



Auchinlee staff face uncertain Christmas

by **MARK DAVEY**

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THE FUTURE of Campbeltown care home, Auchinlee, remains in doubt, threatening the employment of about 30 staff and its 16 residents.

For more than three weeks, since the *Courier* broke the story on November 4, the existence of the home, operated by Church of Scotland charity CrossReach, has hung in the balance.

A petition opposing the closure has been distributed to more than 50 locations, including GP surgeries, chemist shops, post offices, dentists and supermarkets the length and breadth of North and South Kintyre.

One of the petition's organisers, Jill Denton, said: 'At least 2,500 people have already signed the petition,

which is addressed to CrossReach and Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (ABHSP).'

The other petition organiser, former senior charge nurse Hilary Renton, worked at Campbeltown Hospital for 40 years and is also a daughter of an Auchinlee resident.

Mrs Renton said: 'My mother has been a resident in Auchinlee for five years.

Welcomed

'She was warmly welcomed and informed that his was her new home.

'Therefore should this vital provision of care cease?

'Vulnerable elderly people will be evicted from their home.

'Its closure would be to the detriment not only of the residents

and their families but also to the dedicated caring staff and cause long-term devastation to the community.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'Auchinlee plays a vital role within our community and no stone should be left unturned in our attempts to retain it.

'Everyone should sign the petition.

'I have talked to service users' families and made representations to the council's chief medical officer, Christina West, who has since met with the chief executive of CrossReach to discuss the current situation. 'I am awaiting a further report from Christina West on the council's position.'

A CrossReach spokesperson said: 'We are working hard with senior officials from CrossReach and

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Jill Denton with one sheet of her petition outside Auchinlee Care Home. 25_c48auchinlee01

ABHSP to find a way forward for the service provided at the Auchinlee Care Home. 'We welcome the petition as an indication of the great importance the community places on high quality dementia care being available in locally.

'There is a real and

sustained difficulty recruiting social care staff in the local area, which has led to us regularly having to rely on agency staff being brought in at great expense from the central belt.

'Staffing levels are set by the regulators, and difficulty finding

suitable qualified staff is one of the reasons the service at Auchinlee continues to operate at a significant financial loss.

'This is a problem which is not unique to Kintyre and is being experienced across many of our rural communities.'

INSIDE YOUR COURIER THIS WEEK

Wee Toon tree has arrived

CAMPBELTOWN'S Christmas tree is in position and poised to be lit tonight.

Full story, page two.

Seventieth celebration

MEMBERS of Bellochinty Scottish Women's Institute toasted their anniversary in style.

Full story, page three.

Having a ball

THE FIRST ever winter ball proved to be a sparkling success.

Full story, page four.

Winter wonderland

CAMPBELTOWN is set to go Christmas crackers at this weekend's festival.

Full story, pull-out.

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www.glenbarrstores.com Cafe will be introducing a Christmas theme to its menu over the month of December - something to tempt everyone.

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Christmas Fayre Saturday 3rd December Come and browse the stalls, local Hand Crafted Gifts.

Police files:

Motorist is on speed charge

A DRIVER has been charged with exceeding the speed limit on the A83 at Snipefield, Campbeltown.

The man, 24, was stopped at about 3pm on Tuesday November 15.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Careless driving is alleged

A MAN, 79, has been charged with careless driving and having an expired licence following a collision between a car and a building. The incident occurred at about 10.30am on Friday November 18 in Stewart Road, Campbeltown.

Nobody was injured and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Man accused of electricity theft

POLICE attending a Main Street flat found an electric meter with which a man had al-

legedly tampered. The man, 30, was charged with the theft of electricity after the discovery was made at about 12.10pm on Friday November 18.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Daavar disturbance

FOLLOWING a report of a disturbance in Daavar Avenue, a 57-year-old man was arrested and charged with abusive behaviour. The incident occurred at about 2.15pm Sunday November 20 and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Fantastic fir from Saddell



From tonight the Wee Toon's Christmas tree – fresh from Saddell – will be lit up by the Cross.

It arrived by McKerral lorry at about 6.45am on Tuesday. Argyll and Bute Council foreman Iain McMurchy, in our picture, and his team of three began installing the tree. They used large wedges hammered into the ground to fix the shaved trunk in place while holding it in line with a steel wire retained by a vehicle winch.

Hungry will be helped at weekends

THE TEAM behind Kintyre Foodbank will extend its service from December to include Saturday opening.

Although most clients are referred by third party agencies it is possible to self refer at the charity's Mull of Kintyre Industrial Estate base.

Coffee morning will be piping

A COFFEE morning will take place in Victoria Hall from 10am to noon tomorrow (Saturday November 26) organised by the Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association.

The event will include baking, a bottle stall, a raffle and a performance by the mini-band at 11am.

Get crafty at festive fair

KINTYRE Crafters' Group will hold a craft fair tonight (Friday) from 6pm to 9pm at the Argyll Hotel where they will be selling their new Christmas crafts.

Festive lights switch-on

NIBBLES and refreshments will be served in the Salvation Army Hall from 7pm tonight (Friday.)

Also on sale will be a selection of handmade cards and festive gifts.

Feline like a coffee?

CAMPBELTOWN Cat Rescue are holding a coffee morning on Saturday December 3 at the Town hall.

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Bellochantuy belles have a ball

WOMEN from across Argyll gathered in Glenbarr Hall to commemorate in style as the Bellochantuy Scottish Women's Institute (SWI) marked its 70th anniversary.

The event, on Monday, saw women from the group assemble along with representatives from other SWI groups in the area for a celebratory dinner.

The evening started with a buffet accompanied by music from accordion players Bobby Anderson and Rodger Gillespie, who played a selection of favourite songs.

Between courses the guests joined in a sing song with renditions of *The Nut Brown Maiden* and a special Insti-

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tute version of *Sound the Pibroch*.

The guest of honour on the night was Louise Wilson, former secretary of Argyll Federation SWRI who said a few words to mark the occasion before cutting the cake alongside longest-serving member Angie Smith.

At the dinner, snippets of other events from 1946 were shared.

Bananas

Along with the launch of Bellochantuy Women's Rural Institute, 1946 also saw the arrival of the bikini and tupperware and, following the war, bananas arrived back in shops.

The group also displayed the minutes from their very first meeting.

They show that it was presided over by Mrs Macdonald of Largie, who had begun by explaining how the institute originated in Canada and that it was later adopted in the UK.

Also at the first meeting, 'some cleverly worked cushion covers were exhibited by Mrs Macdonald'.

Seventeen members were enrolled at the time and the committee was chosen which included Mrs and Miss Semple.

Current member Nettie Semple, who joined in 1956, making her the second longest-serving member, is the daughter-in-law and sister-in-law of these original committee members.

Nettie recalls first joining the Southend Women's Rural Institute before she was married, alongside her mother.

She said: 'I remember when my mother used to go to meetings she and the other farmers' wives would meet up and they would walk together.

'They would organ-

ise meetings around the full moon as there wasn't street lighting.'

Nettie, has recently celebrated her diamond wedding anniversary. In early married life she began attending the Bellochantuy with her mother-in-law and sister-in-law.

The longest-serving member is Angie Smith, who joined the group in 1954. Angie said: 'I remember a few things from the 1950s and 1960s.

'The competitions were very competitive - all home baking and lovely knitted garments. The rural is a popular meeting for the ladies once a month. We always have a nice summer outing and a happy Christmas party in one of the hotels.'

Vice-president Lois Fell shared her fondest memory of the group. 'In 2013, I did a demonstration called cooking by candlelight where I showed how to cook on a small gas burner.

'Shortly afterwards, we had a huge dump of snow and we had a six-day power cut in Kintyre where we were, indeed, cooking by candlelight.'

President of the



A celebratory spread was laid on by the group. 20_c48swi01

group Elaine Hemmings said: 'It's been a lovely night. There are members who have been here for a number for years and we've got photographs from previous anniversary celebrations on dis-

play. We'd like to see more younger members join, the group is a great place for young people to learn traditional crafts as well as the new activities we do too.

'Recently we had a

demonstration from photographer Raymond Hosie which was really interesting.'

The Scottish Women's Institutes, of which Bellochantuy is part, will mark its centenary next year.



Long-time member Angie Smith cuts the cake with Louise Wilson. 20_c48swi03

Care home commended

KINTYRE Care Home has received a glowing report from the Care Inspectorate.

The report showed that the Campbeltown home is attaining good standards in the quality of care and support, environment, staffing as well as management and leadership.

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Gail McKay as the White Witch. 25_c48ball01

'Winter ball proves an epic extravaganza'

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CAMPBELTOWN'S Christmas Lights Group (CCLG) lit up the town hall at its first ever winter ball.

The exclusive event saw the Wee Toon's business community pull together. The Tree House proprietor Will Anderson's vision for the event, including a Narnia theme.

CCLG's Gail McKay said: 'This has been Will's vision for so long and the detail, hard work, sourcing of costumes, décor, lighting and smoke machines are all down to his brilliant creative talent.'

'The winter ball was an epic extravaganza.'

The event's sponsors were: Numero Dix Hair Salon; Springbank and Glen Scotia, which provided a miniature with a special winter ball label for each guest; Wee Toon Sports; Campbeltown Motor Company; Highland Fuels; TA Blair, Funeral Directors; The Tree House; Glen Scotia; D McNair & Son; Kintyre Hire; McKinven & Colville; Graemes Waste Solutions; and James Collet Photography.

Among many unique raffle prizes were: a

BBC Glasgow studio tour – voucher for two; short stays at Killean Estate Doll's Houses, High Trodugal Eco Houses, Pennysearch Caravan Park and Machrihanish Holiday Park; meals out from Muneroy, Bellochantuy Hotel, Whisky Macs, Harlequin Tea Rooms; hampers from Mr and Mrs J McKinven, Fish Shop and Tesco; car valet – Michael Renton; Serenity Spa gift bag; champagne – Dellwood Hotel; Headquarters men's product; CGS 2017 production tickets for four from James Murdoch; teeth whitening



Diners at the event. 25_c48ball05

voucher – Hollywood Secrets (Airdrie); The Brow Clinic – Be Brow; beauty voucher – Eye Adore U; Portavadie leisure facilities for four; the Dukes golf vouchers – Blachere Illuminations; Owl Centre (Mid Lothian) – family pass; beauty voucher – Helen Mitchell; Mull of Kintyre sea tour for two.

A splendid two-course dinner was provided by Argyll Bakeries and there was plenty of wine on each table, all included in

the £50 ticket. On entry to the hall, each guest was given a glass of fizz and special ticket for the raffle.

Live band Coast Collective – fronted by Matt McAllister and also including James Murdoch (bass guitar and backing vocals), Sam Hales (lead guitar), Struan Thorpe (acoustic guitar, keys, saxophone, bagpipes and backing vocals) and Mark MacSporran (drums and backing vocals) – kept the dance floor buzzing for more than three hours.

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Heather recently graduated from the University of Plymouth with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Marketing. Heather is the granddaughter of Jim and the late Betty Kirk. She is currently working in Digital Marketing in Hong Kong.

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Members of Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group are: Caroline Armour, Margaret-Anne Green, Raymond Harvey, Will Anderson, Kirsteen Graham, Gail McKay, Mandy Robertson and Lorraine Gillespie, who is missing from the photo. 25_c48ball07



Coast Collective. 25_c48ball06



Organisers named the bar sponsored by TA Blair, Funeral Directors, as the White Witch bar. Kenny Blair scored 'white' out to change the name to the Blair Witch Bar. 25_c48ball08

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Care home crusade

A PAIR of Kintyre campaigners are determined to keep Auchinlee Care Home open by petitioning CrossReach and the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

One campaigner, Jill Denton (01586-551332) has even offered to visit the infirm in their own homes if they are unable to get out to sign the petition. This is surely exceptional service which goes well beyond what should be expected.

Winter wonderland

CAMPBELTOWN'S recently restored town hall sparkled for its first winter ball last week.

Volunteers from Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group worked tirelessly to produce an event which ran like clockwork and had some truly special raffle prizes.

Certainly, the ticket price looked expensive but I wonder how many winter ball whisky miniatures, free at every seat, from Glen Scotia and Springbank, have found their way onto eBay. It was a very limited run of highly collectable spirit.

One man got more than he bargained for. He bid against a wily transport firm boss and is now the proud owner of a waist high soft toy, Aslan the lion.

Perfect weather

RAIN has stayed away this week as a high pressure system is parked over Scotland.

Crisp day has followed cold night – and it has even felt warm in the low sun. This is in contrast to the end of last week. Kintyre Park was waterlogged and the long-awaited first Pupils' match in November was cancelled.

All being well there should be a good turnout at the park tomorrow.

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Be properly prepared for winter driving

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Always use an ice scraper as any other object may well scratch the glass.

This winter, when driving, just think of the mnemonic SNOW: S-Scrape snow and Ice from windscreen and windows, N-Never drink/drug drive, O-Observe all signs and road traffic laws and W-When in doubt, don't drive.

David Stewart,
Highlands and Islands MSP, road safety campaigner.

No danger money for Kintyre Recycling staff

Sir,
I would just like to clarify the headline in the *Courier* of Friday November 11. Contrary to popular opinion, none of my workers is in any form of danger at

their work and will not be paid danger money. (Nice try guys!)

The rest of the article was positive as I had intended it to be.

We have been really pleased at the uptake in recycling which has been very encouraging and, although it has proved challenging for all concerned, we are coping and have spent a lot of time communicating with the general public to solve issues that are arising.

The main point that I wanted to highlight was the fact that unfortunately we are receiving a lot of contaminated material in the bags. We cannot take glass in the bags for obvious reasons and Greenlight has the contract for this.

Also, we can only take plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, and food and drink cans in the wet bag.

We cannot take any plastic wrapping such as biscuit and crisp wrappers and any aluminium foil and we have been issuing leaflets to explain this to people.

If you ever have any issue about the recycling or need more bags, please phone us on 01586 553858.

Amanda Card,
Business manager,
Kintyre Recycling.

Studio portrait of 20th century minister sought

Sir,
I am searching for a high quality reproduction of a formal portrait photograph of my great-great-un-

cle, the Reverend Norman Mackenzie, published in the *Campbeltown Courier* on August 31, 1918, and August 29, 1925.

This photograph was published accompanying articles regarding his arrival and departure as incumbent of the parish, and is attributed to the Lafayette studio in Glasgow.

I have searched for the negative for this photograph through the various institutions at which some Lafayette negatives are stored, without success.

Erik Penz,
Toronto,
erik.penz@nortonrosefulbright.com.

Pensioners for independence reforms

Sir,
An attempt is being made to re-launch Pensioners for Independence, one of the pro-independence groups that was formed before the 2014 referendum on Scottish independence.

Anyone interested in being kept informed from time to time of progress is invited to email pensionersforindependence@gmail.com.

Peter Swain,
Innerwick,
Dunbar.

Boys Brigade involved in iWill week

Sir,
I am delighted that the Boys' Brigade (BB) will be involved in this year's #iWill week. The #iWill

campaign champions youth social action, where young people aged 10-20 help others in their communities.

We are using this week to celebrate how much our own young people go above and beyond to help other people.

As an organisation, the BB is committed to increasing the amount of opportunities we can provide for young people to get in to volunteering and using their skills to help others.

I have met many of our young people who give up their time each week to make a difference in their town or village – some of this is carried out through awards like Queen's Badge or Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme, but often the young people get involved because they have seen a need and want to help.

In 2016, BB young people have already undertaken in excess of 50,000 hours of volunteering this year alone and, by 2020, we hope to provide an additional 2,000 youth social action opportunities.

Our hope is that by celebrating how much young people help in their communities, we can inspire a new generation of BB volunteers to help us make a difference for young Scots.

Bill Stevenson,
CEO,
The Boys' Brigade,
Larbert.

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A View from Westminster – Brendan O’Hara MP

WHEN Donald Trump was elected president of the United States, I reckon the first words from the vast majority of us that morning were: ‘Really? You’re kidding!’

To be fair, it’s probably not been the first time in 2016 we’ve woken up saying that, as politically, as well as many other ways, it’s been a remarkably eventful year ... and it’s not over yet.

In politics so far, we have had Brexit, a prime ministerial resignation, a new prime minister emerge without challenge, a failed opposition leadership coup, Scottish Labour finishing third behind the Tories in the Holyrood elections and even a UKIP leadership campaign that literally descended into a brawl.

Surprised

Given this, I suppose we shouldn’t have been surprised that Trump was going to emerge victorious.

Let me be clear: Donald Trump’s electoral success was certainly not the result for which I was hoping.

I was no great fan



Brendan O’Hara.

of Hillary Clinton either but, in a ‘who is the least worst’ contest, Mrs Clinton was a clear winner.

But we are where we are and I sincerely hope that the tone of a Trump presidency will be very different from the tone of his campaign rhetoric, which I believe was divisive and dangerous.

As president, he has to look to heal the deep divisions that have been created in US society.

As the most powerful man in the world, the president has a responsibility to America’s friends and allies abroad and, as commander-in-chief and the man in possession of the nuclear codes, many of us across the world will be looking anxiously at the White House wondering how

what he said during the campaign will actually translate into a new direction in US foreign policy.

I’m very pleased, therefore, that in her letter of congratulations to the president-elect, Scotland’s first minister reaffirmed the strong bonds of family and friendship that exist between Scotland and the United States.

Remind

She also used her letter to remind him that people of both our nations share fundamental values of equality, tolerance, diversity and human rights for all, regardless of race, faith, gender or sexual orientation.

I may not be a fan, but I genuinely do wish Donald Trump well in his presidency. We all have so much to lose if it goes horribly wrong. He won by promising change and with a promise to shake-up the establishment.

The US election was yet another twist in the turbulent year that 2016 has been and, with still six weeks remaining, I await Hogmanay with bated breath.

Purple plants for polio

CHILDREN from Dalintober, Castlehill and Carradale primary schools went green fingered as they gardened for charity.

With the help of the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, the pupils planted crocus corms as part of a Grow Your Own Crocus Project.

Further planting will take place in the coming weeks by rural schools in the area.

The project is part of the Rotary Crocus campaign, which encour-



Dalintober pupils get gardening for polio awareness.

ages children throughout the country to plant Crocus corms in aid of End Polio Now.



Youngsters from Carradale primary plant crocuses.

Rotary International has been working to eliminate the disease for more than 30 years.

In 1985, polio was endemic in 125 countries, but now more than 30 years later this has been reduced to two – Pakistan and Afghanistan.

A spokesperson for the Rotary Club of Campbeltown said: ‘Rotary is delighted to work with the schools on this project which helps beautify the environment and also to teach these young people a valuable lesson.’

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Heritage workers take the Campbeltown tour

Visit arranged thanks to a grant of £6,000

MUSEUM curators and staff from across Argyll and Bute were greeted with age-old hospitality when they visited Campbeltown.

The recent Kintyre educational/networking visit was arranged by Argyll and Bute Museums and Heritage Forum funded through a £6,000 grant from the Museums Galleries Scotland Skills Development Fund, based in Edinburgh.

The tour party was: Alison Blackwood, Dunollie/ Lorn Archaeological and Historical Society; forum chairwoman Alison Palmer; Zoe Fleming, Luig History Group; Olive Brown, Mull Museum; Malcolm Ogilvie, Jenni Minto and Catherine Montgomery, from Museum of Islay

Life; Cathie Montgomery, Strachur Smiddy; and Alison Diamond, The Argyll Papers, Inveraray.

Leading the tour and speaking about specific aspects of Campbeltown's best culture and heritage were Elaine McChesney, curator of Campbeltown museum, and Campbeltown Heritage Centre's Alan Milstead.

Lecture

Sid Gallagher of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd gave a detailed evening lecture about the history of Campbeltown's 1913 Picture House.

The group gathered for lunch at Glenbarr Stores Café before a tour of the village's abbey and collection led by Jeanne Macalister.

Next stop was Camp-



Alan Milstead, wearing a red tie, back in May when a First World War minenwerfer was installed at the Heritage Centre.

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beltown Heritage Centre for tea and cake, and Professor Ron Roberts' talked about how Campbeltown developed. On the first evening the tourists assembled at the Ardshiel hotel's Arran Room for the presentation and

a simple steak pie and cheese cake supper.

There was no rest and at 8.30pm there was a preview of the following day and a 'wash up' of the day's event.

Mr Milstead said: 'It was a great chance to network and discover we all have similar

problems and issues.'

The next day, tour guide John Bakes led a walking tour of the town followed by tea and coffee in the recently restored town hall.

Ms McChesney finished off the events with a tour of Campbeltown Museum.

Happy birthday

CAMPBELTOWN Brass helped Kintyre Chorale celebrate its 20th birthday with a night of song.

Last Saturday saw the group mark the special day with a performance in Lorne and Lowland Church.

Campbeltown Brass, conducted by Gordon Evans, opened the evening with a version of *The Pioneer*.

The Chorale sang a selection of songs from well-known musicals including *Phantom of the Opera*, *West Side Story* and *The Sound of Music*.

They also sang modern pieces such as *Defying Gravity*, *Fields of Gold* as well as a medley of Simon and Garfunkel tunes.

Wendy Beasley, Kathleen Campbell

and Iona Barr also sang solos on the night.

Accompanying the performance was David McEwan, who then treated the audience to a version of *Totally Devoted to You* from the film *Grease*. Carole Harrow compered the evening and a recording of the event was made by Kenneth Ralston.

A spokesperson from the Chorale said: 'Thanks must go to Jamie Girvan for his help and expertise with the sound, Ronald Graham for having the church ready, and Robin Barr and John Ralston for all their help.'

Audience members also donated on the night and the proceeds, amounting to £800, will go to Shopper Aide.



Kintyre Chorale.

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1pm Santa arrives to lead children to hall
12 noon to 3pm Christmas market in Village Hall.
Cards, soaps, craft glassware, wordwork, homemade preserves, Christmas cakes and homebaking.
Soup and sandwiches.
7pm - 7.30pm Christmas sing-a-long in the hall followed by 7.30pm - late Licenced bar, music & hot food
£5 entrance all funds raised for Ford Village Hall

CHRISTMAS TEA

Thursday 8th December

Lorne & Lowland Church Hall
10am - 12 noon
£2.50 entry
Teas, coffees, mince pies, shortbread
Auchinlee Care Home

Dochas Carers Centre

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of Circle of Friends (Befriending Service)
26th November in Baptist Church
from 10am - 12pm
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Ardrihaig Church Craft Club CHRISTMAS SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 26th
November 2016
10am - 12 noon
North Hall, Ardrihaig
Crafts, baking, etc.
Guess the Pastime of the Doll
Admission £2.50
All proceeds to charity

Campbeltown Cat Rescue ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd December

Town Hall, Campbeltown
10am - 12 noon
Usual stalls and Raffle
All donations gratefully received
Everyone most welcome.

Carradale Drama Club Presents the pantomime

"Treasure Island"
by Raymond Burke
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at 7.30pm
& Saturday 3rd December
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COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 26th November
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Sponsors invited to take a seat

by FIONA HENDRIE
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

CINEMA fundraisers are calling for lights, camera, action as a fresh bid for Campbeltown seat sponsors is launched.

The Picture House Centenary Project Seat Sponsorship Scheme is hoping to re-ignite interest in the project by appealing to those with special memories of the original cinema and Campbeltown.

The sponsorship scheme, launched in 2012, had its first sponsor in Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell who at the time noted: 'This is a great opportunity for all those who love cinema in Scotland to be a part of history.'

Honour

Organisers are encouraging people to sponsor a seat or donate to the project in honour of someone special.

A number of stories have come to light.

Gloria Siggins made a donation in memory of the success of a film sponsored by her father, A E Bundy.

First shown in 1927, *The Battle of Coronel and Falkland Islands* was restored by the British Film Institute to commemorate the centenary of the Great War.

Maureen Carrol do-



Sponsor a seat at Campbeltown Picture House 20_c48cinema01

nated in memory of her father, who was the resident engineer in the building of the hydro electric scheme at Lussa Dam in the 1950s.

Maureen, who has not been in Campbeltown for more than 50 years, remembers visiting the picture house in the forties when she was a young girl.

Not as used to the special effects of film at the time, she recalls being terrified by the sight of a volcano erupting during a movie.

One seat remembers Ted Riley, a sub-lieutenant on HMS Nimrod and HMS St Modwen during the Second World War, who served in Campbeltown.

As a lover of film, he

may have visited the cinema in its heyday while stationed here.

Chairman of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd Jane Mayo said: 'There have been many illustrious Campbeltownians who have settled in other parts of the world, particularly in the New World. Among them are John and Mary McKellar.

Joiner

'John, whose mother ran the well-known Mrs McKellar's dairy in Main Street, was a joiner in the town.

'They left in 1914 to settle in Vancouver and the most famous of their family was astronomer son Dr Andrew McKellar.

'He was the first to show that outer space was not a vacuum, dis-

covered the scientific basis for the Big Bang and was expected to win the Nobel prize for his work but sadly died of cancer.'

Businesses are also being called upon to show their support.

Companies which have already taken up the offer to sponsor a seat include Stewart, Balfour and Sutherland; Craigard House Hotel; Whisky Macs; Pearl and Dean; and InspirAlba.

Sponsorship of a seat costs £250 and there are a limited number still available.

Money raised will go towards putting the finishing touches to the cinema.

Further details can be found on the website www.campbeltown-picturehouse.co.uk.

Into Film arrives in Campbeltown

SCHOOL pupils experienced an Oscar-winning moment at Victoria Hall when the red carpet was rolled out at two special movie performances.

Screenings were held for both primary and secondary school children as part of a national film festival last Friday.

Treated

More than 180 children from six primary schools were treated to a screening of animated comedy *The Lego*

Movie in the morning.

The film was met with cheers of delight by the crowd of children from Drumlemble, Tarbert, Dalintober, Clachan, Carradale and Castlehill primary schools.

Pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School were also invited to an afternoon performance of Academy Award winning film *12 Years a Slave*.

The showings were organised by Campbeltown Community Bu-

siness Ltd (CCB), in partnership with the national film education charity Into Film, as part of the UK Into Film Festival.

Experience

Into Film aims to give every child and young person in the UK the chance to experience film creatively and the annual festival runs more than 3,000 events.

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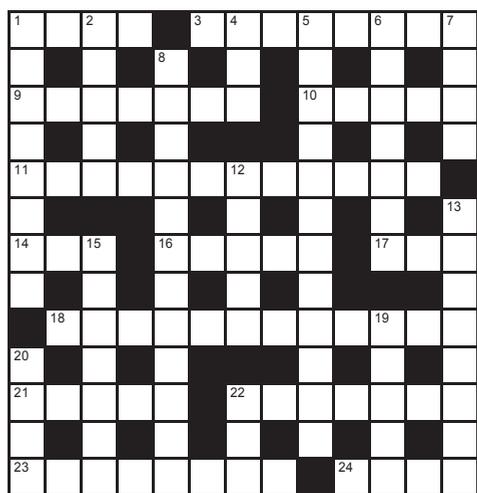
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WITHIN any community, there are many vulnerable people who need help and advice but sometimes do not know where to turn.

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If you look after someone, need care yourself or are planning for your future care needs, you can get the information and advice you need by calling Care Information Scotland free on 0800 011 3200, with lines open seven days a week from 8am to 10pm.

Care services are available to help people who need support because of illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction. There are also services available to those who look after a relative or friend and aren't paid to do so. What a carer does and how much time they spend caring varies from one carer to another.

To find out what help you might need, ask for an assessment of your care needs –

also called a care assessment or care needs assessment. Carers should also get a carer's assessment to assess what help they might need. Both are provided free by your council's social care department.

The council helps you get the services you need and what you're entitled to get so you - or the person you care for - can live at home as independently as possible.

Most people have to pay for all or part of their care and support, but the council has a duty to assess your needs and advise you on the local services available.

It can't force someone to move out of their home - into a care home, for example - if the person has the ability to make decisions for themselves.

Each day 6,000 people in the UK start caring for a family member or friend. It can happen suddenly – a birth, an illness, an



– slowly, or creep up unnoticed at first. Many people who are looking after a family member or friend don't see themselves as a carer and may be unaware there is support available. Each year the charity Carers UK holds Carers Rights Day to bring organisations

Matters



across the UK together to help carers in their local community know their rights and find out how to get the help and support they are entitled to. Carers Rights Day is on Friday November 25 and this year's theme is: Missing out? Know your rights as a carer.

You can get involved and help carers in your community find out about their rights by signing up as a local awareness volunteer, or holding a coffee morning, drop-in session, lunchtime Q&A, or information stand. If you are caring for someone at the moment and would like to find out more about your rights and how to get help, visit their website at www.carersuk.org for information and advice.



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She explains a little more about the Lynn of Lorne Care Home: "The Lynn of Lorne Care Home offers 61 nursing, residential and respite care beds. Our highly trained staff promote independence, dignity and privacy for each of our residents. The Lynn of Lorne is a home from home for our residents as well as their families.

Our in-house chef prepares fresh, nutritious meals daily for every palate and the home baking is very popular! Our activities co-ordinators ensure that life at the Lynn of Lorne is as active here as it would be at home with regular concerts and daily activities to suit each individual. We are now looking forward to our Christmas activities from local schools coming to sing carols to Christmas card making! We know that this time of year can be lonely for some living alone so this is why our group living and activities brings it benefits.

The support and company provided here makes such a difference to our residents and visitors which is why our respite services can be a great help throughout the year. We would be delighted to hear from anyone wishing to find out more information."

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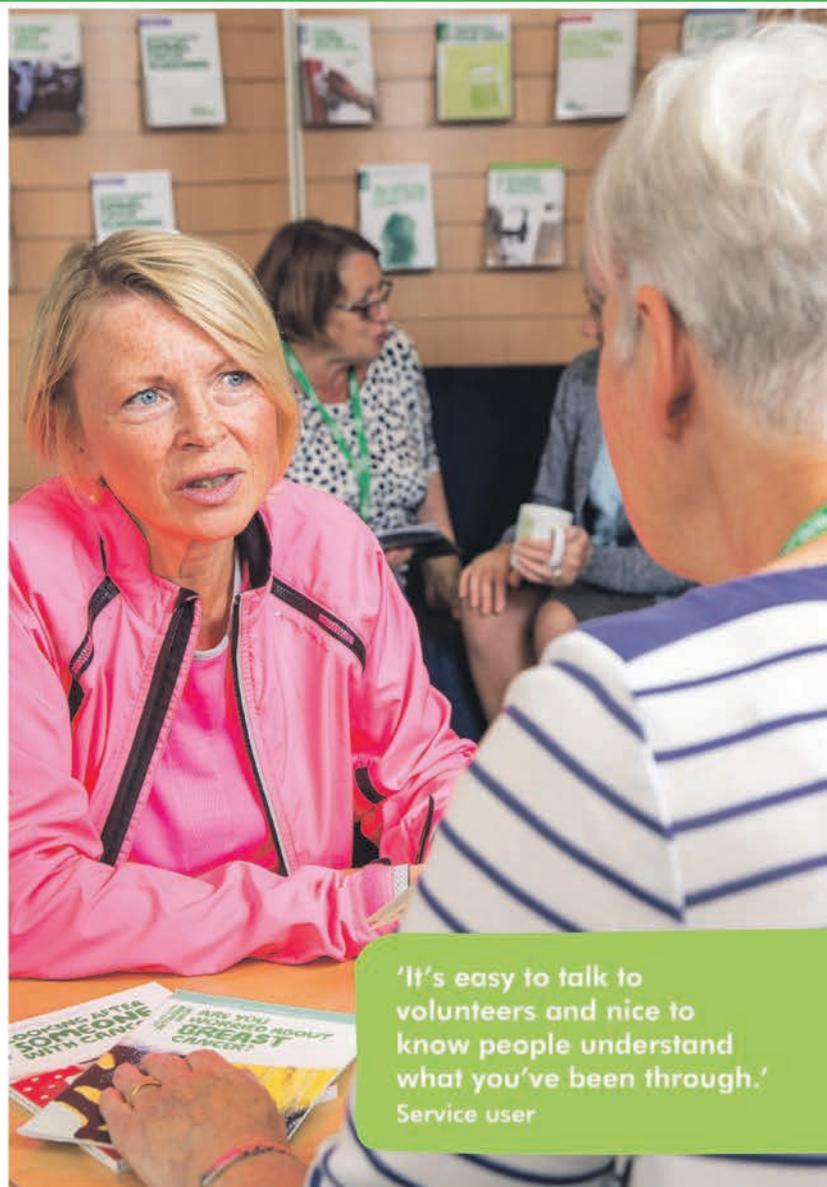
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Service user

Workshop places still available

SPACES are still available at free Business Gateway workshops coming up soon.

The 'Get Your Business Noticed (PR on a budget)' workshop is running in Ardrishaig on November 30.

This workshop will help you get your business featured by understanding how the media works, how to find the stories in your businesses that journalists will want to tell, and how to make contact with them. The workshop is delivered by Colin Kelly, a freelance journalist known for presenting on BBC Scotland and STV as well as running his own media relations consultancy.

The 'Build Your Own Business Website' workshop taking place on November 29 in Oban is a step-by-step guide to developing and maintaining your own business website using a free content management tool. It is designed for businesses which don't have their own website yet, or for those looking to take control of managing their website themselves.

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Kerrien launches new firm

AFTER a career spanning over 20 years working in the third and public sector, Kerrien Grant felt it was time to become her own boss and set up a business.

A desire to work directly with innovative projects led Kerrien to launch kjginitiatives Ltd, providing practical support to communities and social enterprises.

Based in Achnamara, Kerrien is currently working with the redevelopment project management team for Kilmartin Museum and is supporting the Rothesay Pavilion with project development and fundraising.

With support from Business Gateway Argyll and Bute, Kerrien, who formerly worked for Highlands and Islands Enterprise as head of strengthening communities in Argyll, is combining her skills

and experience to ensure projects become a reality.

Kerrien said: 'I bring 25 years of experience in supporting social enterprises and communities to kjginitiatives. In this time I've garnered an excellent understanding of the challenges that rural and island communities face.'

Amazing results

'I also have a real interest in community land ownership and the opportunities that brings, so it made sense for me to set up on my own. I can use my skills in business planning, project development and facilitation to help others deliver amazing results.'

'Business Gateway provided a listening ear as I planned the business and gave me sound advice which helped to develop my thinking. In particular, I was given great

help with social media, marketing and advice on invoicing and contracts.'

Kerrien is now looking to add to her list of clients and work in collaboration with other consultants to form a team-based approach.

She added: 'I am working on a number of exciting projects, including being part of a project management team for Kilmartin Museum with Luing Consultancy, which is fantastic. I am also keen to get more engaged with community land acquisition projects as I am passionate about community ownership as it is a rewarding way for communities to become more sustainable.'

'It has been a dream of mine to set up my own business so I'm delighted that kjginitiatives has got off to such a great start. I moved to Argyll with my hus-



Kerrien is excited to be starting her own business.

band 12 years ago, so being based here and running a business is wonderful and I'm excited about the future.'

Donald Melville, business adviser with Business Gateway, said: 'Although Kerrien has vast experi-

ence, she had never set up a business herself before and so she came to us for advice. Through our one-to-one advice, signposting knowledge and practical support, Kerrien is now in a stronger position to develop and

expand kjginitiatives Ltd.'

To find out more about how Business Gateway can help you set up and develop your own business, call 01546 808363 or visit www.bgateway.com/argyll-and-bute.

New business grant scheme up and running in Argyll

A NEW business support programme, launched earlier this month at Argyll Enterprise Week, has already received its first applications.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is encouraging growing businesses in Mid Argyll to get in touch to find out more about the support available.

The Business Gateway Local Growth Accelerator programme, totalling almost £550,000, is funded by Argyll and Bute Council and the European Regional Development Fund.

The programme gives growing local businesses the chance to access grant

funding and specialist advice to help them expand.

The growth grant funding can cover 50 per cent of eligible costs up to £5,000 for activities directly linked to delivering the business's growth plan and increased turnover. This can include equipment, tools or machinery, refurbishment or conversion costs, marketing activity, quality accreditation and quality improvement, non-statutory training for employees to improve business competitiveness and groundworks.

The employer/graduate placement grant can provide 50 per cent of basic salary costs up to £12,000

within 12 months where a new, additional full-time permanent employee or a graduate placement of six to 12 months is required to support business growth.

The specialist advice on offer from subject experts includes up to two days of free advice on human resources, eCommerce, marketing, growth strategy, funding and tendering.

Councillor Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for sustainable economic growth, said: 'We want to encourage enterprises to grow and expand even further. Business Gateway in Argyll and Bute has helped hundreds

of local enterprises in the past year and this additional funding provides extra support to those with growth potential.'

To access support, businesses must first register for the programme. The programme is open to micro, small- or medium-sized businesses based in Argyll and Bute aiming to increase their turnover by £50,000 or more within the next three years.

By exception, businesses with growth ambitions below the £50,000 increase in turnover may be considered for support. Anyone wanting to register or discuss their eligibility should vis-

it www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/bglgap or talk to a Business Gateway adviser on 01546 604 555.

A Business Gateway adviser will work with businesses registered for the programme to develop a growth plan and access relevant support.

The programme is an additional service and complementary to the support already offered by Business Gateway. Anyone not eligible for the programme is also being encouraged to talk to Business Gateway as other external sources of funding may be available to help a business start-up, survive or grow.

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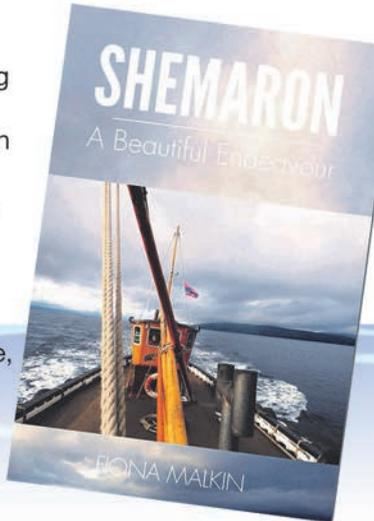
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guaranteed to make you smile. While you are shopping, why not order a cuppa and some lunch and enjoy everything that this feel good diner has to offer.

Ring Net Heritage Trust

If you're looking for something different to give this Christmas to a lover of the sea and fishing boats, then pick up your copy of SHEMARON - A Beautiful Endeavour by Fiona Malkin. This tells the tale of the turbulent and intimate interaction between fishermen and the sea, made from the observations of ring net boat Shemaron. Now being stocked across Argyll in the Argyll Book Centre, Muneroy Stores, Lochfyne Gallery and many more. See their website for a greater insight - www.ringnettrust.co.uk

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Something Special

Searching for the perfect gift to give a loved one at Christmas can often be frustrating and often we turn straight to the Internet. However, if you take a closer look at the abundance of wonderful gift ideas that we have on our doorstep, you may save yourself the worry wondering if your presents will arrive on time. Nowadays, there seems to be an intense pressure to buy expensive, high-end gifts at Christmas but buying a gift for someone

you love is not measured by the amount of money you have, but the thought that has gone into choosing the gift. It is a gift from your heart to theirs and often the smallest and simplest of gifts can bring the biggest smiles. So take a wander down town and round the shops, look for the shops tucked away or head for a day out in a neighbouring town and enjoy picking gifts that you know will make that special person smile.



Zing Organics

There is something extra special about having multiple candles burning at Christmas time. For a candle that is truly unique visit Zing Organics on Harbour Street, Tarbert which is also host to the workshop where the magic happens. Each product is in its purest form possible and you can even go as far as creating your own scent which you can do by popping into the shop or by ordering online. The shop now stocks a range of products ranging from room sprays, perfumes and gift boxes. Gift vouchers are also available.





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Whisky West Coast

Whisky West Coast which sits in the picturesque village of Tarbert has whisky lovers and gin lovers sorted this Christmas. They have hand bottled whiskies of all kinds and ages into miniature bottles to give as the perfect Christmas gift. Moreover, they are now stocking miniatures in delicate bags which can be hung on the Christmas tree! Sometimes picking a beverage at Christmas can be hard but Whisky West Coast are there to give you sound advice on the perfect pick. They are also now stocking LUSSA GIN, made on the island of Jura and known as the secret of island adventure. Keep an eye out for the up and coming gin tasting night!

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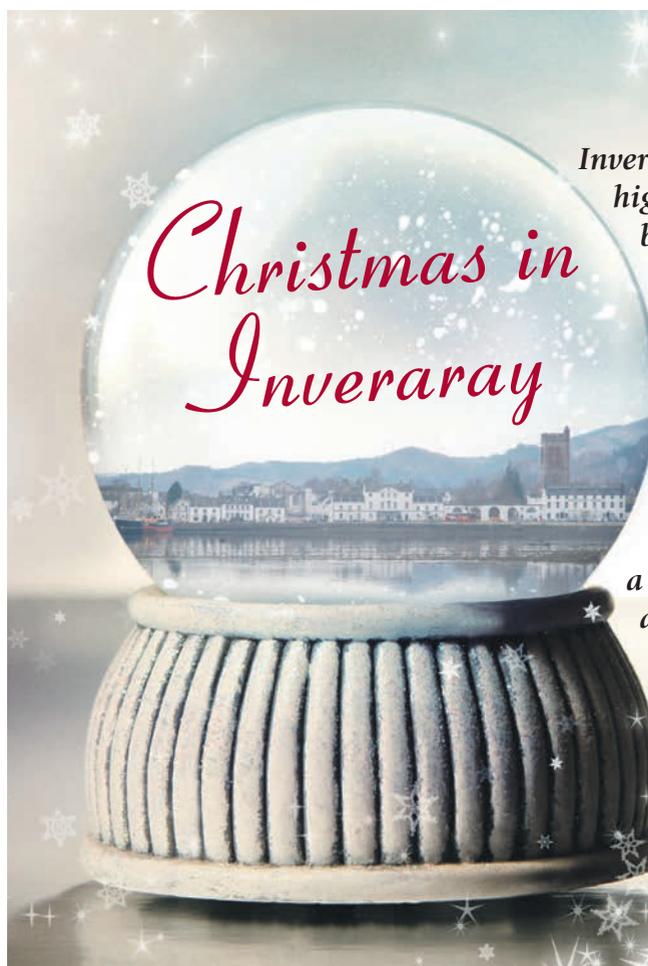
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An action packed winter wonderland weekend

CHRISTMAS is on track to be Kintyre's best ever when Campbeltown's three day winter festival kicks off this weekend.

With fingers crossed for fine weather the Wee Toon will light up tonight (Friday) night.

Late night shopping starts at 6pm, the fun fair gears up in Burnside Square and there will be live music.

The floats' parade preceded by the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, resplendent in Santa hats, commences at 7pm.

Organisers ask that all floats are to be assembled at Hazelburn Business Park/Millknowe facing the town centre, including participants on foot at 6.30pm for a 7pm sharp start.

The parade will move towards the junction of Main Street and Longrow South, continuing and turning left onto Main Street.

At this point the pipe band will remain on Main Street to perform.

The remaining parade will move towards the roundabout turning right onto the dual carriageway. It will continue towards the ferry terminal, turning back on itself at the roundabout before turning back onto Main Street.

It will move towards the Town Hall for the lights switch-on timed for 7.30pm.

The street lights will be off for a time and organisers advise the public to take care.

One of the big hits at last year's float's parade was the Minions complete with swings on a large flat bed lorry by Andrew Smith and Son.

Mr Smith said: 'I think it will be hard to beat the

Minions but we are going to have a good try this year.'

A pair of primary pupils will see their design's come alight for the first time.

A spokesperson for Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group said: 'We are delighted to announce that this year's Christmas Light Design competition winners, as chosen by Blachere Illuminations, are: Ewan O'May, P6, Castlehill and Elizabeth Moffitt, P3, Southend.

'Well done and a huge thank you again to all who took the time to enter this year.

'We know you will turn out in your thousands to cheer on the winners as they turn on the lights on tonight along with this year's special guest.'



One of many choirs at last year's event.

'With just five Saturdays to go Christmas is approaching fast'



Pipers at last year's parade.

TARBERT CHRISTMAS FAIR

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Various crafts, Christmas fayre and gift stalls

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School children's parade from Coastguard Station with community carol singing around the tree!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON - 6.30pm
(Street lights out from 6.10pm - bring a torch!)

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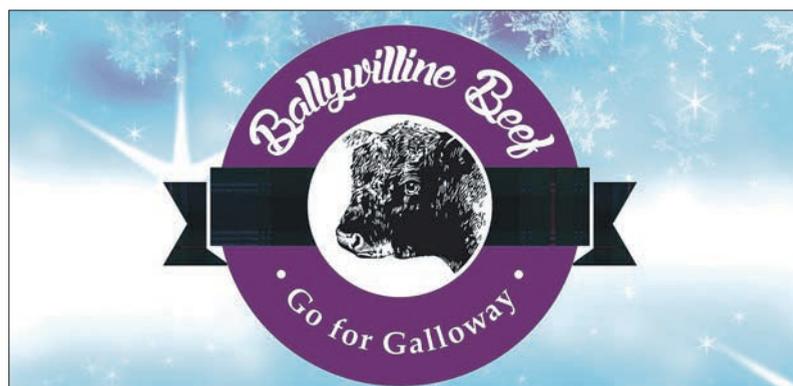
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Kintyre Kollector

Living so far from the city can be difficult when it comes to shopping, especially at Christmas. Sometimes, there are things which we just can't buy here. Kintyre Kollector can save you a trip this Christmas with their collection and delivery service. Order online and have your order picked up for you and delivered to your door. They also have a Glasgow address where you can have your items delivered too, saving you time and money! Dry cleaning service

is also available. Call Ewan for more details: 07463710537

Islay Frigate

The Islay Frigate which overlooks the stunning Tarbert harbour has you covered over the festive season. Friday the 3rd of December sees the Frigate transformed into a night of cocktails and cabaret from Sarah Bright, a night not to be missed. If you're still looking for the perfect venue for a Christmas night with your family, friends or work colleagues, then make sure you are free on Saturday 17th of December for their Christmas Party Night. A gentle start with canapés and Prosecco before the festive menu begins and the night really kicks off with live music from The Democrats. Definitely one Christmas Party you don't want to miss!

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Numero Dix Hair salon

If there's one thing we all want at Christmas, it's for our hair to look amazing. Numero Dix Hair Salon is all about helping you look and feel fabulous this Christmas. Appointments are filling up fast so book yours now to avoid disappointment! While you are in the salon, don't forget to check out their brand-new products from GHD, on sale now. This Copper Gold Collection from GHD will make the perfect gift this Christmas or simply treat yourself.

Fresh Connection & The Treehouse

Fresh Connection has your Christmas tree and holly wreathes now available to order in store. There's something quite wonderful about opening your front door which is laced with a beautiful holly wreath and walking into the smell of a fresh Christmas tree. Look a little further to find beautiful gifts for friends and family in Fresh Connection or The Treehouse or simply make your home look stunning with some new home furnishings. Fresh Connection are now official stockists of Yankee Candles. Look out for upcoming weekly offers!



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Dazzling display will be winter weekend's centrepiece

A HUGE storm stopped last year's Campbeltown Christmas weekend's firework display.

So this year organisers the Ardshiel Hotel and Explore Campbeltown will mount an extra special show at the New Quay tomorrow (Saturday) from 7.30pm.

The event is followed by live music at the Ardshiel from 9pm.

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Whisky Macs

Whisky Macs has you covered all through the festive period. From a festive menu, festive quiz nights, live music from Violent Echo

and disco's to see you through Christmas, it's the party not to miss. Haven't got your New Year plans sorted yet? Look no further than Whisky Macs who plan to bring you a truly magical Christmas with their Hogwarts themed party. Music from DJ Jamie 'Weasley' Gee! Free entry after 10pm with your costume. Check their Facebook for more details or pop in to pick up a leaflet.

Zena's

Now under new management, Zena's, Longrow Campbeltown, is setting up to be the ultimate woman's clothes shop with a focus on underwear and accessories. If you have a wedding to attend and are in need of a fabulous fascinator and a clutch bag to match, then look no further than the simply stunning collection on display in Zena's. Complete the look with some stunning nails, eye lashes and eye shadow all available in store. Don't miss out on the launch of the "Lucky Bags" on the 25th of November. Pop into the store for more details!

Tarbert's Christmas Fair

Keep your diaries free on Saturday 2nd December for Tarbert's Christmas light switch on and Christmas Fair kicking off at 4pm with a market in the Templars Hall where it will be host to all sorts of various craft and Christmas stalls. The school children's parade will leave from the Coastguard Station and proceed to the tree where there will be community carol

singing around the tree! The light switch on will take place at 6.30pm. Don't forget to take the kids along to Santa's grotto to meet Santa and his elves from 4pm-5pm and 7pm-8pm in Templars Hall! A great evening for all the family.

Malt Barn's magical market

SPRINGBANK distillery's Malt Barns will echo with music during its one day conversion into a Christmas market complete with Santa's grotto on Sunday.

More than 60 craft stalls, shops and traders will fill the lower floor with food providers and cafe area on the upper floor, accessible from a staircase inside the Malt Barns and an external staircase from the lane, close to the main entrance of the barns. Mairi Paterson from Explore Campbeltown said: 'On the upper floor we will have all the food and drink stalls round the sides and have tables and chairs in the middle for people to rest and enjoy a bite to eat.'

Santa will be in his grotto from 12 noon until 3pm and there will be face painting for children young and old.

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Lochgilphead gets ready for Christmas

THE BIG Lochgilphead Christmas lights switch-on will take place on Thursday December 1 at 7.30pm, at the Campbell Street car park.

Some details have yet to be confirmed by the organisers, but Mid Argyll Youth Chorus, Mid Argyll Pipe Band and local young dancers

will be performing as the festive magic arrives in Mid Argyll.

Keep a look out for more information on the event.

Inveraray

DON'T miss Santa at Inveraray's switch-on this year. Despite main-

tenance issues with his sleigh, Santa still hopes to be a part of the fun this evening, Friday November 25.

A lantern parade will meet outside the primary school at 6.30pm and will make its way towards the front green for the Christmas lights switch-on. There will be a prize for the best designed lantern and Santa's grotto will be at the fire station.

Tarbert

GET THE family in the festive mood by attending Tarbert's Christmas fair and lights switch-on.

Starting at 4pm on Friday December 2, you will have plenty of time

to browse seasonal stalls at Tarbert arts and leisure centre before Tarbert Seafood Festival queen Laura McCaffery switches on the Christmas lights at 6.30pm, followed by carol singing around the tree.

Ardrishaig

FESTIVE fun for Ardrishaig will be enjoyed at the Christmas lights switch-on then afterwards in the north hall on Saturday December 3.

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for any occasion from birthdays to weddings! Follow their Facebook Page for more details and don't forget to pop down after the light switch on for some mulled wine, a cup of warming soup and live music. Merry Christmas!

Archway Gallery

This special and unique shop which sits in Lochgilphead's town centre is full of Christmas gift ideas for a loved one. Why not get a picture of you and a loved one framed with their framing service to give as a gift this Christmas. They also host a selection of art and craft materials, how about an arts and crafts

hamper! In their gallery through the back you will find an array of beautiful artwork and unusual jewellery. Kids toys also in stock!

ICON Hairdressing

Helping you look and feel fabulous this Christmas is ICON Hairdressing, Lochgilphead. Do not miss out on their Black Friday deals with a staggering 25% off Paul Mitchell products and 10% off all re-bookings for January and February. For a Christmas gift, how about choosing a selection of products to put in a hamper for

a loved one and pop in a gift voucher for their hair, a wonderful gift idea! For more information on ICON Hairdressing, visit their website or Facebook page for more details.

Danny's

For all your necessities this Christmas, Danny's has you covered, even as far as the Christmas tree! Order your tree now with free local delivery and decorate it with some fabulous decorations and lights all from Danny's Ironmongers. If you're hosting dinner this year make sure you have everything you need in the kitchen department to cook up a feast, if

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not pop down to view their extensive range of home ware. Got a pet? Don't miss their festive pet supplies in stock now!

Murray Smoked Products

Christmas is a time of year when we all love to enjoy great food, especially food from the sea. Long established family run business, Murray Smoked Products, has you covered this Christmas with their variety of seafood which can be bought directly from their shop, Lochgilphead, or you can order online at www.murraysmokedproducts.co.uk.

.co.uk. The perfect gift for a loved one who enjoys the finest food from the sea is their Christmas Hamper which contains an array of smoked fish goodies from smoked salmon to smoked salmon Pate, a great option to start your meal off this Christmas!

The Dog Room

Nowadays, how your pooch looks at Christmas is becoming more important than how good your tree looks but that's not to say our pooches don't deserve to look just as fabulous as the tree! Dog lover Sue Stewart who has worked with our four legged friends all her life has your dog

covered. Now stocking fabulous Christmas jumpers, collars, leads and Christmas treats for all sizes. As well as looking the part, your dog can feel the part with an appointment for a pawdicure or facial to look and smell the part after a bath and a blow dry! We are sure they will have a woofastic day!

Argyll Book Centre

Make a point of popping into the Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead, this winter season. A treasure chest of goodies awaits you! Pick up a board game for fun with

your family or friends this Christmas, like Cluedo or Operation. Surprise someone with something they might quite enjoy, like an adult colouring book or a book rich with the history of Scotland. Give a little one a toy that you enjoyed, the BFG or Paddington Bear. You are sure to pick up a present or two and why not buy your Christmas wrapping paper and some stocking fillers while you're there!

Fyne Tackle

If there is one thing that must be said about Fyne Tackle, it is ultimately that this is more than just

a tackle shop. Look a little further past the fishing gear, which it has in abundance and you will find it stocks a selection of quality clothing. Weird Fish and Jack Murphy are

the two prominent brands and include items such as jumpers, body warmers, hats, scarves and gloves. If you're looking for the perfect winter jacket, look no further than

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Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign

UNTIL an 'unmatched' effort raised £100,000 in less than a year, those facing kidney dialysis faced an exhausting 242 mile round trip three times a week, regardless of the weather or time of year. However, thanks to the community spirit of Kintyre and beyond, fundraising efforts and donations from local organizations meant that the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Campaign were able to fund a special unit within the Campbeltown Hospital equipped with the machines, meaning travel time to Glasgow can be avoided. This was a phenomenal effort which has changed lives and removed the stress of the often 12 hour days to the Vale of Leven Hospital for treatment. When the campaign began, campaign treasurer Ronnie McNally said, "we wanted to make people aware of what those receiving dialysis had to go through to receive treatment but this really caught the attention of the general public and people truly sympathised with what the patients and their families were going through. We never expected the community of Kintyre and beyond to rally round with such generosity, it was an overwhelming response and we are extremely grateful for their support. We are also extremely grateful for the nurses who volunteered to man the unit and who put in three months training away from home to make this vision a reality." The support group is hoping to keep raising money to keep the unit open in future years. Anyone wishing to donate can send a cheque to: The Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Support Group, CO Ronnie McNally, 51 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, PA28 6LJ or by putting spare change in collection boxes around the town. Once again, on behalf of all involved, thank you and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Think Pink this Christmas with Numero Dix!

STYLISTS at Numero Dix Hair Salon are continuing their fundraising efforts this festive season by stocking stylish goodies from luxury brand GHD. The salon is selling a range of GHD pink products including hair dryers and straighteners with £10 from each sale going towards Breast Cancer Now. The salon is also stocking GHD Umbrellas for £25 with all proceeds from sales going straight to Breast Cancer Now. The hairdressers have been fundraising for the cancer charity for a number of years and this year alone have raised nearly £1000 for breast cancer research.

Recently four of the team travelled to London to visit The Institute of Cancer Research Chester Beatty Laboratories to see where the money is being spent.

The visit was organised after the salon won 'Best GHD window display' in Scotland.

The partnership between GHD and Breast Cancer Now has raised over nine million pounds so far and with the contributions made by individual salons such as Numero Dix it is hoped that a new goal of ten million will be reached. The range of pink products can be purchased by visiting the salon.



A MASSIVE THANK YOU



The Kidney Dialysis Support Group would like to say a massive thank you to the community of Kintyre and beyond for their efforts in raising £100,000 over the past year to fund the kidney dialysis machines here in Campbeltown.

You have changed lives.

Your continued support is still welcome as although the unit is functioning, as time progresses we will need things replaced and the machines maintained.

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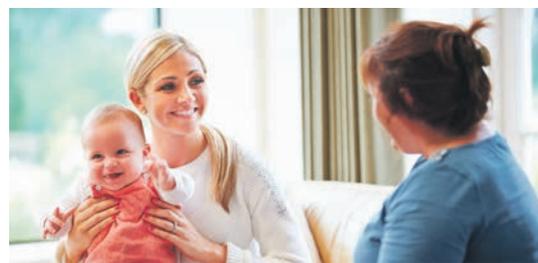
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Home Start
Support and friendship for families

Donate some festive Majik this Christmas

INDEPENDENT charity Home-Start MAJIK are appealing for volunteers this holiday season to join their team and bring joy to the area. The organisation, who provide support and friendship for families with at least one child under eight, are seeking home-visiting volunteers this winter. Home-Start believe that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play a key role in helping children reach their potential. With no rule book on parenting, families often need someone to turn to for support and guidance and through home-visiting volunteers, Home-Start offer friendly and practical support. Volunteers are usually all parents themselves and are able to provide emotional and practical help to other parents in need of a helping hand. The charity serves Mid-Argyll, Jura, Islay, Kintyre, Cowal and Bute. If you would like more information about volunteering with Home-Start MAJIK, either as a home-visitor or a Trustee board member, or you would like to donate funds or carry out fundraising please contact them through their website www.home-start-majik.org.uk.

How to donate

If you would like more information about volunteering with Home-Start Kintyre, either as a Home-Visitor or board member, or you would like to donate funds or carry out some fundraising, please do get in touch:

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Delicious Dining this Christmas

Treat yourself with a night off from cooking this Christmas and head out to experience the crème de la crème of Kintyre cuisine. Dining out is the perfect way to celebrate in style with family and friends and toast to the much loved festive season. With an abundance of choice in Kintyre, hotels and restaurants will be serving up a treat with special festive menus to suit every palate. The west coast is well known for the quality of its seafood and there is sure to be something to satisfy all tastes with

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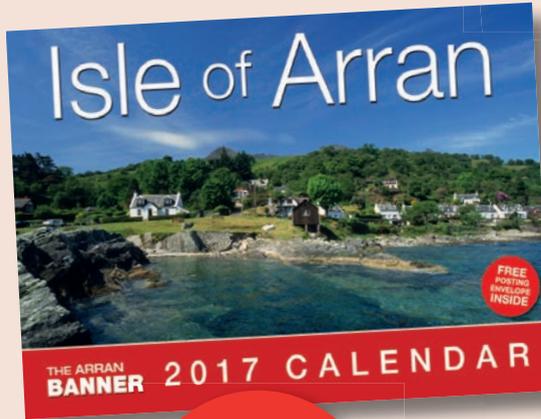
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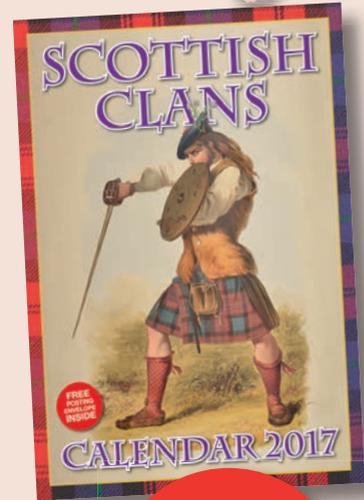
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Keynote Speaker: Michael Russell MSP & Scottish Brexit Minister
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Christmas comes early at Carradale festive fair

FESTIVE cheer is on its way as the Guild hold their Christmas fair this weekend.

The event will begin at 2.30pm on Saturday November 26 in the Carradale Village Hall.

Highlights will include home baking, produce, a tombola, games and craft activities. Entry, which includes refreshments and mince pies, is £3 for adults and £1.50 for children.

Members of the Guild also held their third meeting of the session recently with a talk by textile artist Marjory McKinven entitled 'From the river to the sea'.

Marjory spoke about her journey in textiles and exhibited her beautifully designed quilts.



Handcrafts will among the activities.

GIGHA

Gigha man up for ambulance award

AN ISLAND care assistant has been short-listed for a national award to honour individuals working in the ambulance service.

Gigha resident Andy Oliver has been nominated for a Scottish Ambulance Service Staff Award for his role as the island's ambulance care assistant.

Mr Oliver took up this role in 2000 after he and his wife Viv relocated to Gigha from the north of England to run the local shop.

Mr Oliver says: 'My job entails taking the island's ambulance to incidents and liaising with the local nurse, the Coastguard, Helimed, which is our air ambulance fleet, and the ambulance control centre to ensure the best care and where necessary, the safe transfer of patients off the island.'

'We get a variety of

calls and, although there haven't been many major incidents on Gigha during my time here, thankfully, when they happen we need to be ready.

'We take part in emergency planning scenarios too but some things you just can't imagine happening, such as when a visiting football team from Norwich resulted in us having two patients being airlifted off the island over two consecutive days, one with a broken leg and one with a broken ankle.'

Mr Oliver now works for Scottish Water but continues with the service, saying: 'In a small community like ours, I do believe we all need to give a bit extra to keep it all going.'

'I really would encourage everybody, regardless of age, to consider giving up a bit of their time to get trained



Ambulance care assistant Andy Oliver.

as a community first responder because we need as many people as possible in remote communities like ours to know the basics of first aid and CPR.

'I've found this work immensely rewarding and I'm really proud to

be part of the Scottish Ambulance Service.

'I think the awards are going to be a good night.'

The winners will be announced on November 24 at the Kelvin-grove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow.

LARGIESIDE

Flour power at Largieside WI

A COOKERY demonstration proved to be a piece of cake for the ladies of Largieside Scottish Women's Institute.

Expert Lorna Miller held a cookery and cake demonstration in Tayinloan Village Hall last week where members sampled both the savoury and sweet

goodies that were produced in less than an hour.

After judging the competitions, Lorna joined the group for tea which was provided by Pat Rawson and Patricia Johnson.

Jessie Main gave a vote of thanks and competition win-

ners were announced as: an autumn picture: Coleen McCallum 5pts, Helen Steel 4pts, Enid Williams 4pts, Jessie Main 3pts, Adrienne Bradley 3pts; three macaroon tartlets: Helen Steel 5pts, Ann Clark 4pts, Jessie Main 3pts, Coleen McCallum 2pts.

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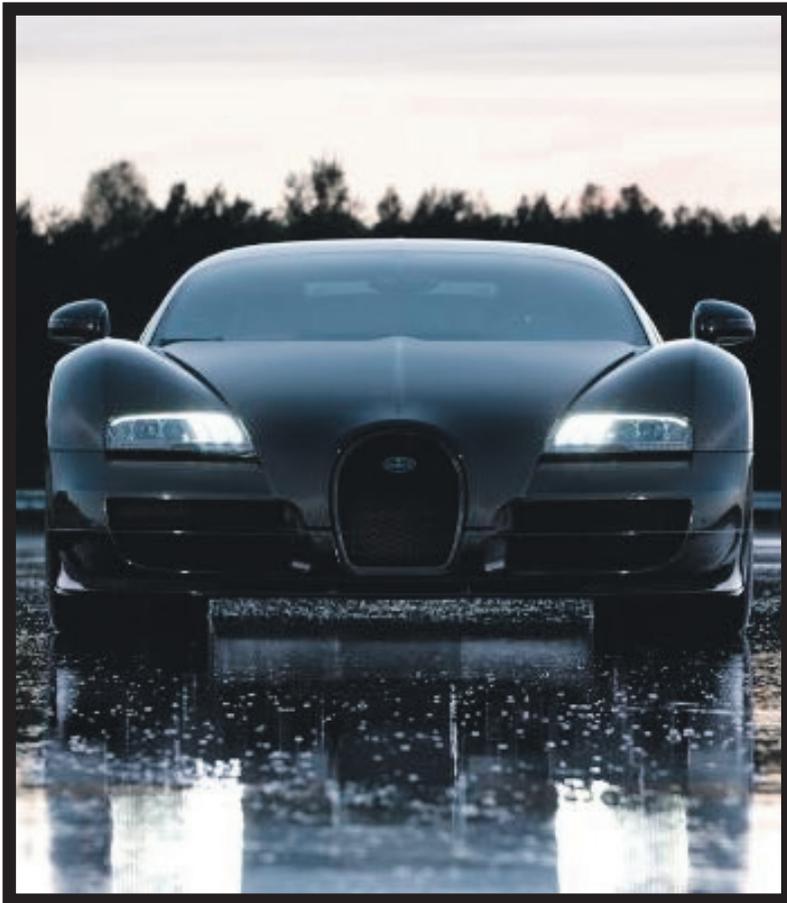
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BLACK FRIDAY is generally the busiest day of the year for online retailers, and one of the fastest-growing used car marketplaces is encouraging sellers of black cars to get in on the act, offering significant discounts to anyone putting a black car up for sale between now and Christmas Eve.

It was motoring pioneer Henry Ford who famously said: 'You can have any colour as long as it's black', and although colour choices have grown somewhat since the days of the iconic Model T, there's still a huge following from those who like their cars in noir.

According to vehicle paint

manufacturer DuPont*, 21 per cent of cars are black, making it the joint most popular colour (alongside blue) for car buyers.

But that's hardly surprising really, as black cars have a long and dramatic history in popular culture. The Batmobile, Michael Knight's KITT from Knight Rider, Mad Max's Interceptor, Smokey and the Bandit's Pontiac Trans Am, The A-Team's GMC van and the infamous Dodge Charger R/T pursued by Steve McQueen in Bullitt are just some of the shadowy stars of the silver screen.

Even the Munsters chose a black car – their Ford Model T-based Koach remained as Henry Ford intended even when the monstrous family themselves switched from black and white to colour TV.

Today, the diversity of black cars is equally impressive. Currently on AutoVolo, black cars advertised range from a 2001 Fiat Punto Mia at £125 to a 2008 Bugatti Veyron at £899,995, illustrating the sheer diversity of cars for sale on the site.

CEO of AutoVolo Stefan Voloseniuc said: 'There's a very good reason that black cars are

so popular. It's a timeless shade that looks just as smart on a supermini as it does on a top-of-the-range luxury model, and unlike some colours it will never go out of fashion.

'Certainly, we find that black cars don't tend to hang around for long when they're advertised on AutoVolo.'

To mark Black Friday, the online car-selling marketplace is offering a 40 per cent discount for owners placing an advert to sell their black car on the AutoVolo site from now until Christmas Eve.

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Caitlyn & Heather Spree
 Love, Mum & Dad



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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



OFTEN when I was worrying over something, my mum would say: 'Well, we'll just have to wait and see.'

It used to drive me crazy.

I didn't want to 'wait and see' – I wanted to make things happen.

I wanted to be proactive and not reactive. I wanted to take the initiative and not wait to be swept along, relinquishing control.

Waiting requires patience and often patience is difficult. Sunday begins the Christian season of waiting. Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, the time of 'waiting'.

We wait. We wait for what? We wait for whom? We wait.

We wait for the light to come into the world again. We wait for honesty and integrity and truth to be born.

We wait.

We wait for someone to offer an alternative.

We may have given up hope of these values ever returning – yet we wait.

We wait because we believe that we can recover light and hope and truth.

We wait because we expect God to do something.

We wait because we are emotionally and spiritually drained by all we see in this world around us.

We wait, as critics ask us where our God is in this sorry and suffering world.

Then we remember that God was born into the suffering, into the pain, into the midst of the heights and the depths of humanity.

We wait to hear the whisper of our God echo over the calls for war, over the lies that are so destructive and the rhetoric that is so offensive.

We wait.

For on Christmas night waiting will give birth again to hope.

Wait and see – for it is true.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1991

Mystery over Keil Hotel sale

SECRECY surrounds the sale of the 'white elephant' hotel on the tip of the Mull of Kintyre.

The Keil Hotel, at Southend, has finally been sold to a company in Luton after lying empty for more than a year.

It is not known if Hudson Estates Ltd, the new owner of the hotel, paid the full asking price of £105,000 for the 26-bedroom property.

And no one involved in the mystery deal is prepared to shed any light on the sale price – or even give any details on the buyers themselves.

The hotel, built in the 1930s style, is in a breathtaking position with views out to sea and towards Ireland. It has been closed since the autumn of 1990.

At the time, rain was leaking through the roof of the hotel and the upper floors were closed as a result.

Mr Graham Jackson, of the Business Sales Group who organised the deal, said the hotel was 'fairly run down'.

Last year, a building report concluded: 'The hotel is structurally sound, but the fabric has suffered from a lack of maintenance.'

The sale took place in July but has only come to light recently. Hudson Estates has not yet revealed its plans for the Keil.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 24 1966

TA must not die, says General

'I CAN'T bear to think of the TA disbanding,' said General Freddy Graham, CB, DSO, in Campbeltown.

General Graham was talking to First World War survivors of the 8th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and to younger members of the TA, at 'B' Company's reunion in the Drill Hall.

On show at the reunion was 'Somme bugle'. This relic was returned to 'B' Co recently after 50 years on the move.

It was first picked up on the Somme battlefield. Since then it has travelled between different regiments before fi-

nally arriving back with the Argylls. The bugle was blown at the town's armistice service on November 13 by Campbell Maloney, a member of Ceannloch Pipe Band. It has now been sent to the regiment's museum at Stirling.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 25 1916

Kintyrian as elder-moderator of New Zealand

MENTION was made the other week of the election of the Hon J G W Aitken, MCL, as moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. The event (says the *British Weekly*) is significant in more ways than one. Mr Aitken's splendid record as a Christian statesman and philanthropist singled him out as peculiarly well-fitted for the highest office New Zealand Presbyterians had to bestow.

Mr Aitken is a native of Campbeltown, who after business training in Glasgow, went to London, and was there a deacon in Regent Square Church under the ministry of Dr Dykes.



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation' (Isaiah 12:2).

BIRTHS



CRAIG

Gavin and Tracy (née Campbell) are delighted to announce, on October 26, 2016, at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Evie Alana Craig. Third grandchild for Colin and Agnes Craig, Ayr, and first grandchild for Christine Campbell, Fort Argyll, High Askomil, Campbeltown.

MCCARTNEY - Lacey and Rico are delighted to announce the birth of their little sister, Lola, born on November 15, 2016. Fifth grandchild for Jim and Ailsa. Special thanks to Nicky and the Royal Alexandra Hospital maternity staff.

WELCH - Thomas and Lauren Welch (née McCallum) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Lomond Thomas James Welch, on October 10, 2016, at the Royal Alexandra Maternity Hospital, Paisley. A first grandchild for James and Pamela McCallum, Lochgilphead and a fourth grandchild for David and Karen Welch, Ardrishaig.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MCLELLAN - LAFFERTY - On November 25, 1966, at St Kieran's RC Church, by Father McDonald, Willie to Mary. Present address, 1 Drumore Cottages, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - Peacefully at home, Reeve Cottage, Clachan, on November 20, 2016, Anthony Saunders Andrews (Tony), in his 78th year, most dearly loved and loving husband of Joyce, proud beloved dad of Michael and Louise, dear father-in-law of Joanne, loving grandpa to Sam and Annie and a dearly loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle to all the family. A cremation service will take place in Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, November 25, 2016 at 2.15pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality. Tony requested that anyone attending his funeral wears bright colours.

CRAWFORD - William Jamieson, passed away peacefully, at home in Hull, on October 4, 2016, aged 77 years, dearly loved husband of Marion and devoted father to Jamie and Angus and their families. He will be very sadly missed. A short service will be held at Lochgilphead Parish Church, at 11.00am, on December 2, 2016 and thereafter interment of his ashes at Achnamreac Cemetery.

MCILWRAITH - Suddenly at his home, 'Lomoch', Kilmichael of Inverlussa, Achnamara, by Lochgilphead, on November 21, 2016,

Robert (Bob) McIlwraith, in his 74th year, much loved and loving husband of Isabel, née Hutton, beloved father of Ewan, much respected father-in-law of Tanya and a dear cousin. Highly respected and admired member of the local community and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmorich Parish Church, Cairndow, Argyll, on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilmorich Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to Alzheimer Scotland and Action on Pulmonary Fibrosis. Enquiries to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors on 01546602226.

MCLEAN - Peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on November 19, 2016, Margaret Rich, in her 58th year, 69 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, much loved mother of Simon, Tracyann and the late Louise, loving partner of John, dearly loved daughter of Margaret, loving grandmother to Fallyn Louise and a much loved sister and aunt. Service in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on Friday, November 25, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkeran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

POLLOK - On November 18, 2016, peacefully at home, Mary Olive Pollok, née Macdonald, in her 92nd year, beloved wife of the late Tom Pollok, much loved mother of Sophie and Dorcas and a dearly loved granny. Funeral service at Clachan Church, on Saturday, November 26, at 1.00pm, interment thereafter at Clachan Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Medecins Sans Frontieres.

SINCLAIR - On November 18, 2016, peacefully at Kintyre Care Home, Alexander Thomas Davidson Sinclair, former principal technical teacher at Tarbert Academy, in his 89th year, beloved husband of Hilary, much loved father of Alan, Fiona and Lorna, and a loving grandpa and great grandpa. Funeral service at Tarbert Free Church, (today) Friday, November 25, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to RNLI.

STUART - Peacefully, at Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, on October 31, 2016, Charlie, beloved husband of Nessie MacMillan (Southend), and a loving father and grandfather.

WIKE - Suddenly but peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on November 16, 2016, David Wike, in his 73rd year, 67 Tomaig Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Christine Wike, much loved father of Jamey and Ashleigh, loving granda of JJ and Joseph and a loving brother and uncle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COFFIELD - The family of the late Martin Coffield would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Thanks to Dr Norrie and all the staff at the Campbeltown

Hospital, the ambulance service and the police for their attendance. Thanks also to T A Blair for handling all the funeral arrangements, to Rev W Crossan for conducting a fitting service, to the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey and to all who attended the service at church and graveside. The collection for the Lorne and Lowland Church raised £352.29.

DUNCAN - Betty, Karen, Brian and families would like to thank everyone for the very many expressions of sympathy received following the recent sad loss of Joe. Special thanks to the Rev William Crossan for a very personal and comforting service, to the very caring staff at both the Lynn of Lorne nursing home and Ardfenaig, and to the carers who looked after Joe at home, to Roddy and Fiona of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their compassionate and professional service, to Morna for the beautiful flower arrangements, and to the Stag Hotel for catering.

MCLACHLAN - Margaret and family, and Neil and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards and flowers etc, and the great support and kindness received following the sad loss of Peter. Thanks to Dr Norrie and staff nurse, Hillary, and to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys for the funeral arrangements. Thanks to Captain Ben for the comforting service and the Salvation Army for the lovely refreshments. The retiral collection for the work of the Salvation Army in Campbeltown raised £156.70.

MCLELLAN - George and family of the late Joy McLellan would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received on the sad loss of Joy. Special thanks to all staff and Macmillan nurses at Campbeltown Hospital for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev Ian Miller for a wonderful and fitting service at Cardross Crematorium, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services and to all who travelled a distance to pay their last respects. Donations for Cancer UK raised £415.

IN MEMORIAMS

MACLELLAN - Treasured memories of a loving husband and father, Neil, Nursing Officer at the State Hospital, Carstairs, cruelly taken from us on November 30, 1976. Never more than a thought away. - Loving wife, Marion, and son, John.

SINCLAIR - In loving memory of Patricia Sinclair, who died November 24, 2015, a loving mum and granny. Your wings were ready, but our hearts were not. Miss you every day. - Fiona, Steven and Caitlin.

SINCLAIR - In loving memory of Pat Sinclair, died November 24, 2015. Loved and missed every day. - Mo, Sandy, David, Christine and family.

YOUNG - In loving memory of Billy, who died on December 12, 1985, and his dear daughter, Shona, who died on November 26, 2013. Always in our thoughts. - Love from all the family.

CHURCH NOTICES

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to be held on **Friday 2nd December** at 7.30pm in The Free Church, Campbeltown, Guest speaker: Mr William Harrison, Newton Stewart Musical items: Carolyn Harrison
Tea/coffee served after the meeting
Everyone most welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 27th November 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
ALL WELCOME

CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday 26th November
10 am - 12 noon in Furnace Village Hall

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 27th November
Skipness Service 10am
Marilyn Shedden
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Angela Stather
Kilberry Service 2pm
Chris Thornhill
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator
on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 27 November
Inverlussa Church
Advent Communion 11:30 am
Rev. C. Acklam
Christmas Fair 1 - 4 pm
Achnamara Hall
Saturday 26 November
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am
Achnamara Hall
Monday 28 November
Tayvallich Church
Prayer time 10:30 am
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 27th November
Morning Worship including sacrament of Baptism
Ford 10.00am
Rev. C. R. Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead
(SC013787)
Sunday 27th November
11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
6.00pm Light the Way
An Advent Service for
Christian Aid
St Columba's,
Poltalloch
(SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month
9.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month
3.30pm Evensong
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

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



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 27th November
WORSHIP SERVICE
11am. First Sunday of Advent
3pm Blue Christmas Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Saturday 26th November
Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon
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
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk (Church of Scotland)
SC016311

lochgilphead baptist church

Pastor Derek Gibson
All Welcome
Sunday 27th November 2016
Morning Service 11am with communion
Monday 23rd
Ladies Meeting
Mrs Jenny Vater
Tuesday
mainly music at 10.15am
Friday
Jumpstart From 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

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)



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 27th November
11.15am Worship Service
Rev David Parker
4.00pm Service in Lorne Campbell Court
Wednesday 30th November
National Day of Prayer
The Free Church of Scotland is arranging a Day of Prayer on this day and encouraging all its people and other Christian friends to take time to pray for our country and our communities.
There will be a **Prayer Meeting from 12 - 1.30pm**
The church will also be open from 10am until 6pm for prayer.
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Water of Life Café
Saturday 3rd December
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 27 November 2016
Our family service with communion is taking place at 11am this Sunday. As part of the service we are looking at "What on earth are we here for?" as part of Rick Warren's DVD - 40 Days of Community. Come and hear what this international speaker has to say.
Wednesday
12.30pm at the Free Church
Joining with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study
What is missing from CH CH? UR
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 01586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SC014646

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11.00 am
with Sunday School
followed by refreshments
Youth Fellowship
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Every Sunday (term time only)
mainly music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
Pastor Chris Holden
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 27th November 2016
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
Speaker - George Stewart
'AWAKE ZION AWAKE'
Tuesday 29th November 2016
7.30pm
Prayer, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

Highland Parish Church



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 27th November 2016
First Sunday in Advent
The service will be conducted by Rev Anne McIvor and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Christmas lunches in Kirk Street Hall 1st, 2nd, 3rd December
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 27th November
Morning Worship 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
Rev P Wallace
Monday 28th November
Guild 7.30pm
New Hall
Session Meeting 7.30pm
Session Room
Tuesday 29th November
Tiny Tots
New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15
Church Hall Company
Section 7.00pm
New Hall
Thursday 1st December
Choir Practice
Friday 2nd December
Lunch Club 12.00 noon
New Hall
Next Generation 7.00pm



Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 21479 and in Scotland SC009359
burnside street, Campbeltown
01586 552046

Friday 25th November
Christmas Lights Switch On
Tea, coffee, soup & nibbles
From 7.00pm
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
Lunch 12.15pm
1.30pm C.A.M.E.O.
Wednesday
7.00pm Make 'n' Munch
Craft Group
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
Captains Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 27th November
First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

Scottish AFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results involving teams in the Scottish Amateur League. West of Scotland Cup, third round – Oban Saints v Auchinleck Boswell, Auchinleck unable to raise a team, walkover to Saints; Milton 3, Lochgilphead Red Star 6; Premier Division – Campbeltown Pupils v Shawlands FP, postponed; Premier Division 2B – Tarbert 2, Busby 3.

This Saturday's fixtures: Jimmy Marshall Cup, second round – Port Glasgow OBU v Oban Saints (holders); Premier Division – Campbeltown Pupils v Goldenhill; Premier Division 2A – Millbeg Villa v Lochgilphead Red Star; Premier Division 2B – Tarbert, no game.

Darts results

THE RESULTS from this week's darts league action are as follows: Kilbrannan C 3 Fiddlers B 5, Burnside 2 Ailsa B 6, Ailsa 2 Kilbrannan A 6 and Fiddlers 5 Southend 3.

Gavin McLachlan hit a 14-dart leg and scored 180 for the Burnside. Martin Coffield scored 180 also for the Burnside. Owen Lang had a finish of 103 for the Ailsa and Jamie McGougan a finish of 110.

Fixtures: November 28: Southend v Kilbrannan C, Kilbrannan A v Fiddlers, Ailsa B v Ailsa and Fiddlers B v Burnside.

Lotto numbers

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club's weekly lottery numbers were: 6, 8 and 9.

There were no winners. Next week's jackpot will increase to £1,000.

Juvenile football is on a roll

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Stars under-10s swapped snowballing for goalscoring when they visited the Wee Toon.

It was a rather miserable day but the young players had great fun and played superb football on the snowy surface.

Last Sunday Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2005s (U12s) travelled to Lochgilphead to play Oban Spartak 2005s at 11-a-sides.

Both Argyll sides are looking forward to next year when this age group will move

from seven-a-side to 11-a-side and used this as a training game playing three 30 minutes with the focus purely on the kids and giving them a chance to play 11s.

Superb

In what turned out to be a superb advertisement for youth football in Argyll, the game was evenly contested throughout with coaches from both sides agreeing it was a very worthwhile exercise and planning to host another exchange in early 2017.

On Sunday, poten-

tial coaches took part in the eighth Level 1.1 Early Touches course hosted by Argyll and Bute Council's SFA football development officer Martin Rae.

A Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association spokesperson said: 'These courses are part of CDJFA's commitment to Campbeltown and District Community Football Club coaching framework which covers all aspects of football in the town – from kids to youths to schools and finally to amateur.'



Campbeltown and Oban U12s.



Campbeltown Pupils Youth 2007s (U10s) welcomed Lochgilphead Red Star 2007s to Campbeltown on Saturday for some seven-a-sides.



Coaches who attended Level 1.1 Early Touches course in Campbeltown on Sunday.

Impressive cup win for Campbeltown Grammar

Bannerman High School	2
Campbeltown GS	3
Scottish Schools Cup	

RESOLUTE defence from three Campbeltown defenders snuffed out Bannerman's chances in the third round schools cup victory.

The Wee Toon team came back with their heads held high after securing a 3-2 win over the home team.

The game started off scrappy with Bannerman edging it on possession and making the better chances.

Deadlock

The young Campbeltown team held strong, however, and eventually broke the deadlock from a swift counter-attack.

Some excellent work down the left side from Gemmill led to the ball being cut back for

Lang to knock into an empty net.

Campbeltown began to grow into the game and see more of the ball and this eventually led to a second goal.

A wicked corner from MacBrayne found the head of Souden, who nodded it home.

This lead was maintained until just before half-time when the Bannerman striker broke through the defence and finished past McKellar in goal.

As the second half began, Bannerman looked strong, yet the Campbeltown side were resolute in defence with Souden, Cook and McCallum snuffing out many attacks.

A superb tackle from McGrory on the edge

of his six-yard box kept the game at 2-1 for a while longer but the Bannerman pressure eventually resulted in an equaliser.

With the scores level, Bannerman were reduced to 10 men as their central midfielder was sent off for dissent.

Volleyed

Campbeltown took full advantage of this and, with five minutes left, a flowing counter-attack ended up finding Lamont on the edge of the box who volleyed first time off the bar and keeper and into the net to send Campbeltown Grammar School into the next round.

A great performance from the team against a very strong Bannerman side which sets up the next round tie against either Johnstone High School or Williamwood High School.

Newshot adds 'Dale as 10th domestic scalp

Carradale	1
Newshot	2
West of Scotland AFL	

THE visitors kicked off the match as the team on form with nine straight domestic victories.

The Kintyre side had a great chance to open the scoring after two minutes when Gregor Croll was sent clear after Stuart McPhail had set him up but the striker's shot went wide of the target.

Carradale suffered a double blow in the 11th and 15th minutes when they lost two quick goals.

The first was an early ball catching the defence square. Newshot's number nine took full advantage by slamming the ball past the advancing Neil McMillan from 12 yards.

The second came when a mix-up be-

tween Johnnie McCormick and Rhys Blair left their number eight free. He could not believe his luck as he lobbed McMillan from 20 yards.

'Dale looked stunned and it took them 15 minutes before they got in to any rhythm and just after the half-hour mark Stuart McBrayne replaced the injured McCormick.

The same player set up David Johnstone four minutes from the break. The ball came from a cutback and the midfielder hit a fierce strike.

It looked goal-bound until a defender blocked it on the line.

In the second half, Newshot showed why they are undefeated in the domestic games

by playing some good football.

But it was the Andrew Smith and Son-sponsored side which were unlucky not to pull one back in the 58th minute.

Carradale pushed to get on the score sheet and were rewarded with a goal in the 82nd minute.

It was Johnstone, who shrugged off a couple of challenges to send his powerful shot past the keeper from 10 yards.

The home side put pressure on the Erskine team in the final minutes but time ran out.

Man of the match Joey Boyd and the match ball were sponsored by T A Blair, funeral directors. The post-match catering was kindly donated by Boyd and Sally from Roll and Butter. Carradale's next fixture is still to be confirmed.

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Clockwise circum-cycle of the UK

A BELGIAN long-distance cyclist will clock-up more miles than two back to back Tour de France races.

The *Courier* caught up with Benjamin Maertens, 51, a civic grass-cutter from Antwerp, as he battled a Kilberry peninsula wind on a crisp autumn day.

Maertens said he left Dover in August and plans to return on December 22 after an epic

ride of more than 5,000 miles.

He is not completely alone on the trip: as if riding a bicycle weighing 200kg is not enough, Maertens has added a trailer for his pet pooch, 35kg Funny, 11.

No stranger

Maertens is no stranger to super long-haul cycle trips and has already rolled the length of the Americas from the tip of the

south to Alaska in the north, New Zealand and Australia and a Canadian adventure.

Maertens, who rides a Koga-Miyata ladies bike, said: 'I am camping as I never know exactly when my day will finish but try to do at least 50 miles.'

'Scotland is both more beautiful and much cleaner than anywhere I passed through in England, Kintyre especially so.'



Maertens with Jura in the background. 25_c46cyclist01



Competition winners with their rosettes.

Horse riders are hot to trot . . .

EQUESTRIANS jockeyed for first place in a recent mounted open rally. The event, organised by the Argyll South branch of The Pony Club, was held in Tayinloan.

Junior Pony Club and adult Riding Club riders travelled from every corner of Argyll to take part.

There was dressage instruction in the morning when riders were able to learn and

practise a test under chief instructor Sheila MacCallum.

The afternoon provided the opportunity for riders to participate in a dressage competition.

For some of the children, the youngest being seven years old, this was their first dressage test, while for some adults it was an opportunity for their young horses to gain experience.

Results were as follows.

Novice: 1 Diane Smith, 'Fergus'; 2 Zoe Prentice, 'Firefly'; 3 Lee Bastow, 'Daisy'; 4 Will Ryan, 'Daisy'.

Intermediate: 1 Catriona Ryan, 'Steffi', 2 Niamh Repcke, 'Steel', 3 Anna MacCallum, 'Tiger Lily'.

Open: 1 Maije Terpstra, 'Mairwenna', 2 Julie Sloan, 'Joey', 3 Jadie Baillie, 'Brooklyn', 4 Shelagh Oakes, 'Pery'.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3450

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE. . .



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

L McCallum
Meadows Ave
Campbeltown
Z Weir
Clachan
Tarbert

All you have to do

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Swim club makes a big splash

KINTYRE youngsters hoped to have a stroke of luck as they gathered at Aqualibrium to take part in a swimming gala.

The Kintyre Amateur Swimming Club's annual club champion-

ships took place Saturday November 12 and saw 54 young people take the plunge and compete.

Children aged between six and 17 competed against each other in 43 races.

The age group club championship trophies went to the following swimmers: girls right and under – Emma Millar; boys eight and under – Isiah Doxsey; girls nine – Rianne Coffield; boys nine –

Max Graham; girls 10-11 – Logan Colville; boys 10-11 – Euan Charlwood; girls 12-13 – Caitlin Russell; girls 14 and over – Emma Lazarus; and boys 14 and over – Cameron Campbell.



Going for gold – swimmers collect their medals.



Logan Colville takes first place in the 200m freestyle. 25_c47kasc02



Sean Charlwood competes in the boys 10-11 years 50m freestyle. 25_c47kasc03

Super seven wins keep young Pupils on top

A WIN against Westerton maintained Campbeltown Pupils U15s' 100 per cent record in the DF DL 2002s league.

Goals from Aaron McCallum, a hat-trick for Matthew Lang and a brace for Ryan McGrory secured the impressive win for the young Campbeltown side.

The young Pupils team travelled to Bearsden recently to play Westerton in a rearranged league match due to both teams having a free week with most teams in the

league playing cup games.

Playing on a small grass pitch, the Pupils' team started strongly and looked the more likely to score but could not find a way through despite most of the game being played in Westerton's half.

After 20 minutes, they eventually took the lead when a free kick was awarded midway in the home team's half.

Aaron McCallum's free kick was saved by the keeper diving to his left who then somehow

Westerton	2
Campbeltown Pupils	6
DFDL Under-15s League	

let the ball squirm into the net.

The home team were quite demoralised by this and the pupils took full advantage by scoring again when Lang was played into the box and went round the keeper to fire home.

Five minutes later, a MacBrayne corner was headed in by McGrory to give the Campbeltown team a 3-0 lead at the break.

With all three subs

on, the game continued much the same way in the second half and Lang scored his second with a header from another MacBrayne corner. He completed his hat-trick when he charged down the keeper's clearance and side-footed the ball into an empty net.

Westerton then pulled a goal back when the ball fell to their striker in the six-yard box and he fired home.

For a while the Pupils were struggling to get out of their half as the rain got heavier and the pitch got muddier and muddier.

The pressure eased when McGrory won the ball in his own half and set off on a run, beating four players before slotting home from an acute angle to score his second of the game.

In the last 10 minutes, the keeper redeemed himself slightly with a great save from Stacey's shot from the edge of the box.

The Pupils were de-

nied more goals when Renton's shot was deflected over off the line and MacIndeor's goal was disallowed by a close offside decision.

Westerton then got their second of the game with a minute to go but by then both

teams were happy to hear the final whistle as the pitch was almost unplayable.

This good win keeps the young Campbeltown team still at the top of the league, having won all seven games.

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