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Town set for new three-day Christmas festival - see page 5

Glenbarr traffic fears

A GLENBARR couple tell this week of their dread of the upheaval their quiet home faces if plans for 14 giant wind turbines go ahead.

The wind farm developer concedes there will be 1,600 heavy vehicle movements over a four-month period along a single-track road just to remove trees from the proposed turbines site at Blary Hill.

However, it argues that the commercial forest must be felled at some point and that the road will be widened. Full story on page 15.

Rally returns

THE car rally is coming back to Machrihanish Air Base - revamped to be bigger and better.

It follows the success of this summer's inaugural Mach 1 Stages event. Full story on page 13.

Four stand in by-election

THE COURIER this week gives profiles the four candidates standing in the Argyll and Bute Council by-election for a vacant South Kintyre seat on December 11.

There are candidates representing the Scottish Conservative and Unionist party, SNP, Scottish Labour and Scottish Liberal Democrats. Full details on page 24.

Gigha 'good to go'



Brass band youngsters' double at Scottish championships

Members of Campbeltown Brass Band had a weekend to remember in Perth when its young members became double Scottish youth champions. Full story on page 3.

Assurances given over island's future despite debt warning

GIGHA'S future is bright despite £2.7 million of debt, it was argued this week.

The chairwoman leading economic changes on the island following a £4 million community buyout 12 years ago assured this week that she remained optimistic.

Margaret McSparran, of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust (IGHT), said £1 million was repaid to lenders within a year of the purchase.

More than £800,000 has also been raised through the trust's renewable companies, and the value of the island increased to nearly £8 million.

Ms McSparran spoke to the Courier after the trust, which runs the small island, was informed by a strategic review that it is in a 'precarious' financial position with debts of £2.7 million leading to the 'business rapidly becoming unsustainable'.

The review also warns that 'ongoing operation carrying the current level of debt will result in

the business rapidly becoming unsustainable'.

Yesterday (Thursday), the islanders were due to hear the outcome of a vote of confidence in Ms McSparran.

She had written to islanders seeking 'a clear vote of confidence' in her appointment as chairwoman, following concerns raised over 'the division which is arising in our community'.

Ms McSparran, Gigha born and bred, has held her voluntary post for the past 14 months.

She said she was one of many people 'doing what was best for the trust and looking after it in perpetuity for the next generation'.

She explained that the trust had sought the strategic review of its work, with a view to creating a business plan and having the debt restructured with its lenders.

'We have acted as any responsible business would to plan for positive futures and we know we have to make changes,' she said.

'It is all about how you balance the housekeeping.'

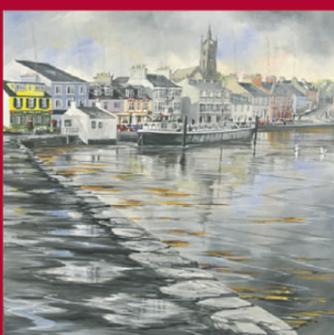
'That is why Fergus Watters was taken on as chief executive last year for his business management experience.'

'We continue to generate income from four wind turbines; we have created jobs directly and enabled jobs to be created by new businesses on the island; invested in our agricultural holdings - Gigha farms produced one million litres of quality milk a year; developed our tourism accommodation and are just completing a £270,000 marine tourism project.'

'It would be nice if people realised the trust is doing its best to look after a national asset.'

Ms McSparran also revealed there were strong hopes of the lease being taken up early next year on The Gigha Hotel which has been closed for the winter, though the bar remains open two days a week.

Gigha transferred to
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Assurances that Gigha is 'good to go'

Continued from page 1 ownership of the IGHT in March 2002 following a successful community buyout of £4 million by 98 islanders. The island's population has increased to nearly 170 since then and improvements have included the extensive refurbishment of run-down housing stock. This week's Sunday Herald revealed how farmer Dan Jackson, who moved to the is-

land in May from Staffordshire, was due to leave after disputes with IGHT over the lease on a trust-owned dairy farm. Ms McSporry acknowledged that much of the issues with Mr Jackson were 'commercially sensitive', though she added: 'A 20-year lease was offered to Mr Jackson and he has chosen not to sign it. 'The trust is committed to letting the farm to a go-ahead, enthusiastic farmer who will fit in with the island community.'

Left: an aerial view of part of the island of Gigha.

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Praise for work on island's recovery

COMMUNITY Land Scotland said this week that the community in Gigha has been doing 'quite outstanding work in the process of seeking to deliver economic recovery of their island'. David Cameron, chairman of Community Land Scotland, highlighted the renovation of

what were houses in appalling condition, the population growth, and the generating of new income streams from renewables and other business developments. **Borrowing** He added: 'Community owners, which are multi-faceted businesses of scale, have to finance important

investments on the road to build a better future. Like any business or household some of that investment may be financed by borrowing and from time to time they will revisit their business plans in light of changing circumstances. 'I wish them well as they continue their work for an ever better future.'

Mr Cameron listed some of the things achieved on Gigha since the buyout:

- Population increase from 98 to 170
- 18 new social houses built on the island
- 12 new private houses built on the island
- Significant refurbishment of homes and other properties
- Hotel refurbished
- UK's first grid connected and community-owned wind farm established which

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Campbeltown Brass's winning novice section.

Brass band hits double gold

CAMPBELTOWN Brass hit a massive high note when it won two categories at the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championship in Perth Concert Hall.

The first win came in the 12 and under preparatory section involving 10 bands from around the country.

The Campbeltown youngsters, conducted by Gordon Evans and led brilliantly by principal cornet player Erin McLellan, performed four pieces – Eye of the Tiger, Portsmouth, Highland Cathedral and Ranch Party.

A band spokeswoman said: 'This was a very young band both in age and playing experience, with the youngest only

seven years old and many playing in their first competition.

'They all conducted themselves brilliantly and saw months of hard work pay off when they were highly praised by adjudicators David Childs and Nigel Boddice.

'Two gold awards were given with second place going to Riverside Brass and first to Campbeltown Brass.

'Celebrations however were put on hold, as after lunch it was the turn of the 14-and-under band with their conductor Katrina Barr competing in the novice section.

'Kirsten Souter was the leader of this group, but it was the

fabulous team effort that got the plaudits. The programme included The January, February March, Sandon, I will follow Him and Pirates of the Caribbean.

'Once again the band was highly praised by the adjudicators, this

time Paul Cosh and Joe Cook, for their excellent performance.

'Two gold awards were also given in this section with first place going to Campbeltown Brass.

'Finally, we could celebrate a marvellous

double win.

'Campbeltown Brass is very much back in business.

'The band has been very busy in recent weeks playing at a number of local events and is now preparing for the Christmas season.'

Learn about new school plans

PEOPLE in South Kintyre can have their say on plans for Campbeltown's new secondary school at a public meeting next Wednesday, December 3.

Organised to explain proposals for the new Campbeltown Grammar, the consultation will allow people to share their views and find out more information on the planned build, with the new school to be built on the site of the current school building and grounds.

Those attending can see plans for the proposed new school buildings,

car parks, playing fields, outbuildings and bus drop-off areas, as well as having the chance to put questions to the project team.

The meeting takes place at the conference room in Aqualibrium between 10am-8pm.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'This meeting will allow members of the public to view initial proposals and make comments before any application is submitted. 'At the planning application stage there will be more opportunities for people to share their views.'

All change for association

IT WAS end of an era last Friday when Cathie Duncan, chairwoman of Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association, removed the name plate from Broom Cottage

which has been the home of the association for a number of years.

The association is moving to Kinloch Hall which will also become the base for the Monday Seniors Social Club.



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Mobile phone companies are getting the message

TWO OF the country's largest mobile phone companies appear to be responding to recent pressure to improve signal in Kintyre by testing potential shared mast sites.

The Courier reported last month how Argyll and Bute's Labour parliamentary candidate Mary Galbraith was highlighting how mobile phone signals could be improved quickly and cheaply by using an existing and underused network of masts.

Airwave - the emergency services network - maintains almost blanket signal coverage for the likes of the police, ambulance service, mountain rescue and coastguard, covering

99.8 percent of the UK.

Mrs Galbraith, a former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, said: 'O2 has acknowledged there is a signal problem in Kintyre and a signal 'blackspot' at Southend. After contacting the company, it has said it is actively looking at two sites for shared masts between itself and Vodafone, at Auchencorvie and Kilmashenachan near Southend.

'This is only right given that certain communities in Kintyre are deprived of the same means of communication and connectivity as others.

'Mobile phone signal and reliable internet connection are important, not just for indi-

viduals but for businesses too.

'Instead of putting up their own masts at great expense, these mobile companies can attach their equipment to Airwave masts almost immediately and at relatively small costs.'

A Vodafone spokeswoman said: 'We are always open to sharing masts - a third of our sites are run in this way.'

Mrs Galbraith added: 'Kintyre businesses such as haulage companies tell me that intermittent mobile coverage is inconvenient and costly. Mobile workers like doctors, nurses and care staff would also benefit from mobile access when they are out on home visits.'



Kathleen Caskie speaking to the Kintyre group in the Ardshiel Hotel.

Women's group is determined to stay politically active

A NEW group, Women for Independence in Kintyre, has been formed.

At a meeting in Campbeltown's Ardshiel Hotel, Kathleen Caskie from the national Women for Independence group gave a summary of how the national body had started and what it had achieved.

A spokeswoman for the Kintyre group said: 'The independence referendum may have passed but that hasn't stopped wom-

en in Kintyre from gathering to share their inspiring stories of going out canvassing for a Yes vote or talking about the referendum with their families, friends and work mates.

Meet again

'All the women were keen to meet again on issues like protecting the health service and stopping the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) that could see public services opened to the private sector, re-

gardless of devolution powers.

'The passion and laughter of the women, and the enthusiasm of the children present made for an enjoyable evening.

'The next meeting is planned for the end of January but in the meantime women interested in finding out more about the local group can contact Ailsa Clark, tel 07748674861, or join the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/womenforindependence-kintyre>

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'A local area for a group can be a street, village, a parish or defined by a postcode boundary.

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property and the route to the tank.

'Each group needs a co-ordinator and a deputy and they will be responsible for ordering for the whole group.

'We understand that it is often difficult for someone in the community to run a group and deal with ordering, so we have a buying group co-ordinator at Highland Fuels who will be happy to take on this time-consuming role.

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Fellowship welcomes guest speaker

KINTYRE Christian Fellowship will welcome a special guest to speak at its meeting in Springbank Evangelical Church next Friday, December 5 at 7.30pm.

Nigel Kenny of the Christian Institute will address the group on a variety of subjects.

Maureen Moller, fellowship secretary, said: 'It is sure to be a very informative meeting, and everyone is welcome to attend.'

Greens to start Kintyre group

THE Green Party in the Highlands and Islands is starting a new group in Kintyre.

The first meeting of the group will be tomorrow (Saturday) upstairs in the Argyll Arms Hotel in Campbeltown between 11am and 1pm for anyone interested in finding out about Green ideas.

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Let the festive fun and frolics begin



The annual fancy-dress parade is an important prelude to the lights switch-on. 08_c48parade14

THE centre of Campbeltown will come alight this evening (Friday) with the start of the town's new three-day Christmas festival.

Tonight will see the traditional parade and lights switch-on which always brings out a huge crowd.

Tomorrow and Sunday, meanwhile, will see a new first for the town - an ice rink in Burnside Square.

It is an event which has created enormous excitement since it was announced.

A fireworks display, funded by the Ardshiel Hotel and Explore Campbeltown, will also delight all the family. It will be at the New Quay tomorrow evening from 6.30pm.

Sunday will see a bigger and better Christmas Market from Springbank Distillery's Malt Barns.

'We are hoping to have a great festive atmosphere all weekend,' said an

Lights switch-on will trigger a host of Christmas activities

Explore Campbeltown spokesman.

'There is so much going on this year - we are sure people are going to have a lot of fun from the Campbeltown Christmas Weekend.

'There really will be something for everyone.'

The Christmas lights switch-on in Main Street is to be performed by a mystery guest at 6.45pm tonight. By that time the ice rink will be in full swing, running until 10pm the following day, surrounded by a host of food and refreshment stalls.

Another event taking place in Campbeltown tonight is the Kintyre Crafters fair in the Argyll Hotel from 6pm-9pm.

Around 100 of those enjoying the Friday night festivities will

have the chance to blow away the cobwebs at the inaugural MACC Challenge, a four-mile assault course across the grounds of Machrihanish Airbase, which gets underway on Saturday at 11am. Spectators are welcome. Saturday evening features a Footnotes show at Campbeltown Grammar, called 'From Dusk Till Dawn', with doors opening at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start.

Sunday's Christmas Market will have a continental market flavour in Springbank distillery's atmospheric Malt Barns from 11am until 4pm.

As well as hosting more than 60 stalls featuring many Kintyre businesses, pony rides and a bouncy castle will help keep youngsters happy.

The Explore Campbeltown spokesman added: 'The Christmas weekend is one of a number of events in the pipeline involving our network of 200 businesses.'

'While we aim to make the Campbeltown Christmas Weekend a great success through allowing local produce to be promoted, we are already thinking about what we can do in 2015.'

'We have done well already but we want to build on that.'



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Dancers live the dream

A YEAR and a half of hard work boils down to one evening of dancing tomorrow (Saturday) when Footnotes dance company holds its From Dusk Till Dawn concert at Campbeltown Grammar School.

Will and Shona Freeman - AKA Angus - will again be the special guests along with their Dance Crew, and are part of a show with scenes all about drifting into slumber.

Kerry Dickson of Footnotes said: 'The company has worked tirelessly over the past 18 months to bring this performance together.'

'This is the youngest group of dancers that Footnotes has had and they are really looking forward to their debut on the big stage.'

Doors open at 6.45pm with the show beginning at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Numéro Dix Hair Salon.

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Not exactly fair

SCOTS have undoubtedly many positive attributes and it says a lot for us when an Anglophile like Jeremy Clarkson can declare, as he did earlier this year, that Scots were behind nearly every important invention.

However, like every nation we do have our flaws and perhaps one is being a bit 'glass half empty'. While Americans celebrate others' entrepreneurship and successes (and draw inspiration that they too can be achievers if they put in the effort), we Scots do not exactly operate with the same belief in meritocracy. We have a tendency to play down others' success or take satisfaction when it all starts to go wrong for the high achiever (clearly something we have in common with the Germans since they invented a word - schadenfreude - for taking pleasure from someone else's misfortune).

It is worth keeping these things in mind when we suddenly have a national Sunday paper raising questions over the community buyout 12 years ago of Gigha by its islanders. It is all a matter of interpretation and presentation, and the paper chose to focus on the apparent negative of a £2.7 million debt while giving very little space to the island's considerable achievements of the past decade and its ability to generate income from four wind turbines. That is not exactly fair when you consider that many leading companies operate successfully from a position of substantial debt.

Yes, there was the warning that things have to change, but that is why the island's trust sought a strategic review - it said it was aware of the need for change and was simply acting as any responsible business should.

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Thrilled with response to cinema appeal

Sir,
Once again the people of Campbeltown have rallied round to help and we were thrilled with the response to our session at the Co-op last Saturday following your article last week.

Thanks to the store too for allowing us the space in their entrance hall to help everyone join in our Pick a Peck raffle to support the efforts to see Campbeltown Picture House refurbished and redeveloped.

We raised £575 in just a few hours which also included many donations in our collecting tins.

There will be a final chance to take part in the raffle on Sunday at the Christmas Market and we will be making the draw for the fantastic prizes the following week.

Jane Mayo
Chairwoman
Campbeltown Community Business Ltd.

The real impact of wind farm construction

Sir,
We write with great concern about the proposed Blary Hill wind farm near Glenbarr and the directly linked planning application for necessary access, traffic and transport.

We live on the Barr Glen Road and these plans will directly affect not only our own daily lives but those of many residents.

It has been suggested the many months, if not years, of heavy construction traffic on

the Glen Barr Road needed to facilitate the building of the RES turbines would have no impact.

This is disingenuous, if not outright misleading. Not only would there be disruption to our lives in the form of noise and environmental pollution from the traffic, but the very act of getting to and from our homes would be affected severely by heavy machinery on a single track road.

The daily activities of Barr Glen residents depend upon unrestricted movement.

The detrimental impact of the Blary Hill traffic could endanger the provision of emergency services.

Any obstruction on a single-track road, even temporary, caused by the proposed transport of timber from local deforestation or wind turbine machinery could have dire consequences.

Moreover, the proposed turning area for all of this heavy traffic lies directly across from our home, meaning we would be faced every day with the noise - and inherent dangers - of lorries turning right on our own doorstep.

Despite such legitimate fears, there has been reluctance on the part of the proposers and councillors to address these issues directly.

We wrote directly to Neil Martin of RES more than a month ago but as yet have had no reply. Instead, we have an official report from RES that contains some utterly bizarre admissions.

These include a suggestion that 'minimal traffic will be generated during the

enabling and upgrading period and as such has not been included further within this assessment', on the same page as it is stated: 'forest activity will be carried out during months one to four where there is estimated to be a total of around 1,592 vehicle movements related to forestry activities split across the four months'.

This means for four months, every day Monday to Friday, there would be no fewer than 20 timber lorries using the single-track road with no ability to turn or reverse - except outside our house. And that's before construction, facilitation, operations and management traffic is factored in.

We would suggest that, in an area such as Barr Glen on a single track road, this is not 'minimal traffic'.

Another major impact alluded to in RES's official report is in a sub-section called 'severance', which states: 'severance is the perceived division that can occur within a community when it becomes separated by a major traffic artery', before adding: 'The initial five months enabling period may result in some short-term severance to communities along the Barr Glen road due to construction works.'

On a personal level, after many patient years in the planning and making, our dream home in a spot of unparalleled natural beauty, is being threatened.

Among the hazards will be noise pollution. RES categorically states in its report: 'Airborne vibrations resulting from low frequency sound emitted by vehicle

engines and exhausts can result in detectable vibrations in building elements such as windows and doors and cause disturbance to local people.'

These vehicle engines will be right outside our front door every day.

The proposers of this development are simply not listening to locals' objections about the impact the traffic will have on our everyday lives.

Even local councillors seem strangely reluctant to listen to our concerns, never mind speak up for us.

It is our sincere hope the Courier can highlight the fact that the primary and potentially disastrous threat to Barr Glen comes from impending traffic chaos.

Albert and Dianne Roberts
Glenbarr.

Watching out for turbines in beautiful Kintyre

Sir,
There is a relentless march of more and more wind turbines in our beautiful Kintyre.

We have large-scale developments proposed for Blary Hill and Creggan on either side of Barr Glen, Glenbarr; Clachaig Glen, Muasdale; Freasdale, Whitehouse; and more at Clachan, Rhunahaorine as well as additional turbines at Beinn an Tuirc.

If you are concerned about this encroachment on our countryside, you may wish to attend the next meeting of Kintyre Turbine Watch which is in Tayinloan Hall on Wednesday, December 3 at 8.15pm.

Kintyre Turbine Watch.

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FACEBOOK LETTER

We must restore maternity scanning in Campbeltown

Sir,
I am writing to inform you of my experience with the lack of local scanning service in Argyll. I had my second baby 19 weeks ago in the Royal Alexandria Hospital which is very understandable as Campbeltown Hospital is not equipped if anything had gone wrong.

However, during my pregnancy I had to travel to the RAH in Paisley for an early scan, 12-week scan and 20-week scan.

This was most inconvenient as I have a four year-old-daughter and my husband works full-time.

When telling friends about having to travel so far for my scans they were all shocked as they had their children not long before me and all of their antenatal scanning was done in Campbeltown Hospital by midwives.

In one of the letters last week, a midwife says they are working with service users like me to review how to provide better local services. This is a very good move. I've not been involved in any of these consultations and would welcome the chance to contribute my views to help bring maternity scanning back to Campbeltown.

Karine Irvine
Campbeltown.

Rotary will do Christmas post again

Sir,
The Rotary Club of Campbeltown will again be operating its Christmas Post this year.

Funds raised by this service will be used to help Rotary's support of charities and other good causes in Kintyre and elsewhere.

Last year the Rotary

Club delivered about 25,000 Christmas cards in Kintyre. The number of deliveries has increased almost every year since the service started.

The Rotary's Agnes Stewart said: 'Prices will have to increase slightly this year, but they still give real value for money at 25p per card, four cards for £1, and £2 per parcel. Cards can be delivered throughout Kintyre as far north as Tayinloan and Carradale.

This year collecting boxes will be in the usual collection points, (Millknowe Shop, Wallpaper Shop, Longrow, McGeachy Butchers, Keiths Newsagents, Ralston Road Store, Machrihanish Golf Club Pro Shop, Muasdale Shop and Muneroy Stores, Southend). Boxes will be in place from Monday, December 1.

The last collection day from the shops will be Wednesday, December 17. All cards will be delivered before Christmas. The Rotary caravan will be on Main Street, Campbeltown on Wednesday, December 10 from 11am to 3pm, Saturday, December 12 from 10am to 4pm and Wednesday, December 17 from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Please try to make sure your cards are properly addressed as cards marked 'Auntie Jean, Southend,' or 'Uncle Jim, Tayinloan' are rather difficult to deliver.

The Rotary Club thanks all the shopkeepers for their help and all those non-Rotarians who help in any way, including the associate group in Carradale, and any scouts who give assistance.

After Christmas and New Year, Rotarian Ann Gallacher will be collecting old Christmas cards. It is hoped that there will be a collecting box for these in Tesco store, or they can be given to any Rotarian.

Agnes Stewart
Rotary Club of Campbeltown.

SNP's broken NHS pledge

Sir,
The SNP's decision to not increase spending on Scotland's NHS in line with UK levels has deprived hospitals and patients of £700 million, research has revealed.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) confirmed

that, since 2009/10, the UK government has increased health spending in real terms by 4.4 per cent.

Alex Salmond claimed he would match NHS funding south of the border, but in the same period the level of spending actually dropped by 1.2 per cent.

Had the SNP matched

Westminster spending, Scotland's NHS would have benefited from an additional £700 million.

The SNP previously tried to rubbish the IFS claims, stating its analysis had also included spending commitments like the Commonwealth Games, therefore skewing the statistics.

However, the IFS con-

tacted the SNP on September 17 to make clear this was not the case, and the comparison between health budgets in Scotland and England was like-for-like.

It's ironic that the Scottish government tried to fight a referendum on the NHS, when all the while it was cutting the same budgets that were being increased south of the border.

The hard-pressed taxpayers of Argyll and Bute deserve better.

Alastair Redman
Unionist and Conservative candidate Argyll and Bute.

Token poll tax victim

Sir,
Who is the one person among 30,000 in Argyll and Bute that the council is prosecuting for poll tax arrears?

Do they know they are the only token victim of this ideology? At £418 per year that is around £9 per week, so it is assume a low income family. The council has made 100 per cent provision to cover poll tax arrears, so this £480 is additional income.

Councillor James Robb.

BE HEALTH-WISE THIS WINTER

1. Check when your GP surgery is open
2. Don't run out of repeat prescriptions - order only what you need in plenty of time
3. Check you have cold and flu remedies



BE HEALTH-WISE
THIS WINTER

Don't let ill-health spoil Christmas and New Year.
For more health advice visit www.nhsinform.co.uk



Singing Sensations at the Christmas lights switch-on

The ladies have now decided to become a permanent group in the town

A GROUP which has been taken singing lessons through Argyll and Bute Council's adult learning department has been asked to perform at the switch-on of the Campbeltown Christmas Lights tonight (Friday).

Tutored by musician

Paula McLean, the Singing Sensations class has seen people who have never sung before go on to sing with confidence as part of the group.

Encouraging

The ladies have now decided to become a permanent group in the town - one which they

are actively encouraging people to join.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the group or any other adult learning courses, should contact Diane McCaig or Gillian McMillan on 552732, or see Singing Sensations at the lights switch-on.



Just some of the ladies who have been attending the Singing Sensations course.



They can be heroes just for one day

Children who attend Dalintober Primary Pre Five Unit became heroes for the day when they were invited to participate in a non-uniform day, with a 'superhero' theme, during their Children in Need day.

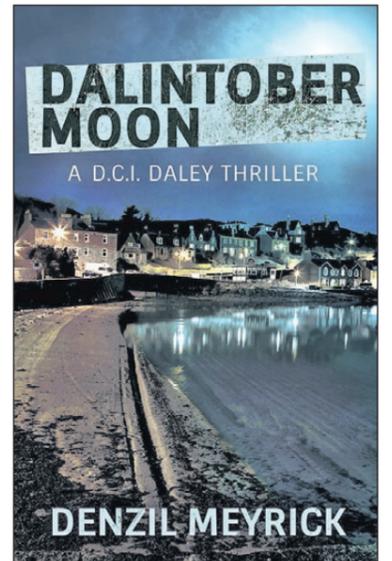
Denzil's novel way to raise beach funds

CRIME author Denzil Meyrick hopes his creativity can help spark the revival of Dalintober beach.

The Campbeltown man has written a new short story titled Dalintober Moon - with proceeds going to the Dalintober Beach Regeneration Fund - which is now available on Amazon Kindle.

Denzil, who is set to release a third crime novel next year called Dark Suits and Sad Songs, said: 'This is a different way to raise funds and will hopefully play a part in rejuvenating a once-proud beach.'

Dalintober Moon is a short story to support the Dalintober Beach Regeneration Fund.



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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
From 7pm Friday 28th November Free entry
Complementary hot refreshments served and Christmas crafts for sale

CHRISTMAS COFFEE AFTERNOON
2-4pm Saturday 29th November £1.50 entry
Festive pancakes, baking and crafts for sale
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Campbeltown Free Church
invite you to a
Fundraising Concert
on Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm
with Alex MacDonald and his band
Proceeds to go towards Kintyre Dialysis Campaign
Café Church on Sunday 30th November at 2.30pm
with Alex MacDonald
Tea, Coffee and Home Baking served

Lochgilthead Parish Church
COFFEE & CRAFTS MORNING
in Parish Church Hall
Saturday 29th November
10am - 12 noon
Crafts Stall, Chocolate Tombola, Raffles,
Chance to win a hand made quilt and lots more!

MID ARGYLL ARTS ASSOCIATION
(Scottish Charity No. SC006711)
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Fires of Love
Lochgilthead Parish Church
Saturday 29th Nov.
7.30pm
£9, £8 (conc),
Free (school & students)

COFFEE MORNING
29th November 2014
10am - 12noon
FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER
In MS Centre
Campbell Street,
Lochgilthead

Kintyre Crafters' Group
Christmas Lights on night
Craft Fair
at the
Argyll Hotel
Friday 28th November
6pm-9pm
Campbeltown Branch Multiple Sclerosis Society

Friends of Crarae
A Christmas Musical Evening with The Dalriada Singers
Furnace Village Hall
Thurs 11th December
7.30pm
Tickets £5.00 on door.
Children Free accompanied by adult.
Mince pies, seasonal punch, soft drinks.
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Campbeltown Community Church
invite you to
'Get in the Picture'
Friday 28th November in the Salvation Army Hall and
Sunday 30th November at the Explore Campbeltown Christmas Market
Come and create a free picture as a reminder of the Christmas story
Visit our website to find out more
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

Rotary Club of Mid Argyll
Bring the Kids to see
Santa in his Grotto
in
Lochgilthead Parish Church Hall
Saturday 29th November
2pm - 4pm
Present & Photograph for every child.

Annual Christmas Craft Fair
Ardrishaig Public Hall
Sunday 30th November
10am - 4pm
Lots of handmade crafts, raffle and door collection for charity.
~ Rumbly Tum open for food ~

Campbeltown Royal Arch Chapter
I LOVE THE 80s NIGHT
Saturday 6th December
7pm till late
Masonic Recreational Club
Fancy dress optional
Chicken curry or lasagne supper
Tickets £10, from A P Taylors
To raise funds for training trainers in dementia care
Further info from Billy on 01586 550034

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 29th November at 2.30pm
in Carradale Village Hall
Refreshments served with hot mince pies
Usual stalls & guessing games

MESSY CHURCH
Lorne & Lowland Church Hall
Monday 1st December
3.45pm - 5.30pm
Everyone welcome

Kintyre Antiquarian & Natural History Society
'Images of Kintyre Wildlife'
by James MacDonald
in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown,
on Wednesday 3 December, 2014, at 7.30 p.m.
All welcome (non-members £2.50 at door).

Glenbar Abbey Charitable Trust
CHRISTMAS OPEN DAYS
Sundays 7th & 14th December 2014
12.30pm to 4.00pm
Soup and teas provided by Mairi Semple Fund
Live music in the dining room
Mrs Jeanne Macalister
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Scottish Registered Charity SC014084

GUIDE FAYRE
Kinloch Hall Saturday 6th December
2 - 4pm
Usual stalls
Santa's Grotto

Fingers crossed on restoring Dalintober pier

DALINTOBER Beach Regeneration Fund will find out next Wednesday if its project to restore the area's pier has been given the go-ahead.

The group plans to bring the site back into use and hopes Argyll and Bute Council will commit to undertaking work on the pier and beach.

Jamie Maclean, chairman of Dalintober Beach Regeneration Fund, said: 'We are hoping the council agrees to redevelop the pier into a safe, useable facility.'

'It would be great to see Dalintober Beach become a proud attraction once again as it has been sorely neglected in the past.'

A survey priced work on the beach and pier at £40,000.

Mr Maclean added: 'We are also running our New Year Dip at 1pm on Thursday, January 1 starting from the sailing club building on Low Askomil.'

'Updates can be found on the Dalintober Beach Regeneration Fund Facebook page.'

Raibert's role with Carradale Choir

FOLLOWING last week's Courier feature on Royal National Mod legend Raibert McCallum from Campbeltown, we would like to point out that he also contributed to music in Carradale, conducting Carradale Gaelic choir between 1965-66, a role not mentioned in the previous article.

Kintyre artists display their work at Edinburgh Art Fair



Rosslyn Oman with her work at the Edinburgh Art Fair.

CAMPBELTOWN artist Rosslyn Oman rubbed shoulders with some of the finest artists in the country earlier this month when she co-hosted a gallery at the Edinburgh Art Fair.

The 24-year-old, who opened the Rosslyn Oman Studio in the town's Main Street in 2012, exhibited her work at the event in the city's Corn Exchange along with fellow Kintyre artists Dawnne McGeachy and Maureen Finn.

Rosslyn said: 'Our exhibition was one of 60 galleries, featuring some of the most prestigious in the UK and even some who had travelled

from India to be there. It was brilliant just to get there. We applied earlier in the year and were lucky enough to be accepted.'

'It really was an amazing opportunity and one we made the most of, with lots of people coming to the stand to ask about our work and a number of pieces being sold.'

The trio's work, though expressed through different styles, focuses on Kintyre's people and its natural beauty on land and sea.

Rosslyn said: 'I tend to do more portraits or abstract work whereas Dawnne, for example, may do a rolling

seascape; there are differences in the type of art we do but the theme of Kintyre ran through the exhibition.'

'It was amazing the number of people viewing our gallery who were reminded of trips to the Kintyre area.'

Rosslyn hopes the exhibition will help her become better connected as an artist running her own business in a small town.

She said: 'It was good to develop contacts with other artists and art dealers, especially as next year I plan to do pop-up exhibitions

throughout the country.'

Rosslyn, who spent four years studying for an art degree at Duncan of Jordanston College, Dundee University's art school, is hosting a winter exhibition from tomorrow (Saturday) until Sunday, December 14, opening Monday to Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sundays from noon-4pm.

It will feature work from the three artists as well as from Rosslyn's mother Kate Oman, a former art teacher at Campbeltown Grammar who paints under the name Kate MacKinnon.



Still time to get in the picture and help restore cinema

There is still time to buy a pixel in the fundraising Pick a Peck for the project to restore and redevelop Campbeltown's historic Picture House. More than £500 was raised at a session at the town's Co-op last Saturday (see photograph), and there will be a final chance to take part in the raffle at Sunday's Christmas Market in Springbank Distillery's Malt Barns.

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Concert will boost dialysis campaign funds

ALEX MacDonald will be giving a concert in the Free Church in George Street tomorrow (Saturday) evening, 7.30pm start, to raise funds for the Kintyre Dialysis Campaign. A suggested donation of £5 can be paid at the door.

Alex, a minister in the Free Church, has been playing guitar and writing and performing songs since his teens.

The concert will mainly feature songs from his second album, A9, which was released in 2012.

His songs look at

various areas of life - love, hope, death, faith, doubt, and overcoming disability and injustice - from his particular perspective as a Christian. Many of them are story songs, and the musical style is Scottish folk-rock.

Alex will also be

preaching in the Free Church on Sunday at 11.15am and will be the guest at the Café Church that day at 2.30pm where he will retell one of the stories from the Bible in his unique style.

A warm welcome will be given to everyone who attends.

How the Romans first came in peace

THE KINTYRE Antiquarian and Natural History Society was privileged to have as its speaker last Wednesday evening the distinguished archaeologist, Dr Euan MacKie.

He gave an informative talk on the impact of the Roman Empire on Iron Age tribes in Scotland. He chose for examples a probable 'semi-broch' on Skye, Dun Ardtreck, and a probable broch at Leckie, in Stirlingshire, to demonstrate his thesis

that the first Roman penetration had been initially conciliatory, but later took a punitive and destructive turn.

Artefacts

His illustrations included many fascinating artefacts uncovered during excavations which he led at both sites.

The evidence at Dun Ardtreck also suggests that the safe harbour which the Roman fleets found in the north was in fact Loch Harport.

The guest speaker

at the next society talk, on December 3, in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, will be local wildlife photographer, James MacDonald, whose presentation will include video footage of birds - taken with a concealed camera - as well as still photographs.

His previous talk to the society, in January 2010, on the same subject, was well received, and this second helping is eagerly anticipated.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS POSTAL SERVICE

Posting boxes in shops until Wednesday 17th December

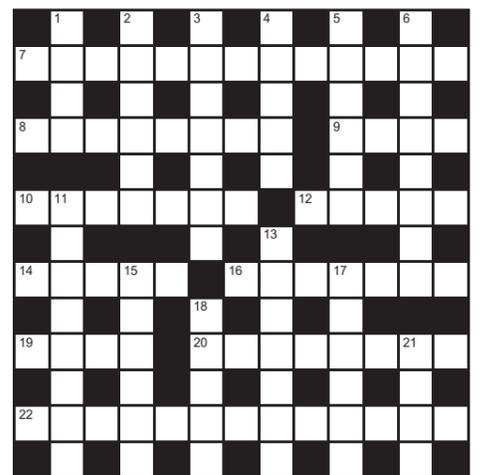
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Wednesday 10th December
Saturday 13th December
Wednesday 17th December

Delivery 18th December onwards

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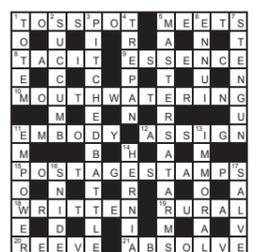
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| 14 Seen in the distance (5) | 6 To influence (5-3) |
| 16 Acute conjunctivitis (7) | 11 Uplift (8) |
| 19 Ballyhoo (4) | 13 Dangling curl (7) |
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Last week's solution



Explore Christmas in Campbeltown

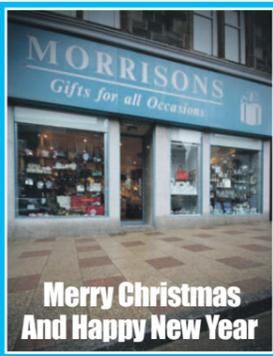
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Friday 28 November

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tastic celebration you can enjoy with local Campbeltonians.

First-Ever Campbeltown Christmas Skating Rink

28-29 November

For the first time ever, Campbeltown will offer a temporary skating rink in Burnside Square to accompany the annual Christmas Lights "Switch-On" weekend. Skates are available for rent, and the rink will

be open from 12 noon - 10pm on Friday and Saturday.

Lace up and join in on the fun!

Campbeltown Christmas Market

Sunday, 30 November

Come on out to Springbank Distillery for the second annual Campbeltown Christmas Market, where you'll find local shops, crafters and businesses all

lined up and ready to help you find the perfect Christmas presents. Music, hot food and dozens of stalls to choose from - you couldn't ask for a better Christmas shopping experience!

Spectacular Firework Display

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Fireworks funded by The Ardsheel Hotel and Explore Campbeltown



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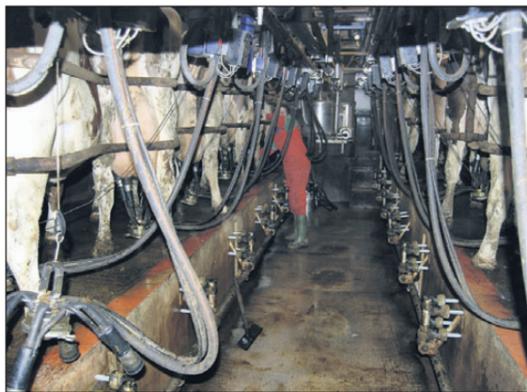
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NFU tackles dairy crisis

NFU Scotland has used Scotland's leading winter agricultural event to call for a range of measures to help Scottish dairying through the current plunge in farm-gate prices.

Speaking at AgriScot, the annual event held at Ingliston, near Edinburgh, the union recognised that there was no quick fix to the worldwide volatility in dairy prices but mapped out short and medium-term options that could help the Scottish sector move forward.

Responses to NFU Scotland's dairy farmer survey are still coming in but forms completed to date suggest member support for measures that stabilise the sector at an EU-level; promote the marketing of Scottish and British dairy produce; address the growing imbalance between exported and imported dairy produce into the UK and help Scottish dairy farmers with business planning.



These are tough time for Kintyre and Scotland's dairy farmers.

Nigel Miller, NFU Scotland president, said: 'There is recognition among dairy farmers that volatility is here for the long term. That said, we need a range of approaches to strengthen the Scottish dairy sector's hand and producers must be part of the solution.'

'At an EU level, we need Europe to introduce intervention for milk powders at a realistic price level. That would lend vital stability to a market hampered by the worldwide

crash in commodity values and the unforeseen impact of the Russian food ban. The union's milk committee chairman Gary Mitchell has been in Brussels pushing for these measures.

Benefit

'Also of immediate benefit would be the Scottish Government updating its whole farm review package to recognise the impact that such severe price falls are having on dairy farming families by introducing a fast-track approach for Scottish

milk producers. That will help facilitate some important business planning decisions faced by many farms.

'We also need to market, process and develop our way out of this crisis. We need the UK and Scottish governments along with AHDB and DairyCo to give immediate consideration to initiatives that can drive sales of Scottish and British dairy produce.'

'The opportunities are stark. We have a dairy deficit of more than £1.35 billion - a balance of trade figure that is getting worse by the day with cheese and butter imports satisfying 64 percent and 51 percent of our home market requirements respectively. 'In the medium term, we need to look at how we future-proof producers.'

'That means looking at the structure of producer groups and organisations and wider adoption of appropriate and

transparent milk pricing formulas. The role of the voluntary code on milk contracts will be important and, if necessary, the producer element strengthened.'

Mr Mitchell, who chaired the dairy seminar at AgriScot said: 'Scottish and UK dairy farmers must also be proactive in improving our lot.'

'Soon, union milk officials from Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland will meet in Edinburgh to seek common actions.'

'We will also host a Scottish event looking to drive forward producer representation.'

Markets

'A few days later we will bring together our milk committee and branch milk monitors for an event aimed at giving us a better appreciation of global, European and UK markets, but also examining pricing models, supply chain issues and the retail sector.'

Dairy Hub launched to support farmers

A ONE-stop shop offering Scotland's dairy farmers information, advice and training has been officially launched.

The Dairy Hub is to provide bespoke advice to Scotland's dairy farmers to improve on-farm efficiencies.

It is a joint initiative between the Scottish Government and DairyCo and was established in line with a recommendation from the Scottish Dairy Review 'Ambition 2025'.

The service was officially opened by rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead during a visit to AgriScot at Ingliston in Edinburgh where he also announced £25,000 of Scottish government funding for the Dairy Growth Board towards the development of a Scottish dairy brand.

Mr Lochhead said: 'The Dairy Hub is a great way for farmers to get advice on ways of

managing finances and improving efficiency.

'Clearly, this is hugely important given current market conditions.'

'The Dairy Hub will undoubtedly be a useful tool for farmers as they work towards achieving long-term stability and realising the sector's full potential. It is important that we work with processors, as well as producers, as we work to strengthen Scotland's dairy sector. I fully support the development of a Scottish dairy brand.'

Dairy Hub manager Stuart Martin said: 'I would encourage all dairy farmers and industry service providers to find out more about the Hub. Our aim is to be the one stop shop for dairy advice and support so we are keen to help with any questions you may have.'

Visit www.scottish-dairyhub.org.uk for more information.

Sale of lambs and sheep at Islay Auction Mart

AT a United Auctions recent sale of lambs and sheep at Islay Auction Mart, 2,578 head of all classes was sold.

Trade for all classes was buoyant with the sale averaging £55.71 per head or 163.1 pence per kilo against £51.97 per head or 157.2 per

kilo at the corresponding sale last year.

Suffolk cross lambs from Kilchiaran Farm sold to £71.50 while Dunlossit Farming, Keills topped the prices per kilo at 191p for Texel crosses.

The same home sold cast ewes to £83 per

head. Blackface lambs were the dearest trade for the season.

Principal lots and prices

Top prices per head lambs

SUFFx: £71.50 Kilchiaran, £70.50 Ballmartin, £68.50 Ardtalla Estate, £64.50 Island and Craigfad, £63.50 Lossit. TEXx: £69.50 Coull, £67 Lossit, £64.50 44 Stanalane, £62.50 Dunlossit Keills, £60.50 Craigfad. CHEVx: £67.50 44 Stanalane, £66.50 Island, £59.50 Duichm, £51.50 44 Stanalane. Mule £62 Coull, £55.50 Ardtalla Estate. BF £61

£51.50, Carn £50 Dunlossit Lossit. Top price per kilo lambs

SUFFx: 181p Lorgbaw, 174p Coull, 172p Machrie Croft, 171p Duich. TEXx: 191p Dunlossit Keills, 184p Coull, 178p Tormisdale

Kilchiaran, £60.50 Dunlossit Ceanacroic, £60 Coille, £58.50 Leorin, £58 Coillabus and Lossit £56.50 Kinnabus, £55 Dunlossit Lossit, £54.50 Dunlossit Ceanacroic and Braigo. £53 Kinnabus and Leorin, £50 Ballychattrigan.

Ewes
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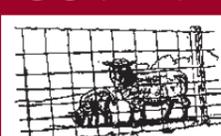
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CARRADALE

Carradale raffle's amazing total

CARRADALE Primary praised the community's wonderful support in helping it raise a magnificent £900 at its recent raffle.

Drawn by Elliot Gemmill in P7, the prizewinners were as follows: Grand Central Hotel, donated by BAM - Richie Amec; cash prizes - £50 L McMillan, £25 K Johnson, £15 S Croll. Wallis Hunter voucher - L Galbraith; Machrihanish Dunes voucher - I Wardrop, M Murphy; Glen Restaurant voucher - I Wardrop; Fresh Connection voucher - L Sinclair; Fish Shop voucher - T Millar; Treehouse voucher - Tia Campbell; Serenity voucher - M Barr; Springbank Whisky - Mrs Allan; Carradale Hotel wine - E Thom; Dunvalanree Hotel wine - G Baxter; Aqualibrium 20-swim pass - T Millar; Look Good, Feel Good nail file and polish - L Galbraith; Blacksmith Shop decorative jug - India Macallis-

ter-Hall; Numero Dix L'oreal hair set - D Grogan; Carradale Pony Trekking two x half-hour trek - G Baxter; Ifferdale beef and lamb voucher - M McMillan; Torrisdale Tannery travel rug - L Galbraith. The school is now preparing for a busy Christmas term.

Senior pupils are organising a Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre on Thursday, December 4 between 10am-12pm and pupils from the pre-five unit up to P7 are preparing for their Christmas concert at the school on Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm.

Alasdair puts guild in the picture

SADDELL and Carradale Church Guild held its open night on Monday, November 17 in the village hall.

The theme was 'Kintyre through the lens'

and Alasdair Bennett gave an interesting talk accompanied by numerous photos.

Alasdair is a member of Carradale's camera club. He showed his photos, divided under four headings - landscapes, flowers, fauna and seascapes. His sunrise and sunset shots were spectacular.

Around 50 locals came along and, after viewing the photos, they were served tea/coffee accompanied by sandwiches and home baking.

Christmas Fayre

THE guild's annual Christmas Fayre takes place on tomorrow (Saturday) at 2.30pm in the village hall. There will be the usual stalls and guessing games. Refreshments will be served with mince pies.

GIGHA



The opening of the Bible garden on Gigha last summer. 08_c34garden10

Telling the story of a Bible garden

THE REV Anne McIvor, who has retired as minister of Gigha Church, went to the Kilcalmoneil Guild meeting in Clachan to tell members about the Bible garden she has been creating in the garden of Gigha Manse.

Peaceful space

Inspired partly by a trip to the Holy Land, and particularly by the village of Nazareth which

has been recreated to be as life was at the time of Christ, Anne decided to make a peaceful space where everyone is welcome.

She has grown many plants which are flourishing, and created tableaus depicting events in Jesus' life. She has been helped by local people and is now extending her vision into

the abandoned orchard and old outbuildings.

Unusual

Her work is providing inspiration to the people who visit the garden, and is an unusual addition to Gigha's tourist attractions. Anne was thanked for sharing her thoughts with the guild members, and discussions continued during tea.

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Energy firm gives a powerful boost to hall building project

ITS efforts were appreciated following the snow storms of March last year, and its contribution is equally appreciated now by the villagers of Southend.

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) has just given £20,000 to help build a new Dunaverty Village Hall.

Mo Bates, SHEPD's community liaison manager, said: 'After the adverse weather, which saw Southend and other parts of Kintyre and Arran without power for up to six days, we set out to see how we could best help the communities affected.'

'During the storms, Muneroy tearoom - famed for its baking - was kind enough to throw open its doors to residents and SHEPD workers as a place of refuge, and this served to highlight the need for a centre in Southend that could be used throughout the year.'

'Dunaverty Hall had been the beating heart

of the village until its demolition in 2010 and SHEPD saw the opportunity for the village to bring back the stalwart of its social scene by giving £20,000 to help rebuild the hall.



SHEPD's Mo Bates, right, hands over the £20,000 cheque to Dunaverty Hall treasurer Margaret McDowall.

'We realised it was much-missed for the social events it hosted through the years.'

'From a platform in the 1950s for the plays put on by the Women's Rural Institute to a venue for weddings, anniversaries and even panto-

mimes, Dunaverty Hall really was at the very heart of this community and we're delighted to be able to help rebuild it.'

In the aftermath of the storms last year, villagers were praised for the way they rallied round and supported each other in trying to stay warm and well-fed. Scottish Hydro Electric staff were also praised for their efforts to restore power in the face of extreme weather conditions.

Hall treasurer Margaret McDowall said this week: 'We were overwhelmed to receive this money from Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution. Indeed, we were thrilled that it should even consider helping us.'

'It recognised the village had no central hub in event of an emergency.'

'This money is a vital contribution to building the new £520,000 hall, the work on which is due to start next week.'

PLANNING

House extension

A PLANNING application to build an extension to the front of a house at 5 Ardview, Port Ellen, Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Air source pump

A PLANNING application to install an air source heat pump at 7 Mansefield Terrace, Port Ellen, Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Shop alteration

A PLANNING application to add an extension to a shop and house at Crown Street, Portnahaven, Islay has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Wind turbine

A PLANNING application to build a 34.5 metre-high wind turbine from ground to blade tip at Gartnagrenach Farm in Whitehouse has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

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'Rally' good news for Machrihanish base

THE CAR rally is coming back to Machrihanish Air Base - bigger and better.

It follows the success of this summer's inaugural Mach 1 Stages event as part of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship.

Scheduled to take place over the weekend of July 11-12, 2015, the Kintyre event is once again being organised by industry stalwart Dunfermline Car Club (DCC).

The club's events organiser David Hatrick told the Courier: 'There is a whole new format in the pipeline, and plans to open up new areas of the airfield are already

under way. We reckon the revamped 2015 event will attract record numbers of competitors and spectators.

'The 2014 rally was an unprecedented success. 'We saw more than 100 teams compete over the stages during the weekend, and spectator figures were astonishing.

Boost

'Some of the top competitors from the Scottish Rally Championship (SRC) took part too, which was a great boost to the popularity of the event.

'In 2015, we want to cement the Mach 1 Stages as the event to get in your diary early.

'Organisers are also keen to encourage local businesses to become involved in the 2015 event, either by sponsoring a stage or by sponsoring a local competitor.

'In 2014, we received fantastic support from the community, and plenty of businesses got involved - providing food, entertainment and such like.

'We'd like to enhance the local community involvement next year, and invite any businesses who would like to participate in any way to contact us as soon as possible.'

Mr Hatrick can be contacted on 07717130612

or email davidh@fox-construction.co.uk

Blackwood Plant Hire will be next year's main championship sponsor.

Anyone wishing more information on the 2015 event in Kintyre, details of how to get involved or the latest news as it is revealed, can visit www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk or join the growing legion of fans on Facebook.



Rally cars are all set take off again at Machrihanish Air Base.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court

Woman made racial comments

A WOMAN found guilty after trial of committing a breach of the peace and making racial comments has had her sentence deferred for six months for her to be of good behaviour.

Marina McAllister, 43, committed the offences at her home at 55A Mill Street, Campbeltown in August.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence until May of next year after hearing that McAllister, who admitted two previous convictions, had a low risk of re-offending.

Drink driver caught in police station

A CARRADALE woman was caught for drink driving - after turning up at Campbeltown Police Station to speak to a friend.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Mary Stewart was distressed and wanted to speak to her friend who was working in the station.

However, a police officer thought she appeared under the influence of alcohol and asked her to take the roadside breath test which she failed.

Stewart, 49, a first offender, of Primary

School House, Carradale pleaded guilty to having driven on October 31 of this year while over the legal limit of alcohol.

Stewart, who was tested at 11.15am, was 'deeply embarrassed by the whole situation', said her defence lawyer Jim McKeown.

He added that his client had been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder and had been using alcohol as a way of coping. Her appearance at the police station was 'a cry for help', he said.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC banned Stewart from driving for a year and fined her £300.

Sheriff gives repeat offender another chance

A MAN who repeatedly blasted out a rave version of Mull of Kintyre at midnight from his Campbeltown flat has narrowly avoided a custodial sentence.

Last month at Campbeltown Sheriff Court, Paul Richmond, 27, of 8 Princes Street, admitted the noise offence and failing to desist when asked to by police on August 31 of this year.

The court heard that he instead closed the door on police officers and turned the music up.

Richmond also admitted committing a breach

of the peace and shouting at police.

Defending himself, Richmond admitted his behaviour had been unacceptable but denied being under the influence of drink or drugs.

He said he had started a drug treatment programme two and a half years ago and had been clean since.

He had saved up to open his own business and his sole focus was to stay out of trouble and work towards gaining more access to his son.

At court last week, after sentence had been deferred for a month for a report, repeat offender Richmond again pleaded with Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC not to give him a custodial sentence.

'I am trying hard to getting back to being a productive member of society,' he assured.

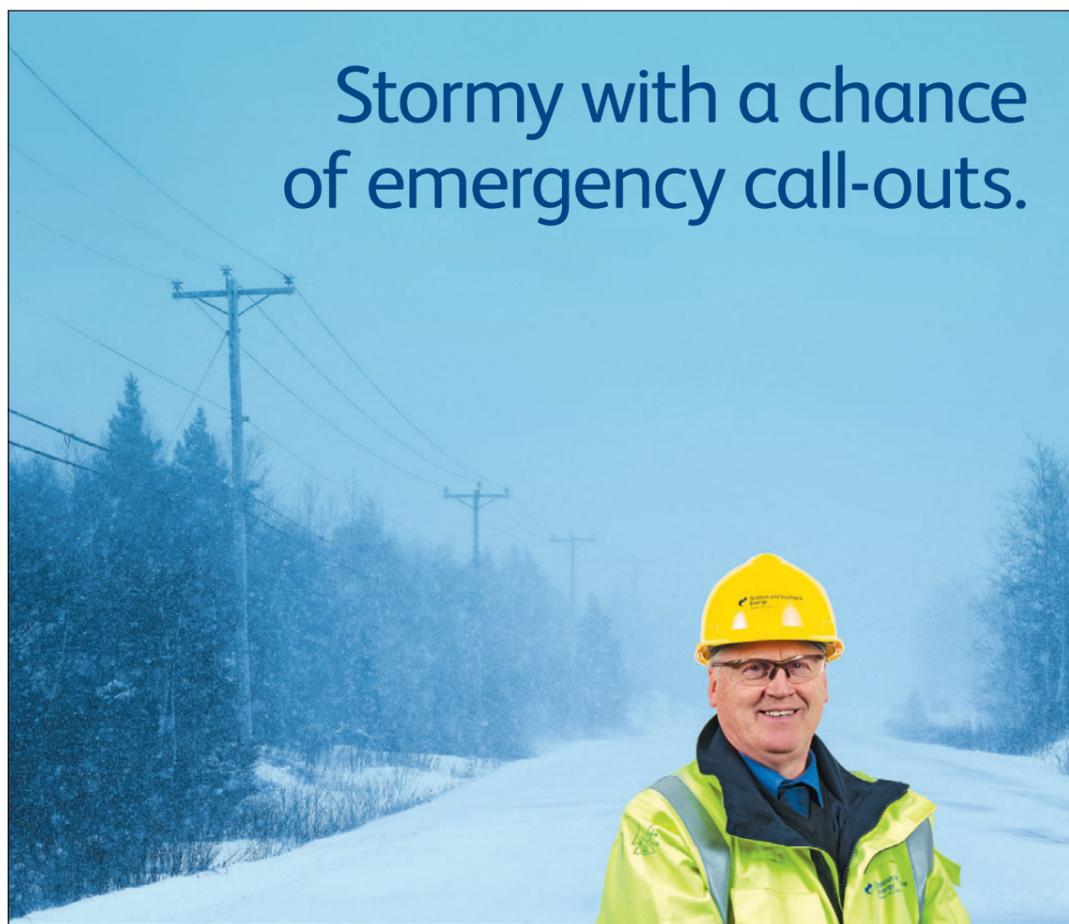
Sheriff Anderson said that 'with hesitation' she would defer sentence on Richmond for a further three months for him to be of good behaviour.

Sentence deferred on assault man

A YOUNG man who admitted an assault has had sentence further deferred on him for six months for him to be of good behaviour.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court, the man

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Campbeltown Sheriff Court

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iff Court last week, Greg Sharp, 21, 6 Glenside, Campbeltown, appeared on deferral after admitting assaulting another man in the town's Longrow on June 16 last year.

He also admitted stealing food from another man in the town on February 16 last year.

Woman must compensate assault victim

A YOUNG woman who pulled another woman across the floor by her hair and punched her several times on the head has been ordered to pay her victim £250 compensation.

Emma Davidson, 19, of 35 Elder Crescent, Bowmore, Islay, admitted at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week to committing the offence in the Bowmore Hotel on May 11 this year.

Davidson's defence agent, David Watt, said

his client was now a full-time carer for her boyfriend who had mental health problems and was in receipt of £70 a week carer's allowance.

He said Davidson could pay the compensation at £5 a week but Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC insisted she pay £15 a week.

Man bypassed electric meter

A MAN who appeared from custody and admitted bypassing his flat's electric meter was admonished last week.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court, Michael Duffy, 34, of flat 101, 20C Burnside Street, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty to committing the offence on April 14 this year.

Duffy told the court he was 'going to rehab' in Dundee when he was released from prison today (Friday) and would not be returning to Campbeltown.

Plenty of fun at first food festival



The Barrowband performs in front of a large audience at Campbeltown Grammar.

ALMOST 300 people attended the first Kintyre Fun Food Festival on Wednesday November 19 at Campbeltown Grammar.

Business studies students assisted with organising the event which saw the Barrowband sing songs about fruit and vegetables.

The band was assisted by children from the schools, who had learned songs at workshops earlier in the month.

Ailsa Clark of Inspiralba said: 'The event was the culmination of work over the past term by pupils from the Castlehill and Dalintober primary schools and Campbeltown Grammar, with young people learning about local produce across the curriculum.'

'Children in the primary schools have been learning about the

range of food products sourced and produced locally, including shellfish, smoked seafood, cheese, meat, fruit and vegetables, with different classes undertaking visits or hosting talks from local producers.

'Secondary pupils developed recipe ideas for younger children, using local produce and worked with home economics staff and a local chef to create a taste experience at the event.'

'Menu cards featuring their recipes have been produced and were distributed at the event and to primary school families. Additional recipe cards will also be available from producers.'

The project was supported by the Scottish Government, Education Scotland, the NHS, Inspiralba and staff across the three schools in Campbeltown.

Chance to discuss village plans

RESIDENTS and businesses in Tarbert are being urged to take part in a public consultation on proposals to improve pedestrian amenities on the A83 through the village.

This will include plans on the junction between Harbour Street and Balmore Road.

BEAR Scotland and Transport

Scotland representatives will be available to answer questions on Wednesday, December 3 at the Templar Halls, Tarbert, between 11am and 1pm. Should any residents be unable to attend the event they can contact BEAR Scotland Ltd on 0800 138 9903 or email enquiries@bear-scotland.co.uk.



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Couple's dream is turning to despair

Fears expressed over upheaval wind farm would cause residents

ALBERT and Dianne Roberts despair when they consider what the next few years could bring.

They thought they had achieved their ideal life-style in their quiet home in Barr Glen by Glenbarr.

However, all that could be set to change drastically.

As they state in a letter to the Courier this week: 'After many patient years in the planning and making, our dream home in a spot of unparalleled natural beauty, is being threatened.'

That 'threat' is coming from proposals to establish 14 giant wind turbines at Blary Hill overlooking Barr Glen.

With it will come massive upheaval on a single-track, dead-end road serving a dozen households - many attracted to the area by its tranquility and unspoilt nature - in the glen.

Turning point

If the wind farm application, before Argyll and Bute Council, is approved, the Roberts will be among the worst affected because of a proposed turning point for heavy vehicles being outside their house.

Mr Roberts, a former marine engineer and lorry driver, also doubts the capacity for proposed road-widening atop a hill, 100 yards from his home, which offers a steep drop to the

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fast-flowing River Barr below.

The developer RES estimates there will be almost 1,600 vehicle movements for related 'forestry activities' over a four-month period alone.

Mr Roberts said: 'That's before construction, facilitation, operations and management traffic is factored in. Yet, RES in its planning application describes this as "minimal traffic".'

As well as the noise and pollution aspect, the Roberts are also deeply concerned about how 'the very act of getting to and from our homes would be impacted severely by the presence of heavy machinery on a single track road'.

Work to widen the road

would go on for months and involve massive machinery and numerous other lorries.

The Roberts also fear complications for any emergency vehicles accessing the glen.

Two months ago, Fiona McArthur, of Barrglen Equitation Centre, Arnicle Farm told of her fears that her business would not survive the development of Blary Hill.

'Clients would stay away - I face the loss of my livelihood. That is not right,' she said.

Ms McArthur, like the Roberts, is deeply unhappy with RES, which they claim is not listening to their concerns.

'I met with Neil Martin, from RES, and was left with the feeling that



Albert and Dianne Roberts at the entrance to their drive. Behind them, beyond the Barr Glen road, is the access which RES proposes to use to remove 1,600 lorry loads of timber before construction work can begin on 14 giant wind turbines. 08_c48barr02

they will just come in and work over the top of us,' said Ms McArthur.

Last week, Mr Roberts said he had written to Mr Martin and was still awaiting a reply after more than a month.

Scottish Natural Heritage has objected to the Blary Hill plan because of its fears of effects on Greenland white-fronted geese which roost at nearby Loch Arnicle - a protected area for the bird.

The majority of Glenbarr residents are also fighting a proposal from Burcote Wind for 18 giant turbines on the opposite side of Barr Glen.

Reassure

Neil Martin, Blary Hill development manager, said this week: 'We would like to reassure all residents living along the Barr Glen Road that the upgrade works will be carefully planned to minimise any disruption and access for emergency services will be maintained at all times.'

'RES will ensure the upgrade works required are carried out with the utmost consideration to the access needs of the residents living along the road.'

'Access will be maintained through measures such as temporary road surfaces, careful timing of works and traffic management.'

'It is not our intention to close the road.'

'It will take three months to complete the road upgrade works, with the section at Upper Barr only taking four weeks.'

'RES will operate an agreed code of conduct with all delivery drivers which will see the passage of residents along the road prioritised.'

'RES has carefully designed the entrance into the site to allow a smooth flow from the Barr Glen Road onto the wind farm access tracks, removing the need for vehicles to perform complex turning manoeuvres and preventing any noise or vibration impacts which could occur from such manoeuvres.'

'The proposed Blary Hill Wind Farm is on a commercial forestry plantation, which irrespective of the wind farm has planned felling requirements.'

'The construction of the wind farm provides the opportunity for the planned forestry traffic to be accommodated on a wider road better equipped for forestry vehicles.'

'The wider Barr Glen Road with new passing places will significantly ease the flow of traffic along it and ensure any disruption to residents is minimised.'

Its latest plans were outlined at an exhibition in Glenbarr Village Hall yesterday (Thursday).



Albert Roberts on the Barr Glen Road where the road verge overlooks the River Barr. 08_c48barr01

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Domestic assault arrest

A MAN arrested in the centre of Campbeltown for a domestic assault on Monday evening was held in custody and appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court the following day.

Shoplifting charge

A 53-YEAR-old woman was arrested at the Co-operative supermarket in Campbeltown last Thursday and reported to the procurator fiscal for shoplifting.

Charity clarification

IN last week's Courier, Power to the People Kintyre, was wrongly described as a charity. It is in fact a 'community interest company'.

Hall Street will continue to blossom

FEARS that an attractive Campbeltown street could become an eyesore were allayed this week.

There had been much confusion between Argyll and Bute Council and BEAR Scotland, the roads agency in charge of the A83 trunk road all the way to Campbeltown ferry terminal, over who should maintain the grass along the dual carriageway on Hall Street, featuring grass, trees and flowers.

However, Kintyre councillor Rory Colville has received assurances from the council that it will maintain the area as it did prior the recent trunking of the road.

He said: 'The council has informed me it will continue to maintain the Hall Street area

as well as the town centre roundabout.

'Hall Street is widely viewed by residents and tourists and reflects the substantial improvements made to Campbeltown seafront in recent years.

'It is the first thing ferry visitors see on arriving and the last thing they will look at when they leave the town.

Responsibility

'The council has acknowledged its responsibility to keep the area looking presentable.

'A solution had to be found as the proposed two cuts of grass a year by BEAR would not have been acceptable.'

Jim Martin, of Campbeltown Community Council, said: 'Argyll and Bute Council had to take responsibility



The strip along Hall Street which Argyll and Bute Council has pledged it will maintain.

for the grass and flowerbeds on Hall Street, and should for any others that come under BEAR's control along

the trunk road in Campbeltown. Hopefully with this decision the area will look as inviting to visitors as it did in the

summer. It would be terrible to have tourists' first impression of the town being that of an untidy mess.'

Bail breach arrest

A WOMAN arrested in the Campbeltown area on Sunday evening for breaching her bail conditions appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court the following day from custody.

Domestic arrest

A DOMESTIC incident in the Carradale area led to the arrest of a 63-year-old woman on Monday evening.

She was held in custody overnight before appearing at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

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Your nomination may be about a specific attraction, place, experience or person that has brought something to life in rural Scotland. We are looking for innovation, communication, service and education as well as fun and excitement.
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Always important and popular, our hospitality industry has made great strides in recent years. Customer service is key, but so is the role that your nominee plays in the local community if they go beyond the call of duty. Are they ambassadors for local produce who care about where their food is sourced? These are important questions that you can help us to answer.
- BUSINESS DIVERSIFICATION**
The key to thriving in a rural business is the ability to focus, re-focus and even change tack in order to stay ahead of the competition or even the times. The winning business here will be the one that has thought outside the box not only to survive, but to succeed to the benefit of all.
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The SRA take a realistic view of what conservation means and what can be and is being achieved right now. This award will be given to the organisation, business or individual who can go beyond the norm to create, develop, innovate and succeed in enhancing the Countryside by sustainability, protection, rescue, introduction or re-organisation.
- AQUACULTURE AND AGRICULTURE**
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- ARTISAN FOOD**
Aiming squarely at food producers, retailers and outlets, this is all about specialists who take a pride in their work. Your nominee should be one that champions 'local food' and supports other local producers. Maybe it's someone who has saved a dying art or promoted a lost skill, but above all it'll be someone that has a story to tell.
- ARTISAN DRINK**
The other companion in nourishing the soul, the Artisan Drink category is again an indication of craftsmanship and aimed at food producers, retailers and outlets. This award is designed to recognise hard work, innovation and experimentation in the development of all beverages. Success is measured by the message and style of the product, company or individual, not necessarily on number of units sold.
- THE SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
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Campbeltown Drop-in Event:
Tuesday 2nd December 2014 3pm to 9pm
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Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Committee Manager, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh, G84 8BP. Telephone 01436 657605.

The Agenda for the meeting is available to view at the Servicepoint, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead and at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

Douglas Hendry
 Executive Director – Customer Services

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Graeme Harvey trading as Graeme's Waste Solutions Ltd of 141 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6LG, is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To add an operating centre to keep 1 goods vehicle and 0 trailers at building 120H, Machrihanish Air Base, Campbeltown. PA28 6NU.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notices. A guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.



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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02333/PP	Alterations and extension of former gardeners bothy to form dwellinghouse (designated as House 5)	Former Gardeners Bothy Ardpatrik House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02334/LIB	Alterations and extension of former gardeners bothy to form dwellinghouse (designated as House 5)	Former Gardeners Bothy Ardpatrik House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02711/LIB	Repair to apex of wall over bay window, retention of replacement lime render and internal alterations	Rockwood Kilkerran Road Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6JN	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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

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

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION PUBLIC EVENT CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Hub North Scotland, on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council, intends to construct a new secondary school (Campbeltown Grammar School), including associated parking, bus drop-off facility, playing fields and outbuildings. The proposed site for the development is within the existing Campbeltown Grammar School site. A public event has been arranged to provide information on the proposals. The event will be held in:

Conference Room, Aqualibrium Sports Centre, Kinloch Green, Campbeltown PA28 6EG
 10am to 8pm Wednesday 3rd December 2014

The public are invited to come along, between the times noted above, to see the proposals and to meet with the members of the project team. Anyone wishing to make comments on the proposed development can do so in person at the public event. Alternatively they can write to Ryder Architecture, 221 West George Street Glasgow G2 2ND before 10th December 2014 or email mhaggerty@ryderarchitecture.com.

Please note that any comments made are not representations to the Planning Authority. There will be an opportunity to make representations to the Planning Authority should Hub North Scotland decide to submit a planning application for the proposals.

DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984 ADOPTION OF ROADS

In terms of Section 1(4) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, Argyll and Bute Council propose to add to their List of Public Roads, the following roads:

Craobh Haven Road, (No.104)

From its junction with the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban Road, 1950 metres or thereby generally north of the unclassified No.024 Barrananaoil Road, extending in a generally south westerly thence northerly direction to a point 15 metres or thereby north of the access road to The Green, a distance of 1730 metres or thereby, including the turning head extending westerly for a distance of 15 metres or thereby and including a 2 metre wide service strip/verge or to the nearest boundary fence or wall, whichever comes first.

Lunga Road, (No.105)

From its junction with the Craobh Haven Road (No. 104), 1590 kilometres or thereby west of the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban Road, extending in a generally southerly direction to a point 15 metres or thereby south of its junction with the access road to Half Acre Hill a distance of 340 metres or thereby, including the turning head for a distance of 15 metres or thereby, and including a 2 metre wide service strip/verge or to the nearest boundary fence or wall, whichever comes first.

Full details together with a plan are available for public inspection during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the offices of:

- Craobh Marina Offices, Craobh Haven;
- Argyll and Bute Council Offices, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead.

Any person wishing to object to the proposal should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Roads & Amenity Services, Argyll and Bute Council, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RD by 9th January 2015.

(COLCHESTER SQUARE AND ARGYLL STREET, LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

On Monday 24th November 2014, Argyll and Bute Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 16(A) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, made the above named Order the effect of which will be that for a temporary period, on the occasion of the switching on of the Christmas lights, no person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle through the lengths of road indicated in the Schedule hereto.

Exceptions will apply to emergency services vehicles and vehicles being driven upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform. The closure, which is necessary to facilitate the holding of the event, shall have effect when indicated by signs between 1400 hours and 2200 hours on Saturday 6th December.

SCHEDULE - PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

Name of Road in Lochgilphead	Extent of Restriction
Colchester Square	From its junction with the Tarbet- Lochgilphead Kennacraig Trunk Road (A83) extending northwards to its junction with Argyll Street a distance of 40 metres or thereby.
Argyll Street	That section of Argyll Street extending from its junction with the north side of Colchester Square northwards to its junction with Union Street a distance of 72 metres or thereby.
Alternative Route:	Via adjacent streets.

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

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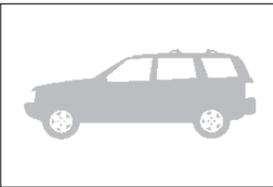
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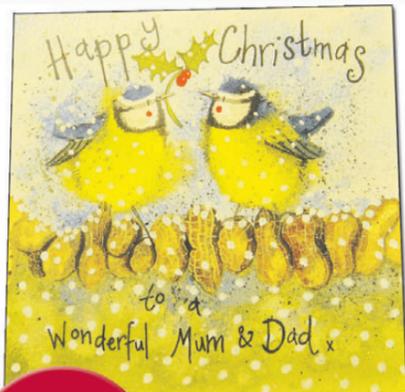
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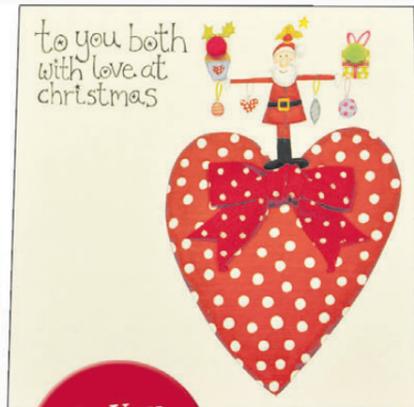


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Four stand for by-election

THERE are four candidates for the Argyll and Bute Council by-election for one seat in the south Kintyre ward on Thursday December 11.

They are: John Armour (Scottish National Party), Charlotte Hanbury

(Scottish Conservative and Unionist), Michael Kelly (Scottish Labour Party) and Joyce Oxborrow (Scottish Liberal Democrats).

Open

Polling stations will be open from 7am until

10pm on election day.

On the night of the election and after the polls close at 10pm, counting of votes will start at 10.30pm in the Burnett Building, Campbeltown.

The results will be

published on Argyll and Bute Council's website as soon as possible.

The South Kintyre ward covers the area from Saddell Glen down to the Mull of Kintyre, including Campbeltown.

It has an electorate of around 5,400 people.

There is more information about the candidates and a list of polling stations at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/south-kintyre-election-11-december-2014

Candidates' statements



Joyce Oxborrow.

JOYCE Oxborrow will represent the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

She told the Courier: 'I have lived and worked in Campbeltown for 17 years and am married with two grown-up children and two grandchildren.'

'I recently retired from my post as an NHS midwife and, formerly, nurse.'

'I have always been actively involved in the communities I have lived in. When the children were young it was helping with the mother and toddler group, playgroup, cub pack and PTA and I also served on the town council. This was additional to my work as a midwife.'

'I have always believed in honesty, fairness and hard work; and if you love what you do it is fun and not hard.'

'Since moving to Campbeltown, I have had volunteering experience with local organisations, and helped to contribute to the community through work with HomeStart MAJIK and the Credit Union and my current work with the Kintyre Environmental Group (KEG) and Arthritis Care Scotland.'

'I feel strongly that the needs of women are under-represented in South Kintyre as there has not been a female councillor in this ward since Argyll and Bute Council was formed.'

'Only one-in-five of Argyll and Bute councillors are women. We need to address this gender imbalance to give women voters a greater voice in developing South Kintyre.'

'Mindful of the need to improve local infrastructure, healthcare and job opportunities, if elected I will listen to and work for the benefit of all residents, working towards a sustainable economy by harnessing the natural assets of the area and the skills of its people.'



Charlotte Hanbury.

CHARLOTTE Hanbury is the Conservative and Unionist candidate in the by-election for South Kintyre.

She returned to Argyll in 1997 and has since been involved in the church and community.

She has served on the Lochgilphead Community Council and for several years was the Episcopal Church's education representative on Argyll and Bute Council.

She has done supply teaching widely in Argyll and Bute, and has also served the church as the child and vulnerable adult protection officer for several years.

Her main concerns are education and jobs for the young and appropriate care and facilities for the disabled and elderly throughout Argyll and Bute.

'I have thought long and hard about this and with the support of my family and friends I now feel in a position to offer something back to the community I have gained so much from.'

'I'm delighted to have been asked to stand as the SNP candidate in the forthcoming by-election.'

'If elected I will aim to work with fellow South Kintyre councillors and the good people of South Kintyre to build on what we have already and try and get the best deal possible for the area.'



Michael Kelly.

MICHAEL Kelly is the Scottish Labour Party candidate for the South Kintyre by-election. Michael, 27, who lives and works in Kintyre, graduated last year with a masters degree in public policy. For the past 12 months he has been a tireless campaigner for the Labour Party throughout Argyll and Bute.

He said: 'South Kintyre's remoteness has become an excuse for the council, the NHS, and other public bodies to offer it a poorer level of service.'

'There are many examples of this but the NHS kidney dialysis service with its eight-hour round trip for patients is perhaps the most notorious.'

'The very high social care charges for the elderly and vulnerable, and lack of local maternity scanning are also scandalous.'

'I will strive to improve these and other services for the people of Kintyre.'

'A coherent, long-term policy for proper economic development and better, more affordable access to public services is possible and will improve the lives of all South Kintyre's residents.'

George McMillan, a former leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'Now, more than ever, Kintyre needs a young councillor with the energy, vision and skills to develop the area's economy and create long-term opportunities for its people. I believe Michael Kelly fits the bill.'



John Armour.

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FARMER John Armour has been chosen by the SNP to stand in the by-election for a South Kintyre councillor on December 11.

The vacancy follows the resignation of the SNP's John Semple.

Mr Armour said: 'I have lived and worked in South Kintyre all my life and could never imagine living anywhere else. I have farmed at High Tirfergus since I left school, initially with my father and then on my own for the past 12 years.'

'I have been involved in campaigns and worked with and for many organisations and clubs over the years.'

'After the independence referendum, I was asked by quite a few electors in South Kintyre if I would consider standing for the council.'



TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



CAMPBELL-MCKILLOP

Scott, Laura and Kelvin are delighted to announce the arrival of Reilly Craig Calum, born November 18, 2014 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow. Second grandson for Gilbert and Audrey and forth grandson for Kenneth and Nannette. Both families are delighted! Thanks to all midwives at Campbeltown and Southern General Hospitals.



HILL - GALBRAITH

Alisdair and Laura are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter Rosie, born November 14, 2014 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Second granddaughter for John and Elizabeth and first grandchild for Iain and Donna.

MUIR - HERROD - David and Julie are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Matilda Muir, on October 19, 2014.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

GILLIES - DUNLOP - Buddy to Flora, on November 27, 1964, in Lochgilphead. Present address, Lochnell Street, Lochilphead. Wishing you a wonderful fiftieth anniversary, love from all the family x.



IRVINE - MCKENDRICK

On December 3, 1964 at Lochend United Free Church, Campbeltown, by the Reverend James P Young, Alex to Catherine. Present address, Kyle, Drumore Park.

DEATHS

BRYDSON - Peacefully, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, on November 22, 2014, Alice Brydson, in her 85th year, West Kilbride, dearly beloved wife of Allan Brydson, much loved mother of Lucy, June and Margaret and a loving gran and great gran. Funeral private.

CAMERON - After a short illness, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on November 23, 2014, Colin Cameron, aged 84 years, of Embo, 5 Castle Park, Kilmartin. Beloved husband of Catherine MacGeachy; much loved father of Shona and Sheena. A much respected father-in-law of Gordon and Russell. Adored Shennair of Cameron, Sinclair, Craig, Julie and Rosie. Son of the late Dugald and Catherine Cameron, Lochgoilhead. A well loved character who will be sadly missed. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church, on Friday, November 28, 2014 at 10.30am, followed by interment at Lochgoilhead Cemetery at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

CARTER - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 16, 2014, Muriel Carter, in her 88th year, 19c John Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Stan Carter and a much loved mother of the late Ian Carter.

MITCHELL - Peacefully, on November 17, 2014, William, much loved brother of Roberta Lafferty and the late Nan Helm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCGHIE - The family of the late Gordon Cameron would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kindness at this sad time. We would also like to thank those who sent flowers, cards and phone calls; Doctors Maclean and Phillips; ambulance staff, Joe Fisher and Jim MacKay; staff at Mid Argyll Hospital for their help; Stan Lupton Funeral Director, and Dr Roddy MacLeod for his comforting service. The sum of £250 was raised for the Heart Foundation.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACKAY - In loving memory of Sheena, who died on November 26, 2005.

Together in the same old way
Is what we wish every day.
- Love from all at Lilybank.

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

Over 60 years ago when we said 'I do' I had hoped to spend my life with you
Alas it was not to be.
Sadly missed.
- Marion.
Lovingly remembered.
- John.

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

Two willing hands lie still
The one who did so much for me
Is resting at God's will.
Remembering not just today but every day.
- Johnnie.

THOMSON - In loving memory of Margaret, who passed away on December 2, 2013. Deeply missed. You are always on our minds.

- Love always, Hector, Kate and Colin, Revie and Marie, and families.

THOMSON - In memory of Margaret, died December 2, 2013. Loved and remembered always.

- Gladys and family.

TODD - In loving memory of Geordie, died November 25, 2000.

Always in our thoughts.
- Lorraine and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome

Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am Eucharist service 4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins & 11am Eucharist Service Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service 3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran 01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor 01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 23rd November
Holy Communion
Glassary 10am
Rev. C. Acklam
A new loop hearing system has been installed.
All welcome
SC0 02121

lochgilphead baptist church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 30th November 2014
11.00am
Monday 1st December
2.30pm
Ladies Meeting
Mrs Heather Allan
Tarbert
Tuesday at 10am
mainly music
Friday from 10am
Jumpstart
Scottish Charity SC015187

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT:
Tarbert 10.00am, located on School Road.
Lochgilphead 11.30am, located on Lochnell Street/Manse Brae
Mr D Logue
Prayer Time (fortnightly)
Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Ladies Bible Study 2pm
Soup Lunch Monthly (last Thursday)
All welcome.

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 30 November 2014
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"The proceeding Word"
Thursday 4 December 2014
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
Saturday 6 December 2014
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
All Welcome

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to be held on
Friday 5th December
at 7.30pm
Springbank Evangelical Church, Campbeltown
Guest speaker:
Mr Nigel Kenny,
The Christian Institute, UK
Musical Items
Tea/coffee served after meeting
Everyone most welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 30th November
Morning Service 11.15am
Next Generation, Triple C, Creche
Rev P Wallace
Monday 1st December
Messy Church
Church Hall 3.45 - 5.30pm
Tuesday 2nd December
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45am New Hall
Boy's Brigade
Anchor Boys 6 - 7pm
Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Church Hall
Thursday 4th December
Choir Practice
Friday 5th December
Lunch Club
12.00 noon New Hall
Saturday 6th December
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Auchinlee Coffee Morning
1.00pm Service of Ordination
Of William Crossan

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 30th November
Service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor 11.15 am in the Church
Monday 1st December
Board and Session Meeting 7.00pm in Kirk Street Hall
Junior badminton club
Kirk Street Hall Tuesday evening
Tuesday evening
Primary 1 - 5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6 - 7: 7.30 - 8.30pm
Everyone very welcome

free church of scotland

George Street, Campbeltown
Friday 28th November
7.30pm Faith Mission meeting
Saturday 29th November
7.30pm Alex MacDonald in Concert
Proceeds in aid of the Kintyre Dialysis Fund
Sunday 30th November
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Alex MacDonald
11.15am Sunday School
2.30pm Café Church
Wednesday 3rd December
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.30pm - 4.30pm
Water of Life Café
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.com
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 30th November 2014
First Sunday in Advent
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev. Tommy Bryson
Guild meets Monday 1st December
Tarbert Church 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
Everyone very welcome
SC002622

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday school
Refreshments after the service
Baby & Toddler Group
10.00 - 11.45 am
Every Thursday (term-time only)
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Services 30th November 2014 - all welcome!
- Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
- Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 30th November 2014
11.00am
Worship Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Sunday 30th November 2014
Blue Christmas Service
A time to remember friends and relatives who are sadly missed at this time of the year.
Saturday 29th November 2014
10am - 12 noon
Coffee & Crafts in the Church Hall
A seasonal coffee morning
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps

Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday
7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 30th November 2014
11.00am Family Service with Communion and crèche
Pastor Ross Ferguson
11.00am - 4.00pm Christmas cafe with Festive Music
Wednesday 3rd December 2014
Jellytots Toddler Group 10.00am
Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm
For other special events over the Christmas season, see local press and posters
Jesus, He's the Reason for the Season!
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church

Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 30th November
First Sunday of Advent
10.45am Holy Communion
All Welcome
Details of services are on the church door
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Dunaverty Golf Club prize winners

DUNAVERTY Golf Club presented awards to its prize winners over the past year.

The full list of winners is as follows: November Medal handicap - Cristian Ivan, scratch - Campbell McCallum; December Medal handicap - Alistair O' May, scratch - Donald Taylor; January Medal handicap - Bobby Millar, scratch - Donald Taylor; February Medal handicap - John Marrison, scratch - Campbell McCallum; March Medal handicap - Peter McCallum, scratch - Campbell McCallum; April Medal handicap - John Dreghorn, scratch - Donald MacNeil; May Medal handicap - Donald Taylor, scratch - Harry MacLean; June Medal handicap - John Dreghorn, scratch - Campbell MacBrayne; July Medal handicap - Robert Irvine, Scratch - Donald Taylor; August Medal handicap - Darren Kelly, scratch - Campbell McCallum; September Medal handicap - Ter-



Dunaverty Golf Club's 2014 prize winners are pictured with their trophies.

ry Smith, scratch Harry MacLean; Christmas Competition handicap - John Ronald, scratch - George MacMillan.

New Year Competition handicap - David Irwin, scratch - Campbell McCallum; Christmas and New Year combined winner - Campbell McCallum; Spring Meeting

handicap for Captain's Prize (Sandy Stevenson Cup) - 1 Sandy Watson, 2 James Williamson, 1st scratch (Lorne Medal) - Duncan Watson III, 2nd scratch - Lee Mathieson; Mersey Police Cup handicap - 1 Cristian Ivan, 2 Johnny McIntosh, scratch - 1 Donald Taylor, 2 Ross Sinclair;

Centenary Trophy handicap - 1 Alan Duncan, 2 Donald Brown, scratch - 1 Ross Sinclair, 2 Donald Taylor; Club Stableford - 1 Alan Duncan, 2 Andrew Robertson, 3 John Dreghorn; Four-Club Competition handicap - Andrew Robertson, scratch - Donald MacNeil; Tapoc Cup

- 1 Andrew Robertson, 2 Darren Kelly, 3 Alex Arkell; RNL Cup - 1 Hamish Taylor, 2 Donald Brown, 3 Raymond Harvey; Holiday Open (Crae MacIntyre Trophy for best local scratch) George MacMillan; Charles Hunter Trophy - 1 Jim Cooper, 2 John Marrison, 3

James Williamson; Autumn Meeting handicap - 1 Donald Taylor, 2 Campbell McCallum, scratch - 1 George MacMillan (winner of Burte Plate) 2 Duncan Watson III; Keil Trophy handicap - 1 Alex Arkell, 2 Bill Brannigan, scratch - 1 Haydn Chambers, 2 Harry MacLean; Eclectic Winner - Stevie Garrett; Lephensrath Trophy - 1 Ross Sinclair, 2 Duncan Watson III; McCallum/Lyon Trophy - 1 Bobby Millar, 2 Mark Eagers; Muneroy Cup - 1 Ian Docherty, 2 Alexander Roxburgh; Amod McNeill Quaich - 1 Duncan Watson III and John MacMillan, 2 John Ronald and Alan Duncan; Dunaverty Trophy - 1 Stuart McGuire and Margaret MacFarlane, 2 Alex Arkell and Linda Brannigan; Texas Scramble - 1 Ross Sinclair, Kenny Cameron and Roddy MacDonald; 2 Lee Mathieson, Cristian Ivan and Yohan Wallentin; Senior Championship - Duncan Watson III, Handicap

Championship - Kenny Cameron, 2 Darren Kelly, 3 Harry MacLean; Club Championship - 1 George MacMillan, 2 Donald MacNeil, tied 3 Campbell McCallum and Ross Sinclair, 5 Duncan Watson III.

Ladies prize winners: November Medal - Florence Chrystie; January Medal - Mairi MacMillan, February Medal - Linda Arkell; March Medal - Linda Arkell; April Medal - Linda Arkell; May Medal - Linda Arkell, June Medal - Mairi MacMillan; July Medal - Lindsay Garrett; August Medal - Lindsay Garrett; September Medal - Margaret Barr; October Medal - Maggie MacArthur; Robertson Cup - 1 Ailie MacBrayne, 2 Margaret Barr; Argyll Cup - 1 Maggie MacArthur and Linda Arkell, 2 Elizabeth Marrison and Margaret Barr; Coronation Foursomes - Maggie MacArthur and Mary McKinnon; Captain's Charity - Mary McKinnon; Spring Meeting - 1 Florence Chrystie, 2 Mairi MacMillan, 3 Linda Arkell, scratch - Elizabeth Marrison; Centenary Trophy - 1 Eleanor Hawkins, 2 - Lindsay Garrett, scratch - Elizabeth Marrison; Chest Heart and Stroke - Margaret Barr; Club Stableford - 1 Florence Chrystie, 2 Kate McKerral; SSAFA Quaich - Ailie MacBrayne; Blind Veterans - Eleanor Hawkins and Jennifer McCorkindale, Charles Hunter Trophy - 1 Maggie MacArthur, 2 - Elizabeth Marrison; Autumn Meeting - 1 Denise Fawcett, 2 Linda Arkell, 3 Joan McInnes, scratch - Ailie MacBrayne; Golf Foundation - Ailie MacBrayne; Greenlees Trophy - 1 Linda Arkell, 2 Lindsay Garrett; Red Cross Eclectic - Elizabeth Marrison; Dunblan Vase - Joan McInnes; Glenadale Salver - 1 Lindsay Garrett, 2 Mairi MacMillan; Ladies Championship - best final round - Elizabeth Marrison; Club Handicap champion - Mairi MacMillan; club ladies' champion - 1 Ailie MacBrayne, 2 Elizabeth Marrison.

Lucky winner picks £300 numbers

CONGRATULATIONS to J McLean of Wind Towers Scotland who successfully chose the winning numbers in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday to collect the £300 jackpot.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, December 7 with a jackpot of £100.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and the Burnside Bar.

Jackpot goes up to £600

THERE were no winners of the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery on Monday when the numbers picked were 3, 9 and 19.

The jackpot is up to £600 for the next draw on December 1.

Sportsdesk
01586 554646

Arkell races to November medal win

ALEX Arkell, Dunaverty Golf Club's match secretary, produced his best round to date to take the honours in the November medal which was held in cool, windy conditions.

He carded 33 on the outward nine and 36 on the inward for a total of 69. With a handicap of 12 this gave him a winning nett

score of 57, three shots clear of runner-up Mark Eagers. The best scratch score was Hayden Chamber's 66. CSS for the day was 63. Results: 1 Alex Arkell 69-12-57, 2 Mark Eagers 70-10-60, 3 Hayden Chambers (bih) 66-5-61, 4 Hamish Taylor 75-14-61, 5 Keith Johnson 81-17-64, 6 Bobby Millar 77-12-

65. 21,000 votes were cast in the Scottish Golf Tourism Awards for the best 'Value for Money Under £50 category and Dunaverty's reputation was further enhanced by being placed in the top four.

'Well done to the greenkeepers and committee,' said the club's Bill Brannigan.

Youngsters watch top players in action

Children from the Highland Parish Badminton Club in Campbeltown attended the Scottish International Badminton Championships at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow. They received a two-hour coaching session and then watched three of Scotland's Commonwealth Games medallists in action in the singles and mixed doubles semi-finals. Before setting off for home the children also took part in some fun activities.



Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association week 6 results: Southend 5 Commercial 5, Fiddlers B 4 Kilbrannan C 6, Kilbrannan A 6 Kilbrannan B 4, Burnside 7 Fiddlers 3, Ailsa/Bye.

Jimmy Umpherston hit a checkout of 112 for Southend.

On Monday the Jimmy Taylor league doubles is in the Fiddlers.

Islay Golf Club winter league

ISLAY Golf Club Winter League 3, November 23: 1 A Livingstone 36 points, 2 G Hamilton 34, 3 J Rozga 28. CSS73.

Tennis club's thanks for new trophy

THE NEW Dickson Trophy awarded to Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club's men's singles champion was donated to the club by brothers Ronnie and Toby Dickson, whose mother Gertie Dickson was an instrumental figure in establishing the club during the 1970s.

Catherine Dobbie, Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club secretary, said: 'We are very grateful for this very kind trophy donation as it acknowledges Gertie's long-standing commitment to promoting tennis in Campbeltown and the surrounding area.'

Grant Grant got his hands on the trophy this year when he became the club's men's singles champion.

Golf winner

IN our list of Carradale Golf Club prizewinners last week, it should have read that the Bronze Division prize for the four best net scores in medal competitions throughout the year was won by Gail McIntosh.

Maguire leads 'Dale's goal spree



Cammy Maguire was Carradale's man of the match after scoring two goals and setting up another. 20_c48carrfoot02

CARRADALE secured another fine league result with a six-goal demolition of struggling Renfrew side Inchinnan Valley.

However, they were made to work for their victory after going a goal behind, when a defensive slip allowed an Inchinnan player to get in and slide the ball beyond Neil McMillan in the Carradale goal.

McFadyens-sponsored Carradale responded in the 19th minute when a corner was not cleared, allowing Mark Gillies to fire home the equaliser.

Carradale took the lead on the half-hour mark when a long throw-in by Ryan McConnachie was powerfully headed home by Gillies for his brace.

There was disappointment before the half for Carradale when the home side made it 2-2, after a pass in defence held up due to the heavy pitch and an Inchinnan attacker advanced on goal and finished coolly.

The second half saw Carradale overwhelm their hosts, McConnachie starting the on-

Inchinnan Valley	2
Carradale	6
West of Scotland AFL Premier	

slaught with a marauding run past three Inchinnan defenders before being brought down in the box. A penalty was given and the home defender shown a red card.

Cammy Maguire added to Inchinnan's woes by scoring the penalty, before turning provider with a cross onto the head of McConnachie, whose downward header made the score 4-2.

Carradale were in control of the game by this point, David Johnstone putting Maguire through on goal, and after being brought down he stepped up to put away his second penalty of the match, scoring the rebound after his initial shot was saved.

The visitors' sixth goal was the pick of the

bunch, a flowing team move down the left-hand side which saw Sam McPhee, playing at left-back play the ball through to Maguire, who moved the ball on first time to Declan McAulay. His precise pass played in McConnachie, whose first-time shot went across the goalkeeper into the net.

Carradale manager Nonnie Macalister said: 'It was a good win on a tight park. It was pleasing to see plenty of goals and we had a lot of control.'

'Man of the match was Cammy Maguire for his brace and involvement in some of the other goals.'

Tomorrow (Saturday) Carradale travel to Port Glasgow's Battery Park to play Belleaire.

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Pupils a thorn for league leaders

Team works together to bring off an outstanding victory

AFTER an indifferent start to life in the Premier Division, the McFadyens-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils suddenly hit top form with an outstanding victory over league leaders Thorn Athletic last Saturday.

For the local management, the most satisfying feature of a success-filled afternoon was the level of teamwork, 90 minutes of everyone putting their shoulders to the wheel in pursuit of full points.

Discipline was the order of the day, and it certainly had to be against a fine side who dominated the early possession but found little or no space to inflict damage.

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The home side employed a counter-attacking system; being content to concede space in the opposition's half, but quick break forward whenever the opportunity presented itself.

The pace and power of John McCallum and support play of Gary Grumoli were the catalysts for success, and it was no surprise when the latter controlled the ball 25 yards out and rifled an unstoppable drive into the roof of the net for an outstanding opening goal in the 15th minute.

Minutes later the home side raced to a two-goal lead, a controlled break-away allowing Lewis McFadyen to run free in front of the Thorn back four. With the visitor's defence backing off, the young midfielder player drove towards the box before releasing the run of John McCallum with a delicate reverse pass.

The Pupils' powerful front man charged forward to round the advancing goalkeeper and finish the move off in style.

That should have been a signal for the home



Gary Grumoli tucks away the Pupils' third goal after good work by John McCallum. 08_c48pupils01



Thorn Athletic's goalkeeper makes a save as his goalmouth comes under heavy pressure. 08_c48pupils04

side to consolidate its lead, but a quick throw-in took them by surprise and the resultant Thorn cross was steered home with a sweet downward header and suddenly it was game on once more.

Spurred on by the goal, Thorn had their best spell and forced

the home side to defend deeper than they would have wished; however, the Pupils' rearguard remained tight with goalkeeper Reid Anderson intelligently reading the space behind his back four.

The second half brought a measured performance from the home side, a game they never looked like losing. Solid at the back throughout, the high-flying Thorn simply ran out of ideas, and when they did break through goalkeeper Anderson quickly subdued the approach to goal and on one occasion blocked a powerful Thorn shot.

It took a special goal to seal all three points. John McCallum latched onto a through ball from Keith Mitchell before outpacing the full back to cut the ball back in front of Gary Grumoli. The Pupils top scor-

er swept it first time into the back of the net for an outstanding third and winning goal.

Pupils rang the changes with Liam Renton, Kenny Galbraith and Ellis Robertson replacing Mark Davies, Lewis and Gregor McFadyen. The substitutions did not affect the flow of the game and all replacements played extremely well during the final exchanges of a highly competitive match.

Robertson nearly put icing on the home side's cake with an audacious effort 10 minutes from time. Gathering the ball

wide on the left, the youngster curled the ball towards the far post and missed by the target by inches.

The only low point of the game was the late sending off of Mitchell.

Campbeltown Pupils have a free date tomorrow (Saturday) before an away tie the following week against Craigshill from Livingston the fourth round of the Scottish Amateur Cup. Craigshill eliminated Drumchapel United in the previous round of the cup. Another stiff encounter is anticipated.



The Pupils in their new strips provided by sponsor Billy McFadyen, left. 08_c48pupils03

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