his very comforting and wonderful service at "Tom Dhu" and the committal at Kilkerran. Also to Alasdair Blair and Son for their sensitivities with the funeral arrangements. Thanks to all.

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IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007.

Always in our thoughts Sadly missed. - Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

CURRAN - Jean, passed away December 2, 2006. Sadly missed but never forgotten.

Always in our thoughts - Francis, Sean, Michelle and the late Patrick.

- Grandsons, Lewis, George and Jamie.

- Daughter-in-law, Mina.

JOHNSON - In loving memory of Elizabeth Williamson, a dear daughter, sister, mum and gran, died December 6, 2001.

Always in our thoughts.

MARTIN - Treasured memories of Marion (Stewart), died December 2, 1997. Always in our thoughts.

- Mum and family, at home and away.

MARTIN - Precious memories of a special mum and granny, Marion, died December 2, 1997.

Love and miss always.

- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxx.

MCDUGALL - In loving memory of my dear brother James (Jimmy Quinn), died December 2, 2010.

Always remembered.

- Mhairi.

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

Is resting at God's will.

Remembering not just today but every day.

- Johnnie.

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services 4 December - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church (Furnace) at 10 am (Louis Bezuidenthout)
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 11.30 am (Louis Bezuidenthout)
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am (Margaret Sinclair)
Sunday Club

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 4 December
Inverlussa Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Rev. Cliff Acklam
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
SC001002
www.argyllcommunities.org/NKNAPDALECOFS

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 4th Dec
Advent 2
"What Shall I Cry"
(Isaiah Ch40 v6)
Services in
Ardrihaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm (including communion)
Saturday 3rd Dec
Ardrihaig Craft Club's Annual Sale and Coffee Morning
North Church Hall
10:00 till 12noon
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 4th December 2011
Glassary 11.30am
Rev Cliff Acklam
All welcome
SC002121

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Meeting to be held on **Friday 2nd December at 7.30pm** in Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown
Panel Night - "Any questions".
Musical items
Tea/coffee served after meeting
Everyone welcome.

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2011
11.00 am Worship Service, followed by Christmas Lunch
FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER
10.00-12.00 Coffee and Crafts
TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER
7.30 pm Meeting of The Guild, in the Church
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Further information (01546) 606218
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Saturday 3 December 2011
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
Praise & prayer: 9.00am
Sunday 4 December 2011
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"A new dimension of prayer"
Thursday 8 December 2011
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 4th December 2011
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Sunday School 11.20am
Rev Tommy Bryson
Guild meets
Monday 5th December
Tarbert Arts & Leisure Centre 2.30pm
School Musical Evening
Tuesday 6th December 7pm
Tarbert Church
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FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street
Campbeltown
Sunday 4th December
12.45pm
Communion Service
Rev Chris MacRae
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday, 4th December
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)
Mr William Crossan
Town Carol Service - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, 5th December
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 6th December
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Thursday, 8th December
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 9th December
Lunch Club
Christmas Lunch - 12:00 noon.

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship
7.00pm Town Carol Service
- Lorne and Lowland Church
Tuesday
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Adult Home League
Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
New to you Stall
7.00pm Bible Study
Major Dolores Thomson

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 4th December 2011
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Ian Clark
10.50am Coffee
11.15am Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr John Wright
7.00 Youth Group
Wednesday 7th December
10.00am Jellytots - Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary
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Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 4th December 2011
11.15am
Morning Worship with Thanksgiving and Blessing
FunDay Club(3yrs - P5):
Kirk St Hall
JaM (P6 +): Church
Tea following service 7.00pm
Town Carol Service - Lorne & Lowland Church
Tuesday 6th December
Badminton Club - Kirk St Hall
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.30pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7
Wednesday 7th December
7.15pm
Bible Studies for Advent: 3 Manse
Thursday 8th - Saturday 10th December
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SC023277
Sunday 4th December 2011
The Second Sunday of Advent
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10.45am Morning Prayer
11.30am Annual Meeting
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LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 4th December 2011
11.00am Morning Service
With communion
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 - 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

Bruce's birdie blitz in Tarbert winter league

THE weather took its toll on week five of the winter league at Tarbert Golf Club with no golf being played on Saturday.

Hardy

It was going to take more than windy conditions to stop the hardy Sunday crew from teeing it up and straight from the get go Pele was hot carding birdies on one and two.

He wasn't finished there either, the putter got hot again on holes six and eight making it four birdies in eight holes; that was some great golfing considering the conditions.

Total for his round was 22 points, post match interview he admitted the other holes were a bit of a mixed bag.

Second was Jackie,

straight down the middle, Cupples who signed for 15 points.

Magic twos

There were no magic twos.

Result: 1 Bruce MacLean 22 points, 2 Jackie Cupples 15 points.

The winter outing to Machrihanish Dunes was cancelled and now will be rescheduled for early next year.



Gregor Croll and Donald McCallum with their awards and the league trophy.

Top table tennis coach to visit Campbeltown Grammar

A TOP coach will be visiting Campbeltown Grammar School next week to work with pupils.

Terry McLernon MBE, Head Coach at Drumchapel Table Tennis Club will work with the pupils throughout the day in physical education classes on Wednesday December 7.

He will bring with him the number five ranked senior player in Scotland. Terry who is the West of Scotland TTL chairman/vice chairman of Table Tennis Scotland has been coaching in the Drumchapel area for more than 20 years.

His experience in coaching has resulted in many players going

from grass roots to Scottish Internationalists.

Terry is also in charge of coaching and development for Table Tennis Scotland.

He is a level three coach in Scotland and is currently recruited as a mentor for Culture and Sport Glasgow in recruiting and training new coaches.

Carradale FC holds awards ceremony

CARRADALE Amateur Football Club held its annual awards ceremony in the village hall recently following another successful season.

Following an excellent meal followed by two very entertaining after dinner speakers, Gregor Croll was voted player of the year by his team mates, and Donald McCallum took young player of the year and top goalscorer with 18 league goals.

The team retained their Campbeltown and District Amateur League football trophy following a game

which was due to go ahead with Ardrishaig; Ardrishaig couldn't get a team together so surrendered the points.

Carradale has gone through the past two seasons undefeated in the league and it is hoped play will resume for the cup titles.

All players would like to thank Nonnie and Bethea McAllister and the committee for arranging a memorable night and for all their efforts over the season.

Wee Toon darts

CAMPBELTOWN and District Darts Association's week four results: Burnside 10 Argyll Bowling Club 0, Commercial 9 Fiddlers B 1, Southend 2 Kilbrannan 8, Fiddlers 8 Kinloch 2, Ailsa 4 White Hart 6.

Tony McMillan scored 180 in his match for the Fiddlers.

Puffer 8.5

THE date for next year's Crinan Puffer 8.5-mile race has been set as Sunday April 29.

There are 175 places and entries will open around Christmas.

The race involves an 8.5-mile flat run along the banks of the Crinan Canal from Ardrishaig to Crinan.

Every year runners from Kintyre travel up to take part with good timings.



Soccer Sevens for Castlehill

CASTLEHILL Primary's football team recently took part in the SSFA Soccer Sevens Tournament at Ferguslie Park Paisley. Although they failed to progress to the next round the young players gained valuable experience. Kevan Gilchrist and Alan Glendinning accompanied the boys. Left to right, back row: Darren Brown, Evan Robertson, Cameron Reid, Josh McSporran, Millar Irwin and Ross Souden. Front row: Alasdair Ferguson, Harry McLean, Daniel Conley and Andrew Johnstone.

Santa Dash deadline

THE deadline for this year's Santa Dash is looming.

On December 17 hordes of Santa Clauses will be taking to the streets of Campbeltown for a charity 3k fun run for all ages.

Numbers are limited and the deadline for applications is Wednesday December 7.

For further information contact Fiona Irwin on 01586 551212 or Lindsay Ramsay on 07917073424.

The Santas will be setting off from Aquilibrium at 10am and if you don't want to take part why not be there to cheer them on.

Less than 50

ON MONDAY there was less than 50 spaces left for next year's Mull of Kintyre Run.



ARCHIE McFadyen of McFadyen Contractors, Campbeltown presented a cheque to Campbeltown Pupils this week to assist financially towards the current 2011/2012 season. Martin McCallum collected the cheque on behalf of the club after the weekend's match at Kintyre Park. The club would like to thank McFadyen Contractors for its continued support of Campbeltown Pupils.

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All weather pitch will be ready by August

One of the main questions asked at the meeting was what the cost would be to use the pitch

by **RUTH McCLEAN**
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CAMPBELTOWN will have an all weather pitch on Kinloch Green by August.

Willie Young, Principal Leisure Officer for Argyll and Bute, told a meeting on Monday, which included members of different sports clubs and the South Kintyre Sports Council, that the turf cutting ceremony would take place in February, with the project officially finished and handed over by August 2011.

Eight companies showed interest in the project, with four companies asked to put for-

ward tenders to carry out the work.

Work will start on site late February or early March, weather permitting.

A storage block has also been added onto the changing rooms for sports equipment to be kept.

By the end of June the council is looking to have the pitch completed with a six-week test period.

'It is something that will happen quite quickly,' said Mr Young.

He told the meeting they were trying to encourage the contractors

to buy materials locally or to use local shipping facilities rather than using the roads.

'During the first six-week period we will be trying to get as many people as possible on the surface,' he explained. 'It will be operated from Aqualibrium and from our point of view we will be getting more people physically active.'

One of the main questions asked at the meeting was what the cost would be to use the pitch.

'The answer is that I don't know how much it will cost,' said Mr Young and explained that at the moment

within the council he is trying to bring the cost of use of the synthetic pitches across the area 'into line' and 'consolidated to a reasonable level'.

He said some people in Argyll and Bute are paying more than others for the use of the pitches.

Another meeting is to be held next week for potential user groups and organisations to give their input into the project and its future use. It will take place next Wednesday December 7 in Aqualibrium from 4pm to 7pm and anyone interested in the project can drop in at anytime to see Willie Young and his team.



Andrew McClement.

Andrew is chess champion

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar's Andrew McClement, took the top spot at the 17th Oban Chess Congress.

Andrew who is Scotland's top under 18 player has enjoyed recent successes at the Euro Youth Championships in Bulgaria and the World Youth Team Olympiad in Turkey.

After five gruelling rounds over last weekend, with many matches lasting the full three and a half hours, the Open tournament was tied between

Edinburgh University's Calum MacQueen and Andrew with three wins and two draws each.

The tie break rules were then applied and the prize money of more than £400 was split equally, however, the title and trophy were awarded to Andrew. Oban Club President, Geoff White, said at the prize-giving afterwards that he was delighted that Andrew's first Open victory was won at his 'home' club.

Pupils - the season so far

ALEX McKinven gives a round up of the football season so far for Campbeltown Pupils

The McFadyen sponsored Campbeltown Pupils will be hoping that the second half of the season is as productive as the first, however, everyone at the club is aware of the games ahead that need to be won if passage to Premier One is to be negotiated at the first time of asking.

Without doubt the club's youngest ever squad has adjusted very

well to the rigors of the Scottish Amateur Football League, starting in mid-August with a fine 1-0 home win against a very good Gourrock Thistle side.

This was followed by a by 3-2 victory against old rivals Centre (East Kilbride).

An awkward away tie against Auldhouse was next, a game that finished with both clubs sharing the points in a high scoring 4-4 draw.

Rutherglen proved determined opposition

when they came from behind to snatch a 2-2 draw at Kintyre Park in mid-September.

Crystallised

A run of three victories on the trot crystallised the first half to the season for the Pupils, with home and away wins against Port OBU intersected by a fine 4-1 success at Bishopbriggs against Celtic CC.

Dunoon was beaten 2-1 away from home on the team's all-weather surface, before Celtic CC spoiled the party by grabbing a deserved 1-1 draw at Kintyre Park a fortnight ago.

The club await completion of its Scottish Cup third tie against Blantyre Celtic, a game that has been hampered by the recent wet weather. Hopefully, it will take place tomorrow (Saturday) weather permitting with a 2pm kick off at Kintyre Park.

South Kintyre schools shinty festival

ALL the primary schools in the South Kintyre area were represented at a shinty festival last week.

There were 10 teams from all of South Kintyre's schools for the festival as part of a programme set up by Active Schools Co-ordinator Lindsay Ramsay and Shinty Development Officer Darren Reid.

There was some fantastic shinty throughout

the day with Castlehill A and Glenbarr participating in the final.

Occasion

Congratulations to Castlehill for coming out on top on this occasion and indeed to all of the pupils who took part.

If you would like to become involved in continuing to develop shinty in South Kintyre, please get in touch with Lindsay on 07917073424.



Winners of the tournament Castlehill A.



The team from Glenbarr Primary were runners up.

Scottish Amateur League - Premier Division Two							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Campbeltown Pupils	9	6	3	0	23	13	21
Alban Thistle	5	3	2	0	11	6	11
Rutherglen	6	2	2	2	11	8	8
Dunoon	4	2	0	2	9	7	6
Auldhouse	4	1	3	0	9	8	6
Celtic Comm Acad	6	1	2	3	8	10	5
Gourrock Thistle	3	1	1	1	9	4	4
Centre	4	1	1	2	8	10	4
Port Glasgow OBU	6	1	1	4	8	16	4
Clydebank	5	0	1	4	4	18	1

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