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Food bank plan for struggling families

Many people cannot afford to eat properly, it is feared

A BID is under way to set up a food bank in Campbeltown to help struggling families.

The number of food banks has exploded in the UK in recent years as people wrestle with rising energy and food costs.

Now it is feared that tougher times are hitting Campbeltown residents.

This week, a Campbeltown minister, Chris Fulcher, and her friend, Stephanie Cross, told the Courier of their alarm at feedback received from the area's school teachers, social workers and health professionals.

Ms Cross said: 'It's worrying. Some families are clearly struggling

and not eating properly.

'That is of great concern as we go into the worst of winter. Are people having to choose between eating or heating?'

'We also believe there are families with jobs but on low incomes who do not want to admit they need help.'

'Because they are working, they may also be being missed by aid agencies.'

'Certainly, people who were not struggling before are now facing hardships.'

'We are also hearing from teachers who are concerned children are

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Brass band just fails to retain national title

Campbeltown Junior Brass finished a creditable second at this year's Scottish Youth Championships in Perth after just missing out on retaining the title. Aimilia Chute, left, and Erin McLellan, collect the runners-up trophy from adjudicator Nigel Boddice. See pages 8-9 for a full report.

All set for the big match

TWO wives tell the Courier this week why they will join football-daft men at Campbeltown's Kintyre Park tomorrow (Saturday).

Pam McFadyen and Heather McFadyen know little about football but reckon the Scottish Amateur Cup fourth round tie between Campbeltown Pupils and Carradale is a match not to be missed.

See page 3 for the full story.

CCTV snares attacker

A MAN has been found guilty almost two years after carrying out a 'barbaric' attack on a Campbeltown man in a pub - thanks to CCTV footage.

Graeme Dunn, found guilty after trial last week, was recognised by police officers in Paisley and Greenock.

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'Public should decide on new toilets'

A DECISION on whether Campbeltown needs new toilets should be up to members of the public, says Kintyre councillor John Semple.

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Salvation Army will continue emergency relief

CAMPBELTOWN'S Salvation Army will continue its practice of giving emergency relief to families who need it during the winter months.

While plans are underway to start a food bank in the town it is unlikely it will be operating before Christmas.

Lieutenant Mark Scoulding, who started his post in July, told the Courier that while he was using this year to assess what Campbeltown's needs are, he said the Salvation Army would help families as in previous years.

He said: 'We try to meet the social needs of the area, and we will be doing emergency relief.'

'We receive referrals from social services and give people food parcels, but sometimes people drop in seeking support. We also do presents for children from deprived families in the area.'

Lt Scoulding said he would like to develop a more 'strategic and sustainable approach' which would see them helping people before they reach crisis point.

Campbeltown's Army Corps is in Burnside Square.

Food bank plan for struggling families

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arriving at school without having been fed properly.'

Recent figures have shown five times more Scots are visiting food banks than last year.

Of those referred to food banks, 35 per cent said benefit delays had left them needing support, while there was also a rise in self-employed and other working people using them.

There has also been a huge rise in the number of people admitted to hospitals with malnutrition.

While plans for the

Campbeltown foodbank are in the early stages, Ms Cross and Rev Fulcher hope something can be done quickly.

A meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening, December 3 at Lorne and Lowland Church Hall where a representative of the Trussell Trust, the UK's main foodbank charity, will explain what they can do to help.

Almost 350,000 have received at least three days emergency food from the trust's food banks in the past year compared to 60,000 in 2010-11.

The Salvation Army

is also keen to help out in whatever way it can. Mark Scoulding, Campbeltown Salvation Army lieutenant, said: 'Groups in the area are doing different bits and pieces, so it will be better having them all come together to work on this.'

'It's an important opportunity, particularly as the weather turns cold.'

'It's the right time to discuss what's best for the town.'

'We will continue to support people however we can.'

Ms Cross added: 'It's a huge undertaking but we hope to form a steering committee out of the

meeting. Anyone who wants to find out more about it is welcome to come along.

'It's bad enough thinking of people in the third world going hungry, but we cannot stand by and let that happen here.'

'If there's just one mother out there who can't feed her children then the food bank is worthwhile.'

'I am confident that the good people of Campbeltown will want to do what they can to help.'

Tuesday's meeting at Lorne and Lowland Church Hall starts at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Boost for crewman held in Indian jail



Billy Irving. c47billy01no

THE campaign to free former Campbeltown man Billy Irving has taken a big step forward with the number of signatures on an online petition leaping to 30,000 following his story being told in the Courier and Oban Times.

The 33-year-old, now living near Oban, is one of six British ex-soldiers among 35 crew jailed since October 18 after Indian authorities claimed their boat was carrying weapons illegally.

A petition started by his girlfriend, Yvonne MacHugh, calling on the UK Government to help free the six soldiers, now has more than 30,000 names.

'It shows how much support is out there to bring Billy home,' she said.

Families of the British men are planning to present the petition to the UK Government.

Billy, 33, was on board the US-owned MV Seaman Guard Ohio when it was detained in southern Tamil Nadu state.

Police files:

Police warn of telephone scams

CAMPBELTOWN police are warning residents to not disclose personal details over the phone after reports of a telephone scam last week.

Police are investigating after a member of the public was called by a man with a Scottish accent claiming to be from Sky TV's fraud department.

The person later discovered £90 had been removed from their

bank account following the phone call when they were asked for a six digit passcode and account number.

A police spokesman said: 'This call was not from Sky. Under no circumstances should personal details be supplied over the phone.'

Breach of the peace

THREE men were arrested in Campbeltown on Sunday for breach of the peace following a party on Benmore Street.

On the same night another man was arrested

for breach of the peace on Main Street and last Friday a man was discovered wandering around in a garden on Crosshill Avenue at 11pm.

All of the men received fixed penalty tickets.

Drivers warned to stay safe

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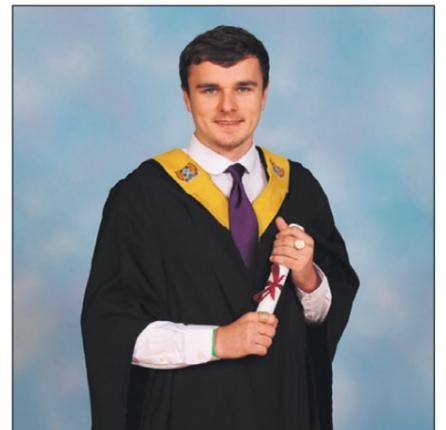
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GRADUATION



Connor William Glen Galbraith recently graduated from Edinburgh College with an HNC in Electrical Engineering. Connor is the youngest son of Robert and Janice, of Alicante, Spain, and the grandson of William and Janet Macintyre and the late Robert and Nancy Galbaith, Campbeltown. Connor is a former pupil of Castehill School and is currently studying for Bachelor of Electrical Engineering at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen.

Match not to be missed

Sponsors' wives don't care who wins but reckon it will be exciting

PAM McFadyen and Heather McFadyen just laugh when asked how much they know or care about football.

It is not a lot. However, tomorrow (Saturday) they will have to pick a side to shout on when they join the hundreds of

supporters expected for the keenly-awaited Scottish Amateur Cup fourth round match between Campbeltown Pupils and Carradale.



Pam McFadyen, left, and Heather McFadyen outside Kintyre Park where Campbeltown Pupils will host Carradale in the fourth round of the Scottish Amateur Cup. 08_c48match01



McFadyens Contractors and McFadyens Transport are regular backers of football in the community. 08_c48match02

Despite their long histories, the two sides have never met in the cup before and the clash has set Kintyre buzzing.

Rivalry

The rivalry will be in sharp focus in the McFadyen families.

Pam's husband, Billy, managing director of McFadyens Contractors Campbeltown Ltd, sponsors the Pupils and is a keen follower of the club, often travelling many miles to their away games.

Heather's husband, Calum - Billy's cousin - is managing director of McFadyens Transport Ltd and sponsors Carradale and son, Campbell, 18, plays for the side.

'I don't really understand what is going on in football,' admitted Heather, 'but I will be at Kintyre Park for this game. It should be really exciting.'

Pam said: 'It's created a lot of interest in the town, and there has been plenty of banter

between the supporters of the two sides.

'Billy's really looking forward to it and while he is a big Pupils supporter he will also watch Carradale games.'

'Our son David is also a Carradale player, but he is in Glasgow and won't be playing.'

Both ladies said their husbands have long been keen backers of football in Kintyre, making donations for young teams' strips as well as sponsoring the

Pupils and Carradale.

'They like to support the community,' said Pam.

Slipped away

She added: 'Heather and I have gone to matches before but slipped away for a coffee, but we are determined to watch all of this game.'

Kick-off is at 2pm. In the event of Kintyre Park being unplayable because of the weather, the match will transfer to the town's all-weather pitch.

Christmas lunches at Kirk Street Hall

HIGHLAND Parish Church in Campbeltown will be offering turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings next week as it hosts a series of Christmas lunches.

Next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 5-7, members of the public can visit Kirk Street Hall and have Christmas lunch from noon until 2pm.

On Saturday there will be a baking stall and coffees from 10am and all the money raised over the three days will go towards church funds.

Careless driver caused collision

A RETIRED teacher who drove on the wrong side of the road and caused an accident which injured him and another driver has had eight points put on his licence and fined £200.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, David Bisset, 65, pleaded guilty to careless driving in Southend on July 19 of this year.

The court heard that Bisset, who had no previous convictions or driving offences, suffered a fractured arm and knee injury and that the other motorist had a suspected broken nose.

Free parking on the run up to Christmas

CAR parking charges in Argyll towns and villages will be suspended in the run up to Christmas.

Argyll and Bute Council confirmed parking would be free on the five days prior to and including Christmas Eve, between December 20 and 24.

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Lodge master installed

Robin McQuilkan is pictured centre at his recent installation as the right worshipful master of Campbeltown Lodge St John's 141. With him, from left, are: installing master James S McKinven; provincial grand master of Argyll and the Isles Kenneth Ronald Johnson; deputy master Robert Macpherson and installing master Ronald J Gay. 08_c46master01

CHORD project up for top award

CAMPBELTOWN'S CHORD project has been nominated for a town centre regeneration award.

The nomination by the Scottish Government and Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network (SURF) is for the best practice in community regeneration award.

The multi-million pound project was shortlisted for the award because of its level of community engagement. Argyll and Bute Council held informal consultation events with the public and businesses to gauge the best way to improve the town centre experience and develop better links between the town centre and waterfront.

Campbeltown CHORD consisted of three main elements: the Kinloch Road regeneration, Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative and Campbeltown Loch Berthing facility.

Numerous

These projects have improved the character and appearance of the waterfront and town centre as well as the gateway to the town, while numerous new businesses have opened as a result.

New homes have been created and repairs carried out on existing tenements with all work done by local contractors.

Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of Campbeltown CHORD,

said: 'This nomination recognises the outstanding work of the Campbeltown CHORD project in transforming the town, particularly its joined-up approach to town centre regeneration involving the community at each and every stage of the process.'

'The work carried out to date has substantially improved the town for those who live and work here, as well as visitors.'

'That being said we still know there are lots to be done, more inward investment to attract and more employment opportunities to create.'

The award ceremony takes place on December 4 in Glasgow.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court

'Barbaric' attacker caught by CCTV

A MAN has been found guilty of carrying out a 'barbaric' attack on a Campbeltown man almost two years after the incident in a pub - thanks to CCTV footage.

During his trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday, Graeme Dunn, 27, of 52 Auchendorres Avenue, Port Glasgow denied headbutting the man in Whisky Mac's, Campbeltown in March 2012, claiming it was a case of mistaken identity.

Traced

The court heard how police traced Dunn af-

ter circulating images from the pub's CCTV and two officers in Paisley and Greenock recognised him.

Family

Dunn also had a connection to Campbeltown as on that particular evening, March 17, his uncle was reopening the Ailsa Bar and several members of his family had come to Kintyre for the event.

After the bar closed, several people moved on to Whisky Mac's where Dunn was seen grabbing a man and headbutting him four times in the

face, causing the victim to black out.

The victim received five stitches in his lip and three above his eye.

Defence agent David Watt claimed Dunn had never visited Campbeltown and had spent the day at his job in Greenock as a roofing labourer before going to a workmate's house to play videogames and drink beer.

However, during cross examination Dunn's story did not match that of his workmate.

While summing up, procurator fiscal Eoin

McGinty, said: 'Every occasion he was pressed on some detail it wasn't there. When he was asked for detail it wasn't corroborated by his alibi witness.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Dunn: 'I'm satisfied that you were the man identified by the various officers.'

Barbaric

'This was properly described by the fiscal as a barbaric attack and I take a very serious view on this.'

Sentencing was deferred for reports until next month.

Solicitor blames victim for assault

A LAWYER defending a Campbeltown man accused of putting a young woman in a headlock has blamed the victim for putting herself 'in harm's way'.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday, Michael Johnson, 26, of 34 High Street Campbeltown denied seizing

the 17-year-old woman by the body and putting her in a headlock on July 13 this year.

The court heard that the woman had been coming downstairs from a party when she met Johnson, with blood on his face, in the common close.

He had told her he was

going upstairs to see her friend and was going 'to start fighting'.

She told the court: 'He was aggressive and seemed angry. I tried to stop him - I stood in the close and was blocking his path.'

'He put his arm around my neck and I hit my head off the wall.'

Convicting

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Johnson: 'I have no hesitation convicting you.'

During mitigation, Christian Kane, defence agent for Johnson, told the sheriff: 'Johnson was going back into the close and was trying to push past the young lady. She put herself in

harm's way.'

'There was nothing to say anything would have happened upstairs and she had no right to stand in his way.'

Sheriff Anderson responded: 'She was trying to stop further trouble. He was under the influence of something, he was covered in blood and he was aggressive.'

Mr Kane added Johnson was trying to get his life back on track by starting a course in sport and fitness at Argyll College. He had been under curfew for another offence until the day before the incident on July 13.

Sentencing was deferred for reports until next month.

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Drumlemble pupils visit heritage museum

TAKING photos and making sketches were just some of the activities pupils at Drumlemble Primary School enjoyed during a recent visit to Campbeltown Heritage Centre.

The pupils from classes primary 1-3 visited the centre as part of their social studies topic. While there they saw a huge variety of artefacts which people in the past used in their every day lives.

Fisherman wrongly claimed £2,620

A TAYINLOAN self-employed fisherman has admitted claiming a total of £2,620 in jobseekers allowance, housing benefit and council tax benefit he was not entitled to.

Richard Coffield, 40, of 1 Cara View, pled guilty by letter to Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week to committing the offences between May and September of last year.

Sentence was deferred until December 19 for Coffield to make a personal appearance.

Campbeltown pair admit kicking man

TWO young Campbeltown men have admitted chasing another man, pulling him to the ground and kicking him repeatedly.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Greg Sharp, 20, of 6 Glenside Court, and Alasdair Macindoor, 21, of 53F Longrow Court, pled guilty to committing the offence in Longrow, Campbeltown on June 16 of this year.

Sentence was deferred until December 19.

'Public should decide about new toilets'

A DECISION on whether Campbeltown needs new toilets should be up to members of the public, a Kintyre councillor has said.

They should also decide on how unallocated money from the CHORD project is spent, insisted councillor John Semple.

Argyll and Bute Council's CHORD funding has been used to regenerate seaside towns in the region and Kintyre councillors are now discussing how best to use the remaining money.

However, councillor Semple told Campbeltown Community Council that he believes some of the decision should be down to the people of Kintyre.

One suggestion is for the toilets on Bolgam Street to be closed and new toilets built in the centre of town. The toilets at the ferry terminal could also be upgraded.

Mr Semple said: 'We would only go ahead

with the closure of Bolgam Street's toilets with the proviso that CHORD builds state of the art new ones.

'It would be much lower maintenance and at a lower cost to operate if new toilets were built.

'The current Bolgam Street toilets are no longer fit for purpose, costing more than £20,000 in repairs for vandalism last year alone.'

Some of the remaining CHORD money will go to the Townscape Heritage Initiative in Campbeltown, and an extensive parking and traffic survey is being carried out to decide if addition-

al parking is needed in the town.

Councillor Semple said: 'The survey can tell us how we maximise opportunities for businesses and how people move and drive around the town.'

He also said money may be used to improve the remaining industrial buildings in Kinloch Road, such as the Charles McMillan garage, and to help other deteriorating structures.

He added: 'Early intervention work can be done on some of the tenement buildings. We have to change the way they are viewed.'



Councillor John Semple says the toilets in Bolgam Street are no longer fit for purpose.

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ACHA happy with its home improvement progress

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) has a target to have its 5,000-plus homes meet Scottish Housing Quality Standard by November 2015.

In the association's annual report, just published, ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said that by March of this year 62 per cent of the required work had been completed at a cost of almost £70 million. He said: 'Not only has this investment improved our homes, it has provided many hundreds of jobs in the building industry since July 2007 and in support services.'

'Another area of work the association has been progressing with suc-

cess has been the provision of new-build housing.

'Since our first new build came offsite at Whistlefield near Garelochhead in the summer of 2009, we have completed more than 100 new homes in Campbeltown, Oban, Ardrishaig, Bowmore, Dunoon, Garelochhead and Lochgoilhead.

'We have developed a very productive partnership with Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Government to bring additional financial resources to the table to build desperately needed new homes.

'In the coming year the association plans to build new homes in Oban, Helensburgh,

Bowmore, Dalmally and Bonawe.'

Mr MacGregor said the past year had also seen the establishment of the association's first subsidiary, Argyll Homes For All, which took responsibility for delivering, under contract, the association's day-to-day repairs and cyclical maintenance work.

'It is our hope that Argyll Homes For All will provide an excellent service and good value to our tenants and other customers,' he added.

Mr MacGregor said: 'The association has campaigned both for and against policy initiatives on behalf of our tenants and will continue to do so.'

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We have seen an explosion in zero-hours contracts with around a million workers - often on low rates of pay - only paid when they are required, often at short notice, to work. They receive no holiday pay, pension or sickness cover.

The real value of pension pots and savings have been decimated as have better pension schemes. Those in work have seen pay cuts and freezes, some year after year. Many claiming benefits have seen payments cut or stopped. People are being forced out of their homes or are going into debt because of the 'bedroom tax'.

Payday loan companies meanwhile are making a fortune, as are the main energy companies while shamelessly bumping up bills way in excess of inflation. Shamelessly too, bankers who started the financial crisis are still paying themselves exorbitant salaries and bonuses despite customer dissatisfaction and the failure to make a profit.

Amid all this, and almost from nowhere, we have seen the explosion of food banks and the number of people having to use them. Should we be surprised?

However, perhaps there is a silver lining. We may be seeing a return to a less selfish society and greater community spirit led by the likes of Campbeltown's Stephanie Cross and Rev Chris Fulcher who recognise 'there but for the grace of God, go I'.

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Uneasy feeling about the SNP

Sir,

Having read the report in last week's Campbeltown Courier that the SNP is claiming that the MOD blocked oil exploration of the area in the 1980s and they promise that if Scotland becomes independent we will have an oil bonanza off the east coast of Kintyre, I am left with an uneasy feeling that this statement by the SNP smacks of blackmail - this will only come about if we vote their way.

Surely they could give the go ahead for exploration to begin immediately if they really cared about the economic future of Kintyre?

After all they seemed to have no problem in giving permission to Mr Trump regarding his golf course as well as the offshore wind farm near Aberdeen, in spite of local opposition.

I would think that Westminster could also give the go ahead for this to happen as more oil fields around the British coastline benefits everyone. But then I would not be surprised if we see the formation of an 'anti Kintyre oil field.com'.

This impression of the SNP is reinforced by its plan to impose a special person for each family thereby removing the parents as sole guardians of their children. I am so relieved that our children have grown up while we had the freedom to be a traditional family without state interference. It seems to me that a vote for independence is a vote for a decrease in our individual

freedom and will only benefit the SNP in its thirst for more power and control and not the people of Scotland.

Mrs N. Galbraith
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Happy 75th - claim your free TV licence

Sir,

TV Licensing and Age Scotland are reminding anyone in Campbeltown celebrating their 75th birthday in the next 12 months that they will be entitled to claim a free TV licence on this landmark birthday.

Anyone aged 75 or over is eligible for a free licence for their main address. There are currently almost four million free TV licences in force, including more than 680 in Campbeltown and with more than 4.9 million adults over the age of 75 living in the UK, TV Licensing is encouraging those eligible for the concession to apply online or by phone.

The free licence will cover all the equipment in the property, meaning family or carers living in the same home will also benefit, even if they are watching on devices such as laptops, tablets and smartphones.

Anyone aged 74 or over can begin planning for the concession immediately by applying for a short-term licence which will last between one and 11 months.

Age Scotland works with TV Licensing to ensure older people and community advice groups are aware of the concession.

It is quick and easy to apply for your free TV licence

at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/over75. Alternatively you can call our customer service centre on 0300 790 6073 and they will be able to help and advise on your TV licensing needs.

It's also important to remember the free licence is not granted automatically, so anybody who becomes eligible needs to make sure they apply by getting in touch with TV Licensing directly.

Stephanie Forsyth
TV Licensing Scotland

Christmas Craft Fair

Sir,

Kintyre Crafters Group is holding its Lights On weekend Christmas Craft Fair in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown tomorrow (Saturday).

There will be 15 stalls which includes three new members.

Since the summer we have had many new crafters join us and you will meet them over the next year.

Please check out the Argyll FM window to see a taster of the goodies on offer. All the items can be purchased but will not be available until the fair is over. Speak to the relevant stall holder over the weekend and make arrangements with them to collect.

Kintyre Crafters Group helps to support Argyll FM with rental for the use of the window and this year our charity is Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Some of our table money and the collection box money all goes to it.

We will put a notice in the radio station window in the New Year and you can read what the totals are.

If you cannot visit us at this event, you will meet others at the Christmas Market on De-

ember 8 as we are members of Explore Campbeltown and finally others will be at the Putechan Hotel on Sunday, December 15. Lots of opportunities.

We look forward to meeting you all. We wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season and thank you all for your support and encouragement over the past few years.

Best wishes from Kintyre Crafters Group.
Anne Stewart

Dealing with mammals in trouble

Sir,

At this time of year, the seals around Kintyre's coast are pupping. I thought I would take this opportunity to let members of the public that might be out and about know what action to take should they come across any marine mammal that might be in trouble.

BDMLR (British Divers Marine Life Rescue) is an organisation dedicated to the rescue and well-being of all marine animals in distress around the UK.

If you find a live stranded marine mammal please note the place, the state of the tide and any injuries you can see without getting close and call the rescue hotline 01825 765546 during office hours.

After 5pm on working days, or at weekends or bank holidays, please call our out of hours number on 07787 433412 (This number does not receive texts or pictures).

We will then advise you on what to do.

K Hurd
BDMLR Medic
Kintyre and Argyll

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From left: Andy Holtby, David Johnston and Rob Reid from the Kintyre Way, with Michael Russell MSP who launched the sponsorship campaign, Anne Martin of the Kintyre Way, councillor Anne Horn and Ian Henry, also of the Kintyre Way. 06_a48kway01

Kintyre Way sponsorship campaign launched by Argyll and Bute MSP

A SPONSORSHIP campaign to help develop the Kintyre Way was launched this week by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

The 87-mile walk relies on grant funding to maintain and develop the route.

A grant from the Coastal Communities Fund is enabling a new extension to be added from Southend back to a new finishing point in Campbeltown, however, funds are still needed for maintenance and the stability of the attraction.

Mr Russell said: 'The Kintyre Way has etched its name into the

minds of walkers from near and far. It is indeed spectacular.

'I am extremely supportive of the work - mostly voluntary - that goes on to both market and maintain it.

Endeavor

'We must endeavour to improve on what has been achieved. Outdoor activity tourism is on the increase and the Kintyre Way is well placed to benefit from that.

'It is a wonderful asset which offers spectacular scenery among the best in Scotland and possibly the world.'

There are several sponsorship

choices, including the opportunity to be a section supporter, provide in kind help such as small engine repairs for Way vehicles or give long-term assistance to help pay for the route's maintenance.

Supporters can also adopt one of the distinctive blue marker posts on the Kintyre Way. Andrew Holtby, route manager, said: 'I'm very excited. This is a great way for local people and businesses to support a much-loved Kintyre attraction and also for users to show their support.'

Onshore fish farm plans go to public hearing in Tayinloan

PROPOSALS for a massive onshore fish farm at Rhunahaorine Point near Tayinloan will be the focus of a public hearing on Monday.

Argyll and Bute Council's planning, protective services and licensing committee will hold it in Tayinloan Village Hall from 10.45am.

More than 50 objections have been lodged against the proposed development for a 225-metre long, eight-metre wide and 12-metre high building at the 16-acre site of a former fish farm.

Among the reasons for objection are the 'indus-

trial scale' building being inappropriate for a coastal area of panoramic beauty, and concerns about the site access from the A83.

West Kintyre Community Council has not objected to the plan.

Andrew Robertson, director of Dunkeld-based FishFrom, has said the £18 million project would create 20 jobs and be the largest of its kind in the world, producing 3,000 tonnes of fish annually.

As reported previously in the Courier, FishFrom has plans for a much bigger fish farm, employing 120, at the

former Machrihanish airbase. However, that development would depend on Tayinloan going ahead.

Mr Robertson said the 'close containment, recirculation aquaculture system' proposed for Tayinloan would mean no waste streams or effluent and no threat of sea-lice, seals, escapes and pollution.

Accumulated waste would be used as fertiliser.

Mr Robertson, who is seeking a number of funding sources including private equity, said FishFrom was also planning a third develop-

Mrs Stewart is at the heart of her family

ISABEL Stewart, 91, is loved dearly by her extended family.

So much so that when the Courier missed out on her landmark 90th birthday last year, her doting grandson Brian Robertson was determined the paper should highlight the celebrations for her 91st last week.

A year on, Mrs Stewart is still going strong and still living an independent life in her Campbeltown home. Born Isabel Sinclair in Strachur near Dunoon, she arrived in Campbeltown to work as a housemaid.

Eventually she became a waitress at the White Hart Hotel and met her husband, Drew Stewart, at the town's former temperance hall.

The couple raised three daughters and a son from the family homes in Calton Avenue and Ralston Road.

She now has six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

'She loves her family, that's her life,' said daughter Kathleen Robertson.

Very close

'She treats them all the same, and they all love her to bits. Some of the younger ones, like my son Brian, are very close to her.

'My mum is independent with a quiet, lovely, contented nature and never has a bad word to say about anyone.

'She grew up with 10 brothers and sisters and is the only one left.'

Mrs Stewart enjoyed a family meal to cele-

brate her 91st birthday, with members of her extended family also travelling from Strachur and Inveraray to spend time with her.

* Do you have a par-

ticularly special family occasion you would like highlighted in the Courier? Call our reporters on 01586 554646 or email editor@campbeltown-courier.co.uk



Isabel Stewart, who has just celebrated her 91st birthday.

10 pairs of tickets to give away

CARNIVAL AT THE SECC

20 December 12 January

Win tickets to the IRN-BRU Carnival!

Celebrating 93 years of festive family fun, the IRN-BRU Carnival at the SECC has over 60 rides and attractions and is Europe's largest indoor funfair. New additions this year include Extreme XL which spins and swings visitors 50ft in the air! There's fun for all the family on the Teacups, Dodgems and the Carousel whilst older families will enjoy the Drop Zone, the Ghost Train and the Speed Buzz.

For more information visit www.irn-bru-carnival.com

For your chance to win a pair of tickets, simply answer this question, complete the form and send to Irn Bru Comp, Wyvex Media, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB by Monday December 9, 2013.

Question: How high will the new Extreme XL ride swing visitors in the air?

Answer.....

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Telephone..... Email.....

Terms and conditions: Entry price is £12 with visitors receiving ten vouchers which can be used on all rides and most stalls. Some stalls are cash taking. Closed Christmas day. Each ride is one voucher and stalls are two vouchers. The prize is as stated. No cash alternative. The Editor's decision is final. Photocopied entries will not be accepted. The winner may be asked to take part in publicity and may appear in a Wyvex Media publication and website. This competition is not open to Wyvex Media and associated company employees and their families. This competition is open to readers of other Wyvex Media publications.

Junior brass comes second in youth championships

CAMPBELTOWN Junior Brass had to settle for second place at this year's Scottish Youth Championships in Perth after missing out on regaining the title.

The band made their annual journey to Perth Concert Hall on November 17 hoping to defend their title as Scottish Youth Champions in the Development section for the third year running.

As favourites to re-

gain the title, they chose a very testing and technically demanding programme that even an adult third section band would find challenging.

Contention
This year 14 youth bands were in contention for the top prize and Campbeltown Brass' five-piece programme was an instant hit with the audience.

Emily Walker, the band's secretary, said: 'Many people in the au-

dience commented it was the winning performance of the day.' However, after a very close contest, the adjudicators awarded three bands with a gold award, with the runners up trophy going to Campbeltown Junior Brass.

This year, the age limit for entrants was 16 and under with two players over 16. The band only had two 16 year olds with the remainder of players all under 14 while the youngest was only eight.

Katrina Barr, the band's youth musical director and conductor on the day, said: 'The kids really played so well, they always seem to rise to the occasion and the venue.'

Proud
'They are a real credit to the town, not only by how talented they are but also how well they conduct themselves when we are away. I am extremely proud

of them for all the hard work they have put in.'

The band has had a busy few months recently, performing at Campbeltown's remembrance day parade and Lochgilphead lantern parade. Several band members have also won prizes in the West of Scotland Solo and Ensemble Competition.

During the run up to Christmas the band will be performing their Christmas Concert on December 19, while also carol playing around town and bag packing to help boost band funds. These funds are to encourage and help new players get involved in the band and enable them to continue to compete at the top level.

Emily said: 'We value all the support the people of Campbeltown have given to the band over the years and we hope they will continue to do so in this festive season.'



Lots of people turned up to the event, including these ladies, to either show off their wares or find some festive bargains. 20_c47serenity01

Ugadale hosts fundraising extravaganza

SERENITY Spa at the Ugadale in Machrihanish recently hosted a fundraising extravaganza.

Raising money for both Macmillan Cancer and Campbeltown's MS Society, visitors during the evening were treated to a variety of craft stalls and

beauty products, a raffle and a three-course buffet and drinks.

It gave people a chance to see around the hotel as well as enjoy the festive feel of the event, which aimed to encourage people to start thinking about Christmas.

Coffee morning raises cash for the Beatson

CHRISTINE Duncan, left, and Helen McVicar show off one of the cuddlier raffle prizes at the Campbeltown Friends of the Beatson coffee morning.

Home baking, a range of raffle prizes, teas, coffees and a bottle stall were all on offer to visitors at the event, held in the Red Cross Hall, Campbeltown.

A total of £1,435.50

was raised, before ex-

penses. A piper even opened

proceedings, playing

for the crowd which

had gathered at the

hall at 10am eager to get inside. 20_c47coffee01



Campbeltown Junior Brass at Perth Concert Hall for the Scottish Youth Championships.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

Tues Dec 3rd 6.30pm
Mid Argyll Hospital
'Living Well With Long Term Illness'
Dr. Robert Wrate
M.B.B.S., D.P.M., F.R.C.Psych
Tea/Coffee/Sandwiches
Come & enjoy the company!
(01546 886253 / 01546 510391)

Carol Concert

Saturday 30 November
6.30pm
Christ Church
Bishopston Road,
Lochgilphead
For Christian Aid
All welcome

DOLLY MIXTURES REUNION

13th December
7pm
Dochas Centre,
Lochgilphead
Please Tel
01546 602074

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Please Note
December Team
Shoot is on
Sunday 1st December
Xmas Shoot on 15th
December

MID ARGYLL ARTS ASSOCIATION

(Scottish Charity No. SC006711)
Present
ALBA BRASS
Mid Argyll - Ardrishaig
Hall, Saturday 30th Nov
7-30pm
£9, £8(conc), Free
(school & students)

Tarbert Loch Fyne & Kilberry Church of Scotland

SCOTTISH QUIZ NIGHT
Tarbert Bowling Club
Friday 29th November 7pm
£10 a table - proceeds to restoration appeal
Families welcome.
Teas, Coffee, Prizes and Raffle
Supported by the Tarbert Masonic Lodge

MID ARGYLL MUSICAL SOCIETY presents

"High Society"
in Ardrishaig Public Hall
from Wednesday 4th to
Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm
Tickets available from The Square Peg & at the door.

Campbeltown Cat Rescue ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 7th December
Victoria Hall, Campbeltown
10am - 12 noon
Baking, bottle stalls and Raffle
(First prize £100)
All donations gratefully received
Everyone most welcome.

Kintyre Chorale CHRISTMAS CONCERT

In aid of Shelter Boxes for Philippines Disaster & Town Hall Fund
Tuesday 10th December
Lorne and Lowland Church
8.00pm
Entry by donation

Dunaverty Hall CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 30th November 2.00pm
St Blaans Hall, Southend
£2.50 (tea etc)
Santa (£2.50)
2.15 - 2.45pm
Stalls & Raffle
Scottish Charity No. SC03277

Highland Parish Church CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th & Saturday 7th December 2013
Lunches 12.00 - 2.00pm
Kirk St Hall, Campbeltown
£4.00 Adults £2.50 Children
Coffees from 10.00am (Saturday only)
Baking stall Saturday!

Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society

'Kintyre in the 1960s: a photographic presentation' by George McSparran on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30 pm in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown
All welcome (non-members £2.50 at door)

St. Kieran's RC Church CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 7th December 2-4pm
in St Kieran's Church Hall,
Kirk Street
Usual stalls & children's lucky dip

The Salvation Army COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 30th November
10am - 12 noon
Home baking & hot pancakes for sale
Entry £1

Kintyre U3A General Meeting

To be held in the Argyll Arms Hotel Campbeltown
On Thursday 5th December 2013 at 10.30 am
Christmas Social and Lunch
U3A choir: Margaret Nimmo
All retired and semi-retired welcome
Refreshments available
Contact: Rose Marie Bennett on 01586 810383

Glenbarr Abbey Charitable Trust CHRISTMAS OPEN DAYS

Sundays 1st & 8th December 2013
12.30pm to 4.30pm
Soup and teas provided by Mairi Semple Fund
Music with Gus Macalister
Come & visit Santa
Mrs Jeanne Macalister
01583 421247

Kintyre Crafters Group XMAS CRAFT FAIR

Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown
Friday 29th November 6pm - 9pm & Saturday 30th November 10am - 4pm

Friends of Crarae present a CAROL CONCERT

by THE CORRAN SINGERS
FURNACE VILLAGE HALL
Thursday 12th December 7.30pm
Seasonal punch & mince pies; Raffle
Tickets £5.00 at the door
children free if accompanied by an adult
Reg. Charity no. SC033244

Rotary Club will deliver Christmas cards

THE CHRISTMAS Post will be operated by the Rotary Club of Campbeltown this year, raising funds for various charities in Kintyre and beyond.

Last year the Rotary Club delivered around 25,000 Christmas cards in Kintyre as part of a service which has run for many years. The number of cards delivered has increased almost every year since the service started and the Rotary Club

hopes to maintain this record. Prices will remain the same as last year at 20p per card and £1.50 for parcels. Cards can be delivered as far north as Tayinloan and Carradale.

Usual places

This year the collecting boxes will be in the usual places - Millknowe shop, Wallpaper shop Longrow, McGeachy Butchers, Keiths Newsagents, Ralston Road Store, Machrihanish Golf Club Pro Shop,

Muasdale Shop and Muneroy Stores Southend.

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

The Rotary caravan will be on Main Street, Campbeltown on December 7 from 10.30am until 3.30pm, December 14 from 10am until 4pm and December 17 from 10.30am until 3.30pm.

The Rotary Club would like to thank all the shopkeepers for their help and all those who help in any way, including the many helpers and the associate group in Carradale.

Taking part

Rotarian Ann Gallacher will be taking part in an old Christmas card collection after Christmas and New Year.

A collecting box can be found in Tesco, Campbeltown or they can be given to any Rotarian.



The Kintyre Chorale presents a cheque to Campbeltown Medical Practice for the purchase of additional cardiac equipment.

Picture courtesy of Sarah MacDonald Photography.

Cheque for heart equipment

CAMPBELTOWN Medical Practice has had a boost to its funds after The Kintyre Chorale handed over a cheque for £600.

The money will allow the practice to purchase essential cardiac equipment needed for day to day use and will mean patients can avoid making unnecessary trips to Glasgow or Oban.

The Kintyre Chorale is busy rehearsing for its

Christmas concert which will take place in Lorne and Lowland Church on December 10 at 8pm.

Money raised at the concert will go towards shelter boxes for the Philippines disaster and the Campbeltown town hall fund. This year's concert programme includes Christmas on Broadway, the Irish Blessing, community carol singing and a solo spot by David McEwan.

Quiz and auction will raise funds for new Gigha archaeology group

A NEW group has formed on Gigha with the aim of opening up a network of paths on the island and to maintain and improve access to its abundance of archaeology.

The initial meeting of the Gigha Coast and Countryside Group was well attended, with two

initial walks held and more planned before Christmas.

Member Andy Oliver said: 'The main aim of the group is to identify various paths and have them opened, way marked and identified on a leaflet to aid visitors and locals alike in exploring Gigha.'

'To raise initial funds for the group a quiz night is being held in the Gigha Hotel on Saturday, December 7 and Malcolm Maclachlan, head gardener at Achamore Gardens, has crafted a beautiful sculpture - the Owl and the Pussycat - which will be auctioned on the night of the quiz.'

Anyone wishing to make a sealed bid should contact Jayne Miller at flit@gigha.org.uk before December 7 or ring 01583 505160 for further details.



The Owl and the Pussycat sculpture is being auctioned.

Macmillan cancer cooks up a storm

VOLUNTEERS cooked up a storm recently at Campbeltown's Macmillan Cancer Support Thoughts of Christmas evening at Stronvaar Bowling Club. The evening was supported by Tesco and three ladies from the Dundee branch came down to give a cookery demonstration.

After the demonstration it was time for two members of the audience to get involved and take part in a game of Ready Steady Cook.

Buffet

A magnificent buffet was provided by the committee and together with a raffle they managed to raise £1,308. Macmillan Cancer Support in Campbeltown has had a number of fundraising events throughout the year and has managed to raise vast amounts of money to help those with cancer.

The committee would like to thank all who supported the event.



Laura Campbell, left, and Moira Menzies, right, show off their cooking skills at Ready Steady Cook.

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ROTARY CHRISTMAS POSTAL SERVICE

Posting boxes in shops until Tuesday 17th December

Caravan on Main Street Saturday 7th December

Saturday 14th December Tuesday 17th December

Delivery 18th December onwards

Kintyre north to Tayinloan & Carradale 20p per card. Parcels £1.50

PICTURE HOUSE

HISTORIC CINEMA

Saturday 30 November for 5 days at 8pm (Not Monday)

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (15)

86 year-old Irving Zisman is on a journey across America
Johnny Knoxville, Jackson Nicoll, Greg Harris and Georgina Cates

First Monday Presentation
Monday 2 December for 1 day at 8pm

Blue Jasmine (12A)

Written & Directed by Woody Allen
Cate Blanchett, Joy Carlin, Richard Conti and Alec Baldwin

Coming Next
Thor: The Dark World (12A)

SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa
86 year-old Irving Zisman is on a journey across America with the most unlikely companions, his 8 year-old Grandson Billy in "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa". This October, the signature Jackass character Irving Zisman (Johnny Knoxville) and Billy (Jackson Nicholl) will take movie audiences along for the most insane hidden camera road trip ever captured on camera.

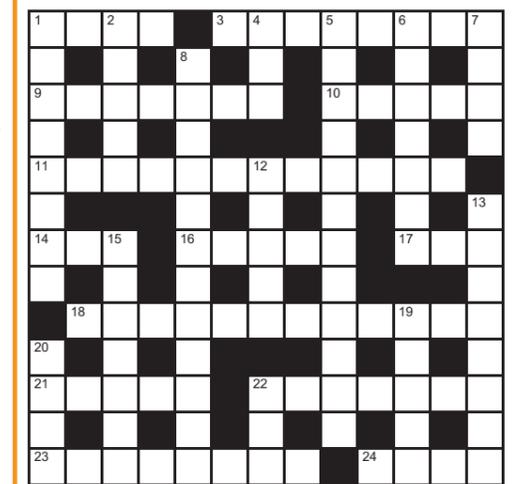
Synopsis: Blue Jasmine
After everything in her life falls to pieces, including her marriage to wealthy businessman Hal, elegant New York socialite Jasmine moves into her sister Ginger's modest apartment in San Francisco to try to pull herself back together again.

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Cinema closed on Friday
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



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- 9 Ladylike (7)
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- 5 Greedy one (12)
- 6 Better (7)
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Last week's solution





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THERE is no time of year that can be more lonely for people than Christmas. For those unfortunate enough not to be surrounded by loved ones during the festive period it can be a struggle. A chat over a cup of tea and a few biscuits might solve some people's problems but others may have much more on their plate to deal with. And there are plenty of places in Argyll that you can turn to for care and support in a

time of need. You could be facing problems at home, whether that be coping with a loved one's illness, a recent bereavement or addiction issues.

There are many support and therapy groups that can help you overcome these issues and deal with the emotions you experience during them.

And as a friend of someone who has suffered loss, close to Christmas, what should you do? People that have lost a loved one close to Christmas may not even want to think about it or acknowledge the festive season. So what does that mean to close friends who want to support them?

Jane Pope, bereavement service coordinator at healthcare charity Sue Ryder, said: 'Some people will try to avoid thinking of Christmas, but it is not possible as it's

going to be around them everywhere.

'As a friend you want to support that person through a very difficult time and reach a balance that's right for your friend. Don't make assumptions, ask your friend what they'd like, we're all different.

'There's a time for staying with your grief and a time to be distracted from it; healthy grieving sees the individual oscillating between the two. Sometimes we grieve as much as our friends and each person's experience of bereavement is special to them.

'Grieving is a natural process which helps most people, eventually, find a way of learning to live with the death and continue with life.'

There are a few things that you can do to help your friends cope with bereavement especially at Christmas: help keep them busy, suggest

things that might help and offer to take part with them, like lighting a candle in church or allow them to skip Christmas altogether if that's what they want to do.

Their choices must be sought and respected, the last thing they need is people bossing them around

Perhaps you're stuck in a situation you can't see a way out of, if you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse help is at hand - don't be afraid to speak up.

Reaching out to others can pull you back from a point where you may be considering harming yourself. Talking through our problems will help solve them.

If you're a carer for anyone and struggling to cope - or just looking for a bit of breathing space - there is also help available through respite services and support groups.



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courier farming

Anger over CAP funding loss

TOUGH questions were asked in Westminster on Tuesday over the loss of the bulk of 230 million euros which Scottish farmers feel should have gone solely to them.

The UK recently received the extra Common Agricultural Policy money because of the historically low rates of support per hectare paid in Scotland compared to farmers in other parts of the UK.

However, rather than use the uplift for its intended purpose, the UK government has divided the extra funding across the whole of the UK, effectively depriving Scottish farmers of what is due to them.

This has created anger among Scottish farming communities and has left many in Argyll and Bute bewildered.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'Local farmers have expressed deep concern to me about the way the UK Government is short changing Scottish farmers over CAP support.'

'The UK only qualified for the convergence uplift because Scotland has fallen so far behind



Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell.

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the rest of the UK and Europe in terms of area payments per hectare.

'Thanks to the Tory-Liberal coalition, Scotland now languishes at the bottom of the European table in both direct payments and Rural Development Funding, and the convergence uplift is intended to create a more level playing field for Scotland's farmers.'

'Once again Westminster cannot be trusted.

'It has been reported that the DEFRA minister has said that Scotland is 'getting more than its fair share' which must anger and astonish the farming community.

'There has been cross-party consensus in the Scottish Parliament that the convergence uplift must come to Scotland, yet UK ministers have shown they are simply not listening.

'The debate on Tuesday gave them an opportunity to reconsider their intransigent approach, listen to their own colleagues in Scotland, and put the convergence plans into action now, rather than wait until 2016.

'It is becoming even clearer that a Yes vote

next year offers the best solution for Scotland's farming and rural communities. All decisions about Scotland's farming industry should be taken by the people who live and work here.'

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Manager will have no conviction over knife incident

THE MANAGER of an Islay Hotel has been given an absolute discharge for presenting a knife after a sheriff deemed the incident as having no malintent.

Robert Gordon, 59, of the White Hart Hotel in Port Ellen, admitted behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by presenting a knife at two of his employees in his hotel on July 7 this year.

Last Tuesday Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard how two of his staff had been clearing the bar at closing time but Gordon felt they were not working fast enough.

While standing in the foyer he appeared agitated and took out a locking knife. This was all captured on CCTV.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said: 'The younger of the witnesses did not know what he was going to do with the knife. She took a step back. The other witness took it from him.'

Defence agent Christian Kane told the court that Gordon was a pipe smoker and he kept the knife in his back pocket, adding: 'He fiddles with it as a nervous habit.'

Due to his clean record and the appearance of no malintent, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said the conviction would not appear on his record.

Drunken man put policeman in a headlock

ADRUNKEN Islay man who put a policeman in a headlock and squeezed his throat has been fined a total of £520.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Stephen McPharlane,

44, of 16 Gartness Cottages, Ballygrant admitted assaulting the police constable at Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen on June 8 of this year.

He also pled guilty to behaving in threatening and abusive manner, shouting and swearing and uttering threats of violence in a police vehicle and at Bowmore Police Station.

The court heard that McPharlane, who had been drinking heavily that night, had become increasingly aggressive with police officers at Ramsay Hall before he grabbed one of them and put him in a headlock.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC, who heard that McPharlane was out of work and was having difficulty completing a community pay-back order imposed last year because of sciatica, fined him a total of £520 to be paid at £15 a week.



Councillor Robin Currie, housing convener of Argyll and Bute Council, officially opening the new build properties for ACHA at Church Way, Port Ellen, Islay.

New Islay homes officially opened

EIGHT new homes for rent at Church Way, Port Ellen, Islay have been officially opened.

The four three-bedroom houses and four two-bedroom flats were built by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA).

The development cost just over £1 million and was financed by contributions of £479,865 from Argyll and Bute Council's rural housing development fund and

£525,051 from ACHA.

The properties were built by M&K MacLeod Construction of Lochgilphead and were officially opened last week by Councillor Robin Currie, housing convener of Argyll and Bute Council.

Mike Brown, chairman of ACHA's board of management, paid tribute to Councillor Currie and the council for establishing the rural housing develop-

ment fund to support financially affordable housing in small villages and island communities.

He also confirmed that ACHA plans to build 20 new homes for rent in Bowmore, on Islay early next year.

It is hoped that these new homes will assist in tackling the waiting list of more than 200 families and single people for affordable housing on the island.

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CARRADALE

Drunken fisherman threatened friends on night out

A CARRADALE fisherman has admitted shouting, swearing and threatening his friends when they tried to stop him from driving a car while drunk.

James Rennie, 27, of Lorient, High Airs, appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday where he admitted to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner while on a night out for his birthday on July 7 this year. Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said: 'All witnesses feared he was going to drive and they threatened: 'If you don't let me go you'll have a

fight on your hands; I'll kick you in the head.'

He was eventually persuaded back into the common close and away from the car.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'It seems to me his friends behaved very responsibly in trying to get him out of the car and for that they were shouted and sworn at.'

Sentencing was deferred for three months for the accused to be of good behaviour.

CLACHAN

Former town vet entertains SWRI members

CLACHAN, Largieside and Whitehouse SWRIs were kept highly entertained recently by the stories of a former Campbeltown vet.

Alasdair Cousin, who worked in the town for many years, spoke of his work in

Kintyre which at first was mainly with cattle. Later he worked with sheep and small animals and continues to work as a locum on the Scottish islands with domestic pets.

He had many interesting and amusing stories to tell before judging Clachan's SWRI's animal photographs.

Results: 1 Louise Stanesby, 2 Lori Silvan, 3 Trudy Smith. Cheese scones, judged by Helen Steel: 1 Glynis Lewin, 2 Jane McCallum, 3 Pauline Simson.

Tea was enjoyed and the raffle was drawn.

WHITEHOUSE

Fyne jewellery demonstration

WHITEHOUSE WRI enjoyed a jewellery demonstration by Lynne Girdwood of Fyne Silver.

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Hostesses were Dorothy O'Donnell and Pam Caley.

Competitions: Piece of jewellery - 1 Agnes Silvers, 2 Sarah McDonald, 3 Linda Whyatt. Apple tart - Linda Whyatt.

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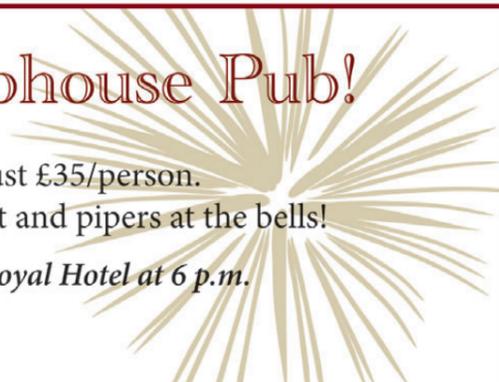


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The parade of floats - featuring Santa and his special guests - will start from Hazelburn Business Park at 6.45pm and will go along Longrow, onto to Main Street and down to the ferry terminal.

It will then turn back along Hall Street and up Main Street for the switch on of the Christmas lights.

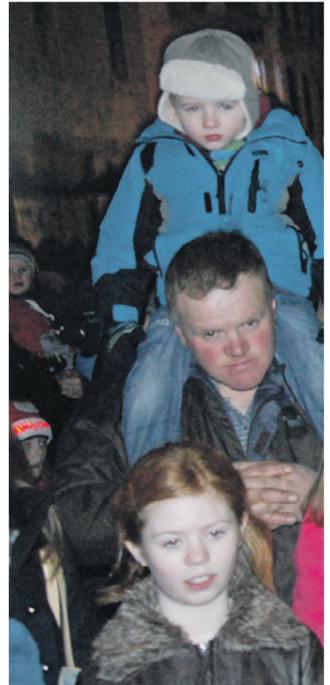
The street lights will go off for a short while before the switch on.

With most shops in the town offering late night shopping, there will be a fun fair in Burnside Square from 6.30pm and Campbeltown Brass will be playing in Main Street from the same time until 6.50pm.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will also be performing during the evening and Christmas pop tunes will be played in Main Street from 6.50pm till 7.30pm.

Santa's Grotto will be in the town hall from 7.30pm till 9pm.

The event, organised by Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group, is wholly funded by the people and business of Campbeltown and Kintyre.

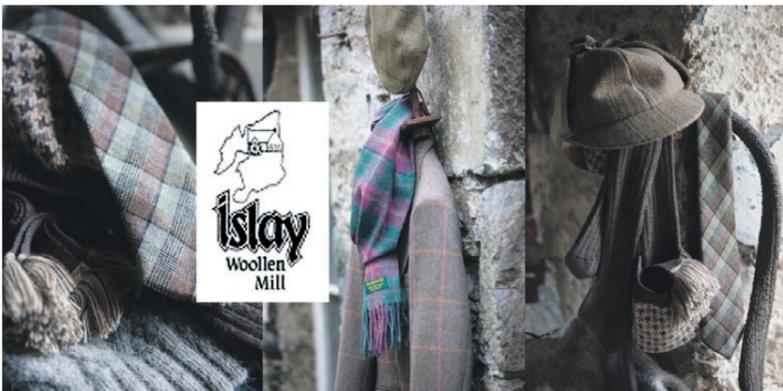


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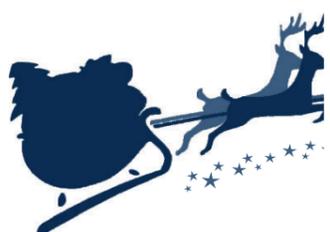
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THE lantern procession is fast turning out to be a highlight of Campbeltown's annual Christmas Lights Switch On parade which takes place this evening (Friday).

It certainly is for the young people involved in making the lanterns - some of which can be 10ft high - and in carrying them during the parade.

'The delight of it all is written all over the faces of the youngsters at the parade,' said development worker Mandy Robertson who oversees the making of the lanterns at workshops at The Hub in Campbeltown.

'The kids get really excited about being able to be part of the parade alongside the town's businesses and their vehicles.

'They love showing off their own lantern - one they made or helped make.'

Mandy explained that youngsters between the ages of five and 20 assist in making the lanterns using willow, tape, wet tissue paper and PVC glue and water,

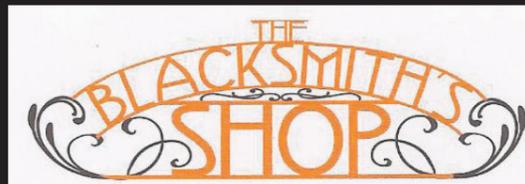
The come in all shapes and sizes representing the likes of Christmas trees, snowmen and reindeer.

This is the third year of the lantern procession, and it is hoped there will be around 60 again.



'We encourage families to get involved together in making and parading them,' said Mandy.

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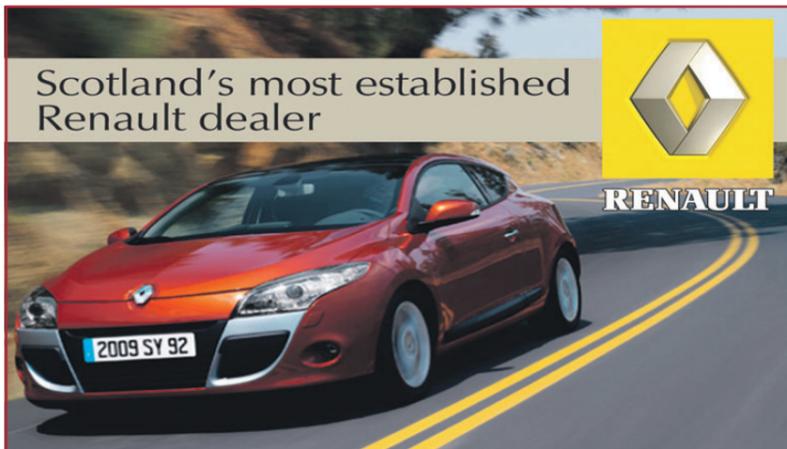
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The event will mark the beginning of the shopping season and despite its modest size Inveraray is brimming with boutique shops that are packed with stocking fillers and gifts no matter a person's taste.

Naturally the first port of call for most at this time of year is Inveraray's homeware and gift stores which are filled with inspiring and thoughtful presents for loved ones this Christmas.

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The royal burgh's eateries and delis are not merely a place to rest at the end of a day's shopping but are also filled with artisan produce. From west coast whiskies to fine wine, local cheeses, chutneys and cakes, the royal burgh is the perfect place for those creating Christmas hampers as gifts.

Indeed Inveraray offers a broad range of eateries.

The renowned George Hotel is famed for its good food and warm welcome. There is no better time to visit the hotel than in winter, when you can relax with a hot drink by one of the many open fires in the lounge.

The Cottage Restaurant is another haven for diners. Hidden just off the main street, the restaurant serves up light lunches, modern classic or hearty Scottish fayre.

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The Red Cross shop in Hall Street has been receiving many hundreds of pounds in donations from Kintyre residents since the disaster struck earlier this month, killing and injuring thousands and leaving many millions without homes or shelter.

Billy Johnstone, the chapter's most excellent first principal, pictured centre, presented the cheque to Red Cross branch members Isobel Armour, left, and Jan McNair.

Also pictured are, right, Hugh Wilson, past deputy grand superintendent of Argyll and the Isles, and Robert Bocox, chairman of the chapter's Royal Ark Mariners. 08_c48redcross01



Campbeltown Sheriff Court

Woman jailed for attack on flat of boyfriend's ex

A CAMPBELTOWN woman who smashed the window of a flat belonging to her boyfriend's ex-girlfriend has been jailed for six months.

Kara Pope, 28, of 53C Longrow Court, also admitted breaching a bail order by behaving in a threatening and abusive manner and repeatedly kicking the flat door.

Attack

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court the attack happened at 5.30am on November 8 of this year.

He said Pope and her boyfriend lived in the flat below the ex-girlfriend.

Police traced Pope to a flat in Burnbank Place. She initially denied being responsible for the attack, but police saw shards of glass on the soles of her trainers and

scratches and nicks on her hand.

They also found shards of glass on the broken leg of a wooden chair in Pope's flat.

Mike Creegan, agent for Pope, said there had been confrontations between his client and the victim who he claimed had slammed doors and played loud music.

'That night my client just had too much to drink,' he said.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'She is just not prepared to deal with her drinking. She has had chance after chance.

'This is a blatant breach of her bail condition not to enter that property and she causes mayhem in the town.'

Sentencing Pope, Sheriff Anderson told her: 'I am particularly concerned about this violent, drunken behaviour you seem incapable of desisting from.'

Islay man narrowly avoids jail sentence

AN Islay man who beat up his partner and tore clumps of hair from her scalp has narrowly avoided prison.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told George Jamieson, 38, it was one of the worst cases of domestic violence she had come across.

Jamieson, a scaffolder, had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing in Campbeltown Sheriff Court to seizing his partner by the neck, repeatedly punching her on the head, throwing her to the floor and causing her to bang her head, and pulling her by the hair to her injury in her Ballygrant home on October 6 of this year.

Her injuries included grazes, a cut, swelling

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The court last week heard that Jamieson was now living with his parents in Port Askaig.

Custody

Sheriff Anderson told him: 'Custody was uppermost in my mind, but with a lot of hesitation I will defer sentence for three months for you to be of good behaviour because you have been making some effort to deal with your problems.'

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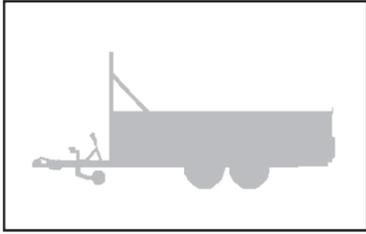
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT was the most ghastly night.

The wind whipped the rain along the seafront as we rushed from the car into the shelter of the library.

Inside it was a haven of warmth and peace, and there was a great feeling of expectation. We settled into the cosiness of the arm chairs and conversations began.

Glasses of wine were laid out alongside some tasty nibbles and soon the wet night was forgotten.

We were gathered to listen to Kenneth Steven read his poem narrative, 'A Song Among The Stones'.

The haunting strains of the fiddle brought a hush to the audience.

Kenneth began to read his wonderful narrative to an enthralled audience as Peter interspersed the story with ancient Celtic music.

The story is one of the courage and dedication of 6th century Celtic Christian monks who journeyed from Iona to seek solitude in Iceland.

Kenneth's gift of descriptive prose made us almost feel we were on that perilous voyage on the edge of the ocean.

As the wind roared outside the library and the sea crashed to the shore, we listened as Kenneth read of the monks' sea encounter.

He spoke of 'islands of sea, floors of sea, valleys of sea, hills of sea, lifts of sea, slopes of sea, peaks of sea, rafts of sea - hollows, steeps, descents, edges, darkenings, flickering, and shapes of sea'.

These monks set out on journeys of faith to reach the wild coasts, to build chapels and to seek God in the very teeth of the storm.

Our own coastlines are scattered with similar little chapels, built by the saints of old, like Columba and Kentigern, who gave their lives to bring people to God.

They are in ruins now, 'novembered' by the storms.

'Sometimes faith is elusive, hard to catch as a fish'.

But there will always remain a 'song among the stones'.

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Southend pupils wore their onesies and pyjamas to school for Children in Need.

Southend Primary raises £100.38 for Children in Need

STAFF and pupils from Southend Primary School and Pre-5 unit did their bit for Children in Need, raising £100.38.

Dressed up in onesies and py-

jammas, they organised a talent show and set up a variety of stalls.

Headteacher Lesley Ronald said she particularly enjoyed

throwing wet sponges at the bigger boys in her class.

The school cook, Jen Campbell, also made some Pudsey biscuits and Margaret Ban-

natyne took the school choir to perform at a local charity concert. Mrs Ronald said: 'Well done everyone for their efforts, and it was great fun as well.'

Campbeltown Sheriff Court

Drink driver faces jail

A MUASDALE drink driver has been told to 'prepare for a custodial sentence'.

This follows Robin Nolan's second appearance in court in the space of a month on two separate drink driving related matters.

Last week, Nolan, 43, of North Beachmore, pled guilty to failing to provide police officers with breath samples and also failing to reveal the identity of the driver of a vehicle in Tarbert on August 25 of this year.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said police had responded to a call from a concerned member of the public who saw a man unsteady on his feet get into a car and drive off.

Police came across Nolan in a parked car in Harbour Street, Tarbert. He was lying back in the driver's seat with

the windows and sun-roof open and smelled of alcohol.

However, he failed to co-operate with police, was 'defensive and evasive', and failed to provide breath samples.

Defence agent Christian Kane said a criminal justice social work report, called for his previous drink driving offence, had referred to his client's 'chronic use of alcohol'. Last month, Nolan pled guilty to being almost three times the legal alcohol limit on the A83 near Putechan Hunting Lodge Hotel on May 29 of this year.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told him: 'These are matters of huge concern. This is your third conviction.'

She deferred sentence until December 19 for a social work report and medical report and told Nolan to 'come prepared for a custodial sentence'.

Designer drug left man acting bizarrely

A CAMPBELTOWN man has admitted dealing in a designer drug which left another man needing medical treatment.

At the town's sheriff court last week, Thomas Smiley, 30, of 34 Albyn Avenue, pled guilty to possessing NBOME, a drug subject to temporary control, at his home with intent to supply on July 14 of this year.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said that police acting on information had turned up at Smiley's home with a search warrant.

They found a total of 36 NBOME tablets, which Smiley said he had ordered on the internet believing them to be a legal high.

Normally sold for £3 to £5 each, Smiley was selling them at nine for

£20 which was more than he paid for them.

Mr McGinty said that the previous day the ambulance service had dealt with a man who had been unconscious before acting bizarrely and sweating profusely.

'When he came round, he said he had taken a tablet provided by the accused,' said the fiscal.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence until December 19 for a criminal justice social work report.

Sheriff seeks key details from alcoholic

A KILKENZIE man fighting an alcohol problem has been given three months by a sheriff to provide proof of his income, maintenance payments to his three children and how often he is in contact with them.

Michael Rennie, 28, of High Ballevain Cottage,

appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week where he pleaded guilty to behaving in a threatening and abusive manner, shouting and swearing and throwing a belt at 49 Longrow Court, Campbeltown on November 12 of this year while on bail.

Deferring sentence until February 13, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said she also wanted to know what he was doing to tackle his alcoholism.



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

BIRTHS



CRAIG
 Robert and Louise are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Logan John, at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, on November 19, 2013. A wee brother for Iona and third grandchild for Alex and the late Helen Pow, formerly of Kinlochleven and second grandchild for John and Ileana, Lincona, Peninver, by Campbeltown.



MARTIN
 Barry and Joanne are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Daniel John Scott, on November 20, 2013 at the Princess Royal Hospital. A little brother for Alba and second grandchild for Una and Charlie.



MARTIN - PARK
 At Cresswell Maternity Hospital, Dumfries, on October 24, 2013, to Julie and John, a son, Lauchlan. Third grandson for Lorna and the late Jim Martin, Castleacres. Both well.

ENGAGEMENTS



MACDOUGALL - HOUSTON
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Stuart MacDougall, eldest son of James and June MacDougall, High Milndovan Farm, Cardross to Susan Elizabeth, only daughter of Archibald and Audrey Houston, Colonsay, Campbeltown.

SILVER WEDDINGS



HATTON - WEIR
 Jim and Belle, on November 26, 1988 by Rev Edward Andrews, at Ardrishaig Parish Church.

DEATHS

ASPINALL - On November 18, 2013, peacefully in Oswestry, Shropshire, Jean Hoynes McMurchy, in her 82nd year, beloved wife of the late Dick Aspinall, daughter of Dougie and Nessie McMurchy, Southend, a loving mother to John and Fiona and a much loved nanny to her five grandchildren.

BLACKMAN - Doreen Lynda Rodger 'Bunty', died peacefully after a short illness, on November 18, 2013, widow of the late Peter Blackman, a much loved Godmother and cousin. A true friend to countless many who will dearly miss her. Funeral service to take place at St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to The Cats' Protection League, c/o Cowley & Son Ltd, Independent Funeral Directors, Triangle House, 62 Victoria Road, Cirencester, GL7 1ES. Telephone 01285 653298.

EDMONDS - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on November 17, 2013, Colin Digby Edmonds, aged 79 years, of Meadowsweet, Drimvore, Kilmichael, beloved husband of the late Ruby and much loved father of Ruth. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Wednesday, December 4 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK. Wear what you wish, preferably colourful and no black ties please.

FALCONER - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 22, 2013, Judith May Falconer, in her 75th year, 45A High Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Falconer, much loved mother of Tony, Nicky, Debby and Gordon and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish, Rear Church Hall, on Friday, November 29 at 12.00 noon. Funeral thereafter to Patchan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Cat Rescue.

MACLENNAN - Jenny, formerly of Cairnbaan, on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Funeral on December 4, 2013 at Dumbarton Baptist Church, at 11.00am and thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery at approximately 1.30pm. Donations in aid of The Blind Society and The Diabetic Association.

MCALISTER - Suddenly, but peacefully, at home, 51 Caltoun Avenue, Campbeltown, on November 27, 2013, after a long illness, Cameron Andrew McAlister, in his 67th year, dearly beloved son of the late Neil and Connie McAlister, much loved brother of Ian, brother-in-law of Mary and a loving uncle of Barry and Karen. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, November 30 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Community Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

MCCALLUM - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 23, 2013, Margaret McCallum, 109 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Euphemia Ramsay (Effie) and Peter McCallum, much loved niece of Elizabeth Ramsay and a dear friend to all the family.

MCGEACHY - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on November 25, 2013, Lena Allan, in her 93rd year, formerly of the Isle of Gigha, dearly beloved wife of the late Donald McGeachy and much loved mother of Morris and the late Angus. Service in Gigha Parish Church, on Monday, December 2 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilchattan Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Flowers are welcome, or donations in lieu of flowers, to Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown.

MCISAAC - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 27, 2013, Duncan Melsaac, in his 83rd year, 6 Glenbarr Cottages, dearly beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Ian, loving grandfather of Gavin, Alexander and Jamie and great grandfather of Victor. Home is the sailor. Funeral private.

PARK - Peacefully, in Roxburghe House, Dundee, on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, Muriel, long beloved wife of William, much loved mum to Ann, Johnny and the late Raymond and Alison, step-mum of Rosemary and Margaret and devoted granny. RIP.

IN MEMORIAMS

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 and daughter-in-law, Mina.

MARTIN - Cherished memories of Marion, died December 2, 1997. Love and miss you dearly. - Nichola, John, Kyra, Mathew and family xxxx.

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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 St Andrews Day Services 1 December - all welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
 Charity No. SC016097
 10am Lochgair Church

Glenaray and Inveraray
 Charity No. SC016665
 11.30am Inveraray Church
 2.30pm Communion Service
 Chalmers Court

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
 Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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 Mr George Stewart, Kilmartin
Wednesday 4th December 2013
 10.00am Toddler Group
 7.30pm Bible Study
Friday 6th December
 7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
 Panel Night - Any Questions?
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 Questions can be handed in before or at the meeting
 Tea/coffee served afterwards
All Welcome
Everyone most welcome.

Highland Parish Church
 SCO02493
Sunday 1st December
 11.15am Rev C Hood
 Sacrament of Baptism
Tuesday 3rd December
 Badminton
 P1-5 - 6-7pm
 P6-7 - 7-8pm
Thursday 5th December
 12.00 - 2.00pm - Lunches
 Congregational Board
 7.30pm Kirk St Hall
Friday 6th December
 12.00 - 2.00pm - Lunches
Saturday 7th December
 10.00 - 12.00pm - Coffee Morning
 12.00 - 2.00pm - Lunches
Everyone very welcome

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Tuesday 3rd December
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 BB Anchor Section
 6 - 7pm in Church Hall
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 7.15 - 8.30pm in Church Hall
Thursday 5th December
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Friday 6th December
 Lunch Club - 12 noon - New Hall

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Tuesday
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 1.30pm Home League
Thursday
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 11.00am
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
 Speaker: Graham McLean
"Eagle Saints Arise!"
Thursday 5 December 2013
 7.30pm
 Praise, prayer & sharing
Saturday 7 December 2013
 Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
 Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
 Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
 All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 1 December
 Advent Sunday Communion
 Ford 11.30 am
Friday 6 December
 Christingle Service
 Ford Church 7.00 pm
 followed by mulled wine in Ford village hall
 Rev. Cliff Acklam
 All welcome
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LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
 All Welcome
 Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 1st December 2013
 11.00am Morning Service
 At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae
Saturday 30th November - 6.30pm
 Christ Church
 joint Christian Aid Service
 Collection for Christian Aid
 Scottish Charity SC015187

TARBERT LOCHFYN AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 1st December 2013
 Tarbert Service 11.45am
 to be held in Tarbert Free Church
 Sunday School 11.45am
 Rev. Tommy Bryson
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Monday 2nd December
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 11:00 am
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Six of the best as Carradale hit the goal trail against Third Lanark

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CARRADALE ran out convincing winners against Third Lanark on a 3G pitch in Hamilton despite giving away an early goal.

Third Lanark took just six minutes to score, taking advantage of poor marking. Jamie McColl's first-time shot from 16 yards high into the top corner gave Carradale goalkeeper Reid Anderson no chance.

The visitors immediately went looking but the home keeper made three good saves to defy Cammy Maguire twice and Adam Graham.

Carradale drew level on the 26th minute through Campbell Ramsay, the right back's shot-come-cross from 25 yards finding the back post before finishing in the net.

Within four minutes the Dale went ahead when David Johnstone

supplied Ryan McConnachie who skipped past two defenders before blasting the ball into the roof of the net from the edge of the box.

The McFadyens Transport-sponsored side turned the screw on the home team and it was no surprise when their third goal arrived in the 37th minute.

Lobbed

Robert McGarrie put Graham through on goal and the striker lobbed the advancing keeper before rounding him and heading the bouncing ball into the empty net.

The best goal of the match came three minutes from the break when Johnstone, McConnachie and Maguire playing one-touch football 40 yards from goal and the latter finished the move by delicately chipping the keeper to

put Carradale 4-1 up.

The Kintyre side controlled the rest of the game but never made as many clear cut chances.

Their fifth goal came in the 68th minute when Maguire set up Johnny McCormick and the little winger ran into the penalty area before shooting the ball across the keeper and into the net via the inside of the post.

Ten minutes later, Johnstone's pass found Maguire and the little striker made no mistake from 12 yards as he slotted the ball past the out-rushing keeper.

Brendan Wilson was unlucky not to get on the score sheet three minutes from the final whistle when his shot from 25 yards came off the upright. Man of the match was Cammy Maguire.

Yet another good result from Carradale has set them up nicely for their Scottish Cup fourth round match against Campbeltown Pupils tomorrow (Saturday).



Campbeltown Pupils Youths 2001s are pictured with their sponsor Andrew Smith and team manager Iain Reid.

Pupils Under 13s show off new strip

The Pupils Youth Under 13s squad who play in the Dumbar-ton Football Development League are looking great in their new strips thanks to spon-

sors Andrew Smith & Son and New Holland Agriculture.

A spokesman for Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association said: 'We

are grateful for the support from these sponsors, and backing is also needed for the Under 15 and 17 age groups.

'Any businesses or

individuals wishing to make a contribution to youth football in Campbeltown should contact David Paterson at david@campbeltown.info'.



John Bakes from Southend Community Council presents the winner's trophy to the team of Jennifer Cameron, Elsie Ronald, Jamie McCallum and captain John McDowall.

Southend hosts bowling night

SOUTHEND residents enjoyed a community bowls night on Saturday with 40 people taking part.

Each team was made up of four players and several spectators were on hand to cheer them on.

The winners were Jennifer Cameron, Elsie Ronald, Jamie McCallum and John McDowall.



Adam Graham lobbed the advancing Third Lanark keeper before rounding him and heading the bouncing ball into the empty net. c48graham01

Kilbrannan's Iain and Alan clinch Captains Cup

KILBRANNAN A team Iain Smith and Alan Glen produced a fine finish against the Fiddlers' Tony McMillan and Stephen Jordan to win the Captains Cup at the Commercial last week.

The Fiddlers had beat Commercial in the semi-final and Kilbrannan A defeated the Burnside.

The final was the best of five legs and Kilbrannan went 2-0 up with some high scores and good finishes but the Fiddlers won the next two legs and included a 180 by Tony. The deciding leg was a close one but steady darts by Alan and Iain proved to be decisive and Alan took out the

44 left in two darts to take the trophy to the Kilbrannan.

Campbeltown District Darts Association week five results: Burnside 9 Southend 1, Fiddlers 6 Kilbrannan A 4, Ailsa 7 Fiddlers B 3, Kilbrannan C 2 Commercial 8, Kilbrannan B /Bye.

There were 180 scores by Shaun Grumoli for Burnside and Jimmy Umpherston for Southend. Alan Glen scored 177 for Kilbrannan A.

The Malcolm J Ross mixed doubles will be held in the Kilbrannan bar on Friday, February 29, 8pm start. This is an open event so please come and support as proceeds will be going to Campbeltown Diabetic Unit.



Iain Smith, left, and Alan Glen of the Kilbrannan A winners of the Captains cup.

Swimmers show their best at club championships

HUGE chunks were knocked off personal best times when 34 children of all ages took part in Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's annual championships at Aqualibrium earlier this month.

There were 35 different events covering all strokes and an individual medley which saw many fine achievements.

Championships

The championships for the under 9 years age group went to Caitlin Russell and Euan Charlwood, the 10-11 years champi-

ons were Josh Horan and Shannyn Charlwood and the 12 years category went to Fiona Kay and Ryan McGeachy.

The girls' 13 years champion was Ava McLatchie with Andrew Kay and Emma Lazarus winning their 14 and over categories.

The youngest swimmer, six-year-old Rianne Coffield, managed to take 2.5 seconds off her best 25-metre backstroke time.

It was also the first club championships for Emma Matthew, Chloe Twynham, Jamie Colville,

Gregor Campbell and James Reid who all put in great efforts to achieve impressive times.

Enjoyed success

Many of the swimmers have travelled to several competitions throughout the year and enjoyed success at those events as well as the recent Argyll and Bute Swimming Championships at the Aqualibrium.

All the swimmers have to be congratulated on their achievements and hard work over the past few months.



Girls' 13 years winner Ava McLatchie.



Boys' over 14 champion Andrew Kay.



Over 14 girls' winner Emma Lazarus.



Boys' under 9 champion Euan Charlwood.



Girls' 12 years winner Fiona Kay.



Boys' 10-11 years champion Josh Horan.



Girls' 10-11 years champion Shannyn Charlwood.



Girls' under 9 winner Caitlin Russell.



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Pupils are still on a learning curve

Inverclyde **5**
Campbeltown Pupils **2**
Jimmy Marshall Trophy - 1st Round

A YOUNG Campbeltown Pupils side continued its learning curve with defeat against Premier Division outfit Inverclyde last Saturday, but the scoreline does not reflect the full story of a competitive 90 minutes of cup football.

Mistakes were the main reason for defeat, and the Kintyre side were guilty of conceding soft goals in a match stretched from beginning to end.

Martin McCallum came close for the visitors within minutes of the start, toe-poking the ball past the home keeper only to see the ball rebound from the post.

However, the young striker would not be denied and he put the McFadyen-sponsored Pupils into the lead when he side-footed home from close range in the eighth minute.

The visitors' lead was short-lived, a corner kick forced into the net at the back post after the Pupils defence failed to deal with a bread and butter situation - the home side simply reacting quicker to the loose ball in the box.

Calamity

Inverclyde claimed the lead from a similar situation in the 20th minute, another calamity from a corner kick when Lamont denied the opposition with a point-blank save only to see the ball forced over the line in similar fashion.

Lady luck was smiling on the home side when Gregor McFadyen played a neat one-two with Ryan Gilchrist, before racing clear to send an angled shot off the post with the goalkeeper beaten.

Paul Grumoli was then sent free behind a stat-

ic defence, but his parting shot flew wide of the mark and the home side breathed a huge sigh of relief.

The second half produced more of the same with both teams at it hammer and tongs, and the Pupils again hit the post as the visitors pushed hard for an equaliser.

However, after a quick throw-in, the ball was delivered across the face of the box and Inverclyde scored a crucial third from close range.

Faced with cup exit, the Pupils changed their tactics and were rewarded when Paul Grumoli scored with a delicate chip to close the gap to 3-2 with 15 minutes remaining.

Having committed to chasing the game with more men in front of the ball, the visitors were punished by Inverclyde with five minutes remaining to make it 4-2.

Inverclyde scored again right at the death to put a one-sided reflection on a contest which could have yielded six goals apiece if all chances were converted.

That said, Inverclyde fully deserved to progress against last season's semi-finalists and the Pupils best wishes go with them on their journey.

Tomorrow (Saturday) brings a unique occasion when the two local clubs, Campbeltown Pupils and Carradale battle it out at Kintyre Park for a place in the fifth round of the Scottish Amateur Cup. Kick off is 2pm.



Ryan makes a big splash at club championships

Ryan McGeachy proudly shows his prizes won at the Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's annual championships at Campbeltown's Aqualibrium. See page 31 for report and pictures.



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Results from Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club Winter League, Sunday, November 24: 1 N. Johnston 34 points, 2 C. Holyoake 33, 3 D.Livingstone 33.

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