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Getting twitchy about Tesco!

'Both sides are playing hard ball'

by JOANNE SIMMS
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WHAT is happening to the plans for the new Tesco for Campbeltown and the brand new creamery?

Has the project got caught up in the row between big business and the Scottish Government about its plans to levy a tax on major retailers?

A reliable source told *The Courier*: 'Everyone in the farming community is getting a bit twitchy about it, but no one is going to talk to you about it, negotiations are still going on.'

And added: 'Everyone is under strict instructions not to talk to any of the press about this but First Milk are getting so fed up with this they have gone to the Scottish Government and asked if they can use

the money to upgrade the existing creamery instead. Tenders had gone out and local companies were approached for quotes for the new creamery.'

The proposed new creamery is to be funded from three sources: up to £3.9 million from the Scottish Government; the sale of the existing creamery site to Tesco and funds from First Milk. It is the largest ever grant given to a single dairy company by the Scottish Government.

But the government now proposes to raise additional revenue from a levy on major retailers supplying drink and tobacco, like supermarkets.

A Kilmory source added: 'Both sides are play-



Spooky goings on at the grammar

James McCorkindale School of Dance took over the hall at Campbeltown Grammar School last week to stage a Celtic Odyssey, a tribute to Scottish and Irish dance. Some of the younger dancers were transformed into wraiths, to perform *Ghosts of Macdonald*, based on the Glencoe Massacre. From left: Amy Lang, Iona McKinlay, Hannah Brown, Linzi Cameron, Eilidh Anderson, Emily McLean, Shannon Charwood, and Lisa McKellar. There are more photographs inside. 12_c49con03

ing hard ball over this, the supermarkets are saying scrap your supermarket tax and we'll start our capital spending.'

The present creamery was converted from a distillery which was built in the 1820s, and its owners, First Milk, the cooperative to which

all Kintyre and Gigha's dairy farms belong, wants a new state-of-the-art production.

The Courier contacted both Tesco and First

Milk for comment, but neither replied before we went to press.

□ Campbeltown Creamery's gift to Chelsea Pensioners, see page 2.

Pensioner robbed of her life savings

A PENSIONER from Campbeltown is the latest victim of con artists targeting the area.

A crime gang, posing as cops and bank staff, robbed the 77-year-old of her life savings last week.

Strathclyde Police said the latest victim, from Campbeltown, received a call from a man who claimed to be a police officer.

He said someone carrying her debit card had been arrested and that the bank would get in touch with her.

A few minutes later, a bank worker called. He was able to quote details of her account numbers and other banking details.

The following day, the bogus bank employee called again to say the case had been referred to police.

The woman was then called by a police officer, who told her to transfer all her money to a secure police holding account.

By now the OAP was convinced that the calls were genuine, so she went to her local bank

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Fight for A83 launched this week



Argyll First: Councillors John McAlpine, Donald Kelly and Douglas Philand. 21_c49road01

by RUTH McCLEAN
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A CAMPAIGN to address various issues on the A83 was launched this week.

'Sign for the A83' is being initiated by Argyll First councillors Donald Kelly, John McAlpine and Douglas Philand who are looking to get the support of the whole of Argyll, including all politicians, members of the public, businesses and haulage companies.

Representation

The support will be used to make representation to the Scottish Government in an effort to resolve the outstanding issues of the A83.

These issues include to address: the current unacceptable standard of the Rest and Be Thankful; the pinch points at Inveraray and between Lochgilphead and Tarbert; the lack of safe crossing in Tarbert and Ardrishaig and to request that the road between Kennacraig and

Campbeltown becomes a trunk road; it will run between now and the end of February.

There will be an e-petition set up, petitions which will be put out across the area, and the group will actively be campaigning throughout this time to try and get as many people as possible on board, including politicians from all parties and Members of the Scottish Parliament.

People have continually raised concerns about various aspects of the A83 for years and the group feels it is the right time to unite to get everybody 'singing from the same hymn sheet' to try and get something done.

Campaigned

On behalf of Argyll First, Councillor Donald Kelly told *The Courier*: 'We have campaigned both individually and as a group on many occasions.

'It is our intention to unite the community of Argyll and Bute, campaigning for the many unresolved road issues to be addressed.

'Our objective is for the government firstly to acknowledge publicly the problems that exist with the A83 and then present a firm plan of action to resolve them.'



Chelsea Pensioners John McNaughton and Wayne Campbell.

Pensioners enjoy Kintyre Cheddar

LONDON'S famous red-coated Chelsea Pensioners, all military veterans, will be enjoying Mull of Kintyre Cheddar this Christmas.

The annual Ceremony of the Christmas Cheeses was held at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in London on Tuesday.

The ceremony dates back to 1692 when the Royal Hospital asked a local

cheesemonger for a donation.

Ever since, cheese makers from all over the country have continued the tradition and donated a selection of cheeses each Christmas.

This year was the turn of First Milk, the farmers' cooperative that owns the Campbeltown Creamery, and they gave Mull of Kintyre Extra Mature Cheddar Trucks.

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Post Office: we intend to keep a counter service in Southend

THE POST Office said this week that it intends to keep a service in Southend.

It has had to close Southend Post Office branch temporarily and apologised to customers for any inconvenience.

Kenny Lamont, field change advisor for Post Office Ltd said: 'Regrettably, following the resignation of the sub postmaster, and despite our best efforts to maintain a Post Office counter service at this location, we had no other option

but to temporarily close this branch. The provision of a Post Office service to our customers in the local community is of paramount importance and we continue to work hard to restore a presence in the area as soon as possible.'

Nearest

The nearest Post Offices are now in Drumlembie and Campbeltown.

Mr Lamont also told Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute: 'It remains our intention to keep a Post Office service in South-

end and we are currently investigating the options available.'

Mr Reid told *The Courier*: 'The Post Office must not use this temporary closure as an excuse to downgrade Southend Post Office to an outreach service only open for a few hours each week.'

At their meeting last week Southend Community Council members agreed to help find a new home for the Post Office.

□ See letters page.

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Police Files

Throwing stones:

POLICE received reports of children throwing stones at windows in the Millknowe area of Campbeltown on Sunday evening.

Extra attention will be given to this area.

Vandalised:

A DOOR was vandalised on Princes Street.

The incident was reported to police on Sunday, and anyone with any information should contact Campbeltown Police Station.

Fighting:

A REPORT was received in the early hours of Sunday morning of five people fighting on Main Street, Campbeltown.

As a result one person was charged with assault.

Revvng:

EXTRA attention will be paid to the bus turning area at Balston Road.

A number of calls have been received by police about drivers sounding their horns and revving their engines in this area.

Tickets:

A NUMBER of parking tickets were issued to drivers last week.

These were mainly in the Longrow and Longrow South area of Campbeltown where drivers are not allowed to park.



Malcolm McFadyen with Carnaff Lady Lucinda and the impressive number of trophies they have won.

Malcolm wins another title at winter fair

MALCOLM McFadyen took another title at this year's Stirling Agricultural Centre's winter fair.

History repeated itself for Malcolm of Kilarbie, Drumore, when judge William Barclay of Hilcrest, East Brockloch, awarded the supreme Clydesdale champion to Carnaff Lady Lucinda.

Honour

Last year he had the honour of winning the

overall foal championship with Carnaff Lady Lucinda, in tandem with Northern Irish breeders Danny and Mike McKay, when the trio had joint ownership.

After the event last year, Malcolm bought the filly outright and she has since stood champion for him at the National Stallion Show, Kintyre Show and Strathaven Show, as well as winning a first prize rosette at this

year's Royal Highland. Carnaff Lady Lucinda took the supreme Clydesdale champion.

Sired

At this year's winter fair this yearling filly, sired by Malcolm's own-bred stallion Whinhill Lord of the Isles and was bred out of Torrs Karris by the McKay's from Ballymoney, matured to win both the senior and supreme championships taking the overall plaudits.

Broadband

PROBLEMS are continuing with the poor speed of broadband in the South-end area, especially for users who live further away from the exchange in the village centre.

Lifeboat's engine problems

ON THE way back from having its hull scrubbed on Friday, Campbeltown's all-weather lifeboat had engine problems as it arrived in the loch.

relief boat

A relief boat has been brought down from Rhu Marina, Helensburgh, whilst a part is brought to Campbeltown to fix the *Ernest Mary Shaw*.

Dates for weekend closure of Tayinloan Pier announced

THE date for the weekend closure of Tayinloan Pier has been announced.

Argyll and Bute Council and the Gigha community have together agreed that weather permitting, the pier will be closed from the last sailing on Friday, January 27 through to the first sailing from Gigha on Monday, January

30. This will directly affect the ferry service to Gigha, which will be unable to sail from Tayinloan as a result. There is not expected to be any impact to local fishermen.

Improvement

The closure is to allow work to take place as part of a £2.3m programme of improvement at the pier, which

is the mainland end of the Gigha ferry route.

The following weekend has been earmarked as a back up in case the weather forecast for the first weekend suggests it will not be suitable for the work to be carried out.

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The youngest members of the James McCorkindale School of Dance. 12_c49conc03

Music and dance at Odyssey concert

THE JAMES McCorkindale School of Dance pupils celebrated Scottish and Irish music and dancing at their Celtic Odyssey concert at Campbeltown Grammar School last week.

The talented dancers were joined by Kintyre Schools Pipe Band led by Pipe Major Iain Mc-

Kerral and a fiddle group under the direction of Kirsty Johnson.

There were also solo performances from Caitlin Millar and Thomas Jordan.

Dancers: Emma Cook, Jane Scott, Erin Binnie, Iona Renton, Niamh McEachran, Sophie Durmin, Solana McMurchy,

Megan Lines, Tala Griffiths, Sarah Campbell, Lara McGeachy, Erin Cameron, Nicole Shields, Hannah McCaig, Alison Wylie, Kayleigh Dickson, Shanna Brown, Kelly Graham, Charmaine Vick, Hannah Brown, Amy Lang, Emily Mclean, Linzi Cameron, Eilidh Anderson, Iona McKin-

lay, Lisa McKellar, Shannon Charlwood, Becky Dott, Nicole McKinlay, Hannah Young, Christina Robertson, Emma Bannatyne, Lauren McKellar, Carly Robertson, Rachael O'May, Kirsty Martin, Laura Russell, Nicole Anderson, Kathryn Howell, Ruth Semple and Gina McMurchy.



Thomas Jordan was one of the performers at Celtic Odyssey. 12_c49conc01



Rachael O'May, Laura Russell, Kathryn Howell, Kirsty Martin, Ruth Semple, Nicole Anderson, and Gina McMurchy. 12_c49conc02

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Rest and Be Thankful landslide is damaging trade in Kintyre

LAST WEEK'S landslide at the Rest and Be Thankful is still damaging trade in Kintyre, local businesses have confirmed.

Suffering

The A83 Inveraray to Tarbet Road is now opened for part of the day, following a landslide of 120 tonnes of mud and boulders last Thursday morning, but businesses say they are still suffering the effects, with deliveries being delayed and people being put off coming to the area.

As The Courier went

to press on Wednesday morning the A83 was still opening between 8.30am and 4pm. It was due to be reassessed yesterday (Thursday).

Transport officials said overnight closures would continue until the current weather patterns change.

A spokesman for Scotland Transerv said: 'The safety of the public and our workforce is absolutely paramount and the monitoring of the area of the most recent landslip on the A83 continues. We are grateful to the public for their

continuing support and patience.'

Geotechnical expert Dr Mike Winter from Transport Research Laboratories said: 'Visual monitoring of the hillside is continuing during the day, but given the current snow cover it is simply not possible to closely monitor the hillside soils during the hours of darkness.'

Diverted

When the A83 is closed traffic is being diverted via the A819 Inveraray to Dalmally road and the A85/ A82 Tyndrum to Tarbet road.

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Eric Strong places a flag on one of the graves.

Teamwork gets camera back to owner

A TOURIST has thanked the kintyre bus and ferry staff for their efforts in getting a camera back to him on a recent visit.

Eric Strong and his wife Leslie were visiting the area in October from Canada and travelled from Oban to Kennacraig via Inveraray.

They swapped onto the West Coast Motors 926 bus to Campbeltown to get to Kennacraig.

Recognising

At the end of his shift, driver Charlie Martin found the camera on the bus, and gave it to transport manager Danny Halliday; between them they managed to get the camera to Kennacraig

on the next bus after recognising it was Mr Strong's.

However, the ferry to Islay was due to leave after the scheduled arrival of the bus, and the terminal staff at Kennacraig arranged for a crewmember from *MV Finlaggan* to get the camera onto the ferry for them. In the end, the bus came early and they got the camera back directly from the driver, just before the ferry boarded.

'This was an incredible act of customer service,' said Mr Strong. 'It was all the more significant in that it was enabled by the staff of two separate companies working to-

gether. I think this speaks of the strong character and quality of the Scottish tourism industry.'

Graves

Mr Strong had spent two days visiting the graves of Canadian Air Force members who died in war time. He put a Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Squadron flag on each of the graves he could find in Oban and on Islay.

He continued paying his respects to four other RCAF members who were buried on the island and also placed flags upon their graves.

These should still have been in place on November 11 to mark Remembrance Day.

Watch out for 'bogus callers'

HOUSEHOLDERS are being warned to be extra vigilant after police have received reports of cold callers in the area.

The 'bogus callers' have been targeting the homes of vulnerable people offering to carry out garden or other household-type work.

The people appear genuine and trustworthy and can be convincing and persuasive; all will have a story.

They will often work in pairs or teams, where one will distract the household whilst the other searches the property for valuables and money.

Strathclyde Police has issued the following advice: if you have a spy hole, use it; if you do not know the person or have not invited them, use your door chain; if you do not wish their services, tell them to leave; if they say they are a

legitimate company with identification, then ask them to make an appointment at a later date and have a family member or friend present during their visit; and if in doubt keep them out.

If you have any information regarding bogus callers in the area then please call Strathclyde Police on 01369 763000. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Christmas at Auchinlee

AUCHINLEE Care Home has many different events happening in the run up to Christmas.

Amongst the people visiting the care home are the local sea cadets, the Barber Shop Quartet and nursery children to entertain the residents.

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Mouth cancer month

AS PART of mouth cancer action month Caroline Glen and Jill Denton have been speaking to different organisations around the area about oral health.

Caroline, oral health improvement practitioner, and Jill, Smoking Cessation Advisor, spoke to pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School recently.

School

Caroline and Loren Anderson will be going to the school in December to work with s5 classes.

They will also be going to Meadows Under Five Nursery to speak to staff and parents on December 21.

They are also beginning their Childsmile campaign and have been delivering posters and information leaflets throughout the area.

They are trying to increase the number of newborn to two-year-olds registered with a local general practice in the Argyll and Bute area.

The registration rate is 33 per cent; the national average is 65 per cent.

Lorne plays on new film

A WELL-known Campbeltown piper was given the honour of playing on a new Disney film.

Lorne MacDougall was asked by the producers of *Brave* to work with the composer, Patrick Doyle, to do all the Scottish piping parts in the movie.

He was asked to get together a piping quartet, and Lorne and his band travelled to the Air Lyndhurst Studios in London a few weeks ago for the recording. There is potential for Lorne and the group to head back down next year to record more piping for the movie.

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE waves were tumultuous and the sea was a foaming frenzy of froth as these great Atlantic breakers crashed onto the Kintyre shores all the way from America. The storms had buffeted the coastline for quite a few days and rainbows decorated the dark skies like gigantic Christmas trees, while the stars became a myriad string of lights. The days are getting shorter and we spend much of our time in the darkness of winter now. However, it's just a couple of weeks till the shortest day and the light will once again have dominance. We are waiting for the lighter nights. We are waiting for the lengthening days. We are waiting for the light.

So how do we wait? Do we wait with patience? Do we wait under cover of darkness?

Darkness can bring stillness, quietness, rest. Away from the city lights we can experience real darkness where we can wait quietly in a cosmic silence.

Waiting can bring peace as we find God's presence in the present.

Waiting can bring hope as we know the light will come through the darkness if we just wait.

But it's hard to stop and wait; it's not easy to pause and ponder; it's difficult to take time at this time.

We're busy with the bargains and not so bothered about the baby.

We're busy with the tinsel but haven't time for the truth.

We're busy with the mince pies and we will get round to the manger.

We're busy trying to fix the tree lights but have forgotten about the real light.

We're busy with the stocking fillers and have set aside the stable.

We're busy with the cards but have pushed away the crib.

We're busy - it is Christmas after all. We just don't have time. It's Christmas after all. Thank God that God made time.



Down Memory Lane

Leonard Sugarman from Machrihanish is looking to find out more about these old photographs he came across recently. He believes they were taken around about 1962 on Campbeltown's Main Street and is unsure about what the occasion was for the parade. At this point there was still a weighing booth on Main Street.

Ring and ride service

Sir,
With reference to Councillor Colville's letter in last week's *Campbeltown Courier* about the cutting of the Ring and Ride Service.

The time for Councillor Colville to be speaking up and fighting for the interest's of Campbeltown's most vulnerable people is when policy that affects these people is being progressed by HIS coalition administration.

THEY currently run Argyll and Bute Council, and HE is after-all the Communities Spokesperson which means HE is directly involved in how the proposals for the ring and ride service were implemented. Perhaps if Councillor Colville was more in touch with the commu-

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nity who elected him, he would have avoided such an embarrassing u turn AND saved a few pounds on posting his apology letter.

Raibeart McCallum, Convenor Kintyre Branch Scottish National Party, 4 Castleacres Campbeltown

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Guy Parckar, Leonard Cheshire Disability.

Health and safety risk

Sir,
In response to last week's letter about the flagpole at the Old Quay, Campbeltown.

Every winter we don't put a flag up. This is due to the poor weather and the flags would only last a week or two with the winter gales.

The reason we didn't fly it on St Andrews Day was that the wind speed in Campbeltown on that day was gusting to 40-55mph.

It would be a health and safety risk having a large flag flying on such a tall flagpole in these conditions.

Stephen Scally Harbour Master, Campbeltown.

Supporting the Post Office

Sir,
As the new owners of the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend, we are very sorry to hear of the resignation of the sub postmaster.

We had fully intended to take over the Post Office but after due consideration we have been left with no alternative but to resist as we now know that it would not be a viable proposition for us or the hotel.

We give our full support to the Post Office and hope that they are in a position to appoint a new sub postmaster in the very near future.

Lynn Crawford and Malcolm Maguire, Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend.

First class bus driver

Sir,
As a passenger on the 2.30pm Glasgow to Campbeltown bus on Friday can I say what a wonderful job the bus driver did.

All the West Coast drivers are good but the driver did not just do his job he went over and beyond it.

The road was closed and there was the diversion but he kept all the passengers informed, and kept in contact with the boat for there were six passengers for the Islay ferry and it was kept back for them.

He was doing an excellent job driving in difficult conditions.

These drivers do not get the recognition they deserve for the first class customer care they give.

Mary Kavannah, Clachan.

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Competition winners

CONGRATULATIONS to the following readers who have won the delicious Mull of Kintyre Cheddar hampers in our competition.

They have each won a hamper full of Mull of Kintyre cheddar goodies and a beautifully crafted slate cheese board all worth £34.50.

So well done to: Catherine Doyle, Clachan; Lorna Galbraith, Caradale; Sheila Reid, Ballybracken; S MacIntyre, Tarbert, and Isobel MacFarlane, Lochgilphead. The hampers will be posted out to them.

Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN and District Darts Association's week five results: White Hart 1 Burnside 9, Kinloch 6 Ailsa 4, Kilbrannan 4 Fiddlers 6, Fiddlers B 3 Southend 7, Argyll Bowling Club 4 Commercial 6.

Jimmy Umpherson scored 180 in his match for the Kinloch, Mary Ross 180 for Argyll Bowling Club and John McIntosh 180 for the Commercial.

Top honour for schools band

by **JOANNE SIMMS**
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CHRISTMAS has come early! But it's not a gift it's a well-deserved honour; Kintyre Schools



Peter and Helen Ferguson receive the championship trophy from Gordon Hamill.

Pipe Band were declared 2011 Champion Pipe Band across all grades by the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) on Sunday.

As British, European and World Champions for the year, Kintyre Schools were in pole position when all the results were added up.

Receiving

Sibling drummers Peter and Helen Ferguson were amongst the band at the branch annual general meeting at Milngavie on Sunday December 5 receiving the branch championship trophy from Gordon Hamill, chairman of the RSPBA.

The band has now been upgraded from Novice Grade to Juvenile Grade for 2012.

A second Kintyre Schools Band has now been registered to take the Champion Band's place in Novice Grade.

Crafty lot at Drumlemble



THE kids at Drumlemble Primary School are a crafty lot!

The Kintyre Craft Group held a craft fair at the school on Sunday and the youngsters joined in with stalls of their own.

The pupils have been hard at work making items of their own to sell; candles, decorations and gifts and they have also been baking cupcakes and published a school recipe book full of cupcakes.

John Tait Bennett, Con-



ner Brown and Heather McAllister (above) were amongst the pupils who helped run the school stalls.

And a dozen of the Kintyre Craft Group

members (top) brought their produce to sell at the fair; everything from home made sweets to glass bead jewellery, knitwear and bath time treats. 12_c49craft01&02

Campbeltown Cat Rescue fundraiser

PALS Daniel Hughes, aged 11, and Connor Chinn, 12, helped out at the Campbeltown Cat Rescue fundraiser held

in the Victoria Hall on Saturday morning.

Teas, coffees and home baking were served, there were jumble sale

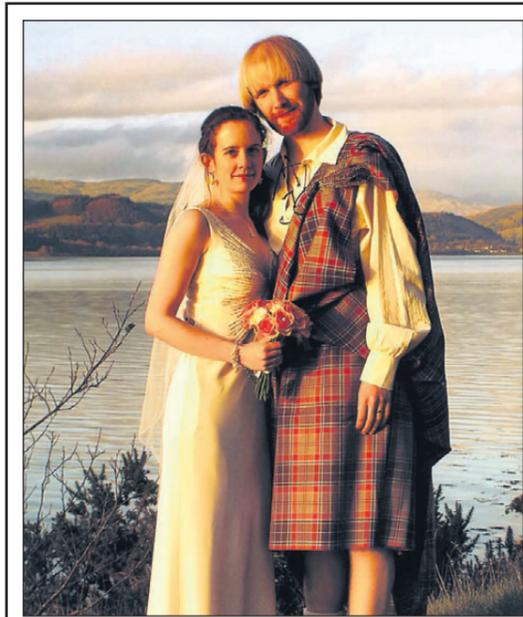
stalls and plenty of competitions to join in.

All told the event raised £1,040 for cat rescue in Campbeltown.

The charity's coordinator Donnie McLean said: 'People are always so generous, but that's Campbeltown for you! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and helps towards the costs of veterinary bills, food, and maintenance of our building, so we'd like to thank everyone for their support.' 12_c49cat01



WEDDINGS



ROBERTS - Tim and Amanda (née Cumming) were married on Saturday the 5th November 2011 at the Creggans Inn, Strachur.



ROBERTS - Ben and Jodi (née Towler) were married on Saturday the 21st May 2011 at St John the Evangelist, Bradford.

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Louise's father Simon, centre with the dancers from the Steps Dance Class and, from left, David Brodie, Karen Scally, Laura Jane McCallum, Zoe Booth, Carly McIntosh, Limara Ferguson, Caerla Cox, Kathleen McMillan, Chloe Ramsay and Chloe Bains. 12_c49vict01

Charity dance

THE VICTORIA Hall, Campbeltown, was the place to be on Saturday night at a great party held in memory of a lovely girl.

Louise Jane McLean fought bravely against Cystic Fibrosis and still managed to live life to the full before succumbing to the illness in October.

On Saturday Steps Dance Troupe, lead by Karen Scally organised a great evening of entertainment, a Charity Dance Extravaganza, 'In memory of a very special Wee Toon girl'.

All the proceeds were gifted to the Butterfly Trust, which gives support to those with Cystic Fibrosis.

David Brodie was master of ceremonies for the night and Jamie G provided the disco.

Shops and private donations helped to make sure the prize table for the raffle was full.



Louise's family turned out in force to support the event. 12_c49vict03



Barbara McEachran helped to raffle the butterfly cake to boost the fund for the evening. 12_c49vict04



Karen Scally of Steps Dance Class with her mum. 12_c49vict05



Maggie Robertson celebrated her birthday with the friends at the charity dance. Tamara Campbell and Sharon McMillan, front, with Kirsty Cairns, Marie-Christeen Croll and Margret Robertson. 12_c49vict02

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<p>Mid Argyll Round Table Come and buy quality Nordmann fur xmas trees Outside Co-op, Lochgilphead Saturday 10th December 2011 9am - 2pm</p>	<p>MS CENTRE Campbell Street CHRISTMAS CRAFT CRACKER Sat. 10th December 11-3pm Various local craft stalls and lots of festive fun - fundraising games, raffle and side show.</p>	<p>Mid Argyll Round Table SANTA'S SLEIGH CAIRNBAAN / KILMICHAEL - Wednesday 14th December Tarbert - Thursday 15th Ardrihaig - Friday 16th Lochgilphead - Saturday 17th Port Ann / Inveraray - Sunday 18th</p>	<p>Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association COFFEE MORNING Saturday 10th December 2011 10am - 12 noon in the Victoria Hall Usual stalls Mini band</p>	
<p>St. Kieran's R C Church CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in St. Kieran's Hall, Kirk Street, on Saturday 10th December at 2.00 pm All Usual Stalls</p>	<p>Steven Osborne (piano) 2.30pm Sunday 11 December 2011 at Crear, Kilberry A Piano in Peril fundraising concert. Free admission. Donations welcome. A warming buffet lunch at £15 a head, will be available from 1pm. Please book in advance. Tel: 01880 770369 (during office hours), or e-mail concerts@crear.co.uk</p>	<p>Inveraray & District Accordion & Fiddle Club Argyll Hotel, Inveraray Wednesday 14th December At 8.00pm Guest Artists From Campbeltown The MacAllister Brothers <i>Supporting players most welcome</i></p>	<p>The Royal British Legion Scotland Campbeltown Branch MONTHLY MEETING Lodge St John's No 141 Recreational Club Friday 9th December @ 1930hrs Any new members should arrive @ 1900hrs.</p>	
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Advent Carol Service

'A GOOD start to Christmas' was the general opinion at the end of the Advent Carol Service at St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church last Sunday. Whilst people were gathering David McEwan played music, which set a mood of the awesomeness of God.

Into the following silence Rev Andrew Williamson explained that the season of Advent is a challenge to turn from the values of the market place to the values of God's Kingdom.

'With the best will in the world,' he said, 'Politicians rule with a view to getting re-elected and the only reality which business knows is to make this year's profit more than last year's. Between the two,' he continued, 'humanity tends get squeezed out. By taking on divine values we become more, not less, human.'

Well-known and less known Advent Carols were sung, prayers were offered for wisdom for ourselves, comfort for those in pain and support for those in difficulty.

Various members of the congregation read passages of Scripture describing the Rule of God. Afterwards mince pies and coffee were enjoyed.

Father Christmas at Glenbarr



Seven-year-old Beth MacPherson of Campbeltown has a quiet word with Santa.

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Waiting for Santa: Jack Stuart, from Tarbert, waiting as patiently as a four-year-old boy can manage! Jack was taken along to Glenbarr Abbey on Sunday by his family to see the Christmas decorations and visit Father Christmas.

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by JOANNE SIMMS
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FATHER Christmas paid a visit to Glenbarr Abbey on Sunday, to join in the festivities.

Every year Jeanne Macalister spends days transforming the abbey into a wonderland for children and the young-at-heart.

And the events, held last Sunday and again this coming Sunday, December 11, help to raise funds for the Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research.

A group of the charity's supporters serve soup lunches and afternoon teas on both days.



Jeanne Macalister and William Currie.

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Kerry-Anne Keenan and Gemma Rae came from Tarbert and Clachan to spend Sunday afternoon at the Abbey.

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Music for both days is supplied by Ian McAllister, Chris McAllister and Roger Gillespie.

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The Mairi Semple Fund team: Jill Lines, Jeanne Macalister of Glenbarr Abbey, Helen Steel, Margaret Semple, Pauline Simson, Margaret Sinclair, Enid Williams, Sheena McFarlane and Ken Bryce.

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Jeanne Macalister invited Father Christmas himself to go along to Glenbarr Abbey on Sunday and he'll be back again this Sunday to meet all the boys and girls.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

- 7 Give in to (6)
- 8 Attacking device (6)
- 9 Wise men (4)
- 10 Abridge (4,4)
- 11 Render unnecessary (7)
- 13 Begin (3-2)
- 15 Disinclined (5)
- 16 Spaghetti film? (7)
- 18 Rough (8)
- 19 Type of dealer (4)
- 21 Teach (6)
- 22 Spanish dish (6)

Down

- 1 Liquid lamp type (4)
- 2 Manager (13)
- 3 Statement of gratitude (7)
- 4 Beau (5)
- 5 Propelled by hot water on water... (6,7)
- 6 ...big trouble (3,5)
- 12 Gas escaping from the rear (8)
- 14 Proof of purchase (7)
- 17 Plunder for weapon! (5)
- 20 Draw out (4)

Last week's solution

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Dippen Charolais takes the championship at Oban



Duncan Semple with trophy for champion presented by John Kyle, Caledonian Marts and Karen Love of sponsors Reid and Robertson.

DIPPEN Farm took the championship at the Argyll and Islands Great Annual Show and Sale of Suckled Calves, Store, Breeding and OTM Cattle held at Caledonian Marts, Oban, on Tuesday.

It was the first time in the ring for Duncan Semple's April-born Charolais X steer out of a Limousin X dam, which sold at £1,100.

It was sold as part of a consignment of 11 April-born steers and heifers, which sold to an average of £856. The judging was in the hands of John MacGregor, Allanfauld,

Kilsyth and the following were his awards.

The champion was a 320kg Charolais Bullock from D W Semple, Dippen, Carradale, scaled 320kg and made £1100 to A Wilson, Crawfordjohn Mill, Abington.

The reserve a 270kg Limousin Heifer from E McGillivray, Bacaldine Home Farm sold at £980 to G Stirling, Burnbank, Stirling.

Results
Single Mainland Bullock: 1 & Champion, Dippen; 2 & 3 D McDonald, Tyree, Bendloch, 440kgs £950 to A Shand, Cortiecrum,

Ellon, 335kgs £1250 to G Stirling, Burnbank, Stirling.

Single Mainland Heifer: 1 & Reserve Champion, E McGillivray, Bacaldine Home Farm, Barcaldine; 2 A Hamilton, Kilwhipnach, Campbeltown, 270kgs £700 to Miss S Dunn, Willowbank, Airth; 3 D W Semple, 280kg £710 to A Wilson, Crawfordjohn Mill, Abington.

Single Island Bullock: 1 & 2, J McCormick, Balnagown, Lismore, 255kgs £640 to A Wilson, Gree, Beith and 2, 310kg £715 to A Wilson, Gree, Beith; 3 D McCormick, Baligarve,



Judge John MacGregor Allanfauld with champion Charolais bred by Duncan Semple, Dippen.

Lismore, 340kgs £710 to D Low, Pittenkeerie, Glassell.

Single Island Heifer: 1 D McCormick, Baligarve, 320kgs £680 to B Campbell, Achnacreebeag, North Connel.

Pen of four Bullocks:

1 D W Semple, 370kgs £940 to J Leggat, Little Invernorth, Rathen, Fraserburgh; 2 A Hamilton, Kilwhipnach, 350kgs £760 to J Leggat, Little Invernorth, Rathen, Fraserburgh; 3 B Campbell, Achnacreebeag.

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Holstein Breeders Club heifer competition

KINTYRE Holstein Breeders Club held their annual heifer competition on Wednesday November 30, when six teams were presented for the judge, Alan Clark of North Garngour, Lesmahagow, to inspect and place.

With more than 80 animals on view the large following of more than 30 spectators throughout the day had plenty to see and be impressed with.

Mr Clark complimented all exhibitors at the dinner and prize-giving at the Seafield Hotel in the evening.



Left to right: P Littleston, Judge Alan Clark, Thomas Ralston and Gavin Semple.

His placings as follows: White Hart Trophy, team: 1 P Littleston, Killegruer, 2 G Semple, Kilkeddan, 3 T Ralston, Dhurrie; P McKerral & Co Ltd Trophy, individual: 1 J Ralston, Kilkivan, 2 WG Ralston, West Darlochlan, 3 J Smith, Drumalea.

Same Tractors Trophy- Mother and Daughter class: 1 J Ralston, Kilkivan, 2 G Semple, 3 G Semple.

Genus Semen prize for most points overall: G Semple, Kilkeddan.



Judge Alan Clark inspects the beasts at Drumalea. 21_c49cow01

Uiskentuie AA bullocks leads Islay sale at £1,180

UNITED Auctions held their Annual Christmas Sale of 487 all classes Calves & Store Cattle at Islay Auction Mart on Saturday.

Excellent entries of mainly spring-born calves were on offer to a packed ringside of buyers and all stock was cleared at satisfactory rates. All bullocks sold to average £629.39 per head or 207.34 per kilo, which recorded a rise of £144.07 per head and 60.11 pence per kilo.

All Heifers sold to aver-

age £559.62 per head or 197.10, which recorded a rise of £134.41 per head and 52.49 pence per kilo. The top per head for Bullocks came from the Uiskentuie consignment when their Aberdeen Angus Cross sold to £1,180.

The same home sold the top-priced heifer when their Limousin Crosses sold to £1,045. Leading the top call per kilo was Ardtalla Estate when a pen of their Charolais bullock calves sold to 268pence and the same

home shared the top per kilo with Kintra at 228 pence for Charolais and Limousin Cross respectively.

The top 12 consignments per kilo for Bullocks & Heifers combined are as follows:

Kintra (23) 233pence; Kilbride (24) 222pence; Ardtalla (20) 222pence;

Knocklearach (53) 215pence; Mansfield (28) 213pence; Smal-ladh (21) 210pence; Frederick Cresc. (9) 210pence; Brybruich (13) 208pence; Scarrabus (55 AA) 207pence; Woodend (20) 207pence; Ballychatrigan (9) 203pence and Ronnachmore (20) 206pence.

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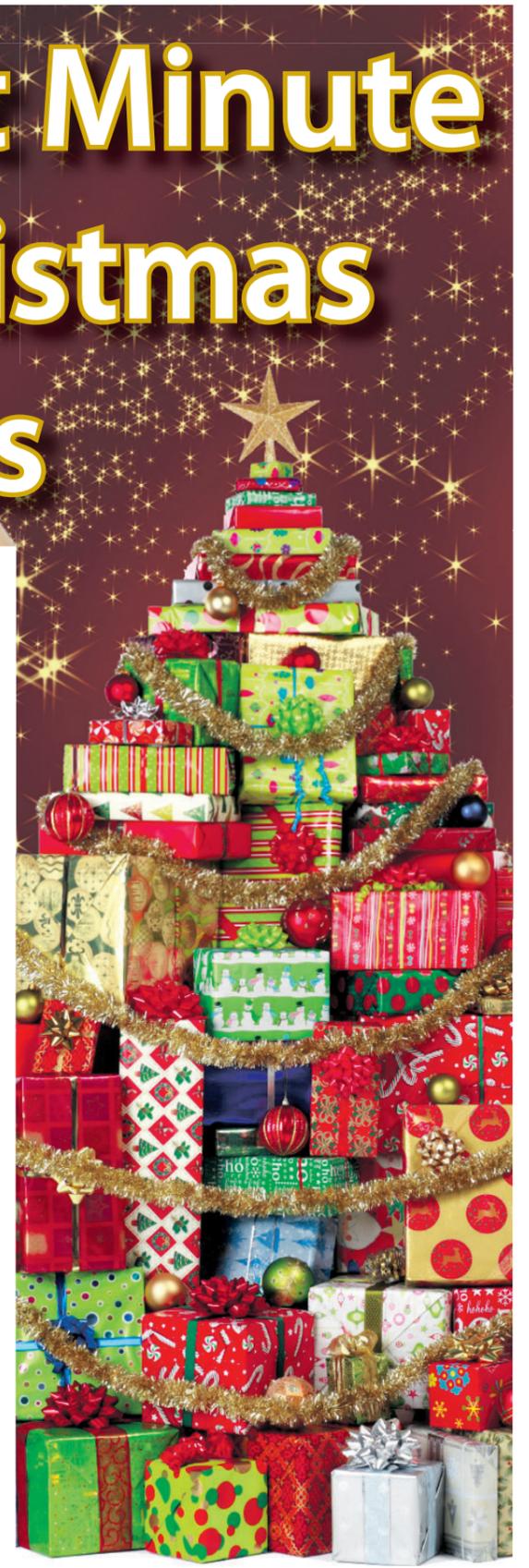



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You'll be starting to think about your Christmas dinner and how you are going to cook it, including the preparations in the days before to make it as stress free as possible.

Those last minute gift ideas will be churning round in your head throughout the day and night, adding to the stresses.

Our guides of local shops and retailers can help you to make more time for your loved ones in the run up to Christmas, and on its day itself, by giving more options locally you might not think of.

Sometimes taking time out of your daily life can help make you more calm and relaxed, taking a day out to go visit somewhere you wouldn't normally can open up more avenues for ideas for those close to you.

On your way to the city its worth stopping in the places you pass through, not only supporting those shop keepers who provide business all year round, but to find the unusual or intimate gifts people will appreciate.

Places like the smaller villages of Inveraray and Tarbert have their own craft and gift shops and it's worth stopping, even for a browse, to show your support for these local businesses.

Some of them are ones you wouldn't normally go into, but they offer different products and the staff will be on hand to help you pick out that perfect gift.

Having a browse through the shops will help to relax your mind and allow you to enjoy this time of year instead of stressing about everyone else.

Many of the items you find in your local shops wouldn't be on the Internet, giving you a more varied

choice with the additional free advice of the shopkeeper.

You can save on delivery and chose first hand the present you want rather than having to spend your hard pressed time and money on returning items and a long wait to have them replaced. Not to mention long queues in the Post Office with everyone trying to get their parcels away on time for Christmas.

Whether it's a gift for a close friend or family member, getting into the Christmas spirit by physically going shopping around your local shops can boost your mood.

It will give you a chance to see people you don't normally see and have a relaxing walk around rather than rushing about large department stores, getting hot, sweaty and stressed and fighting your way through the crowds.

And even if you can't find what you're looking for to give to that special person, a gift voucher can be just as nice.

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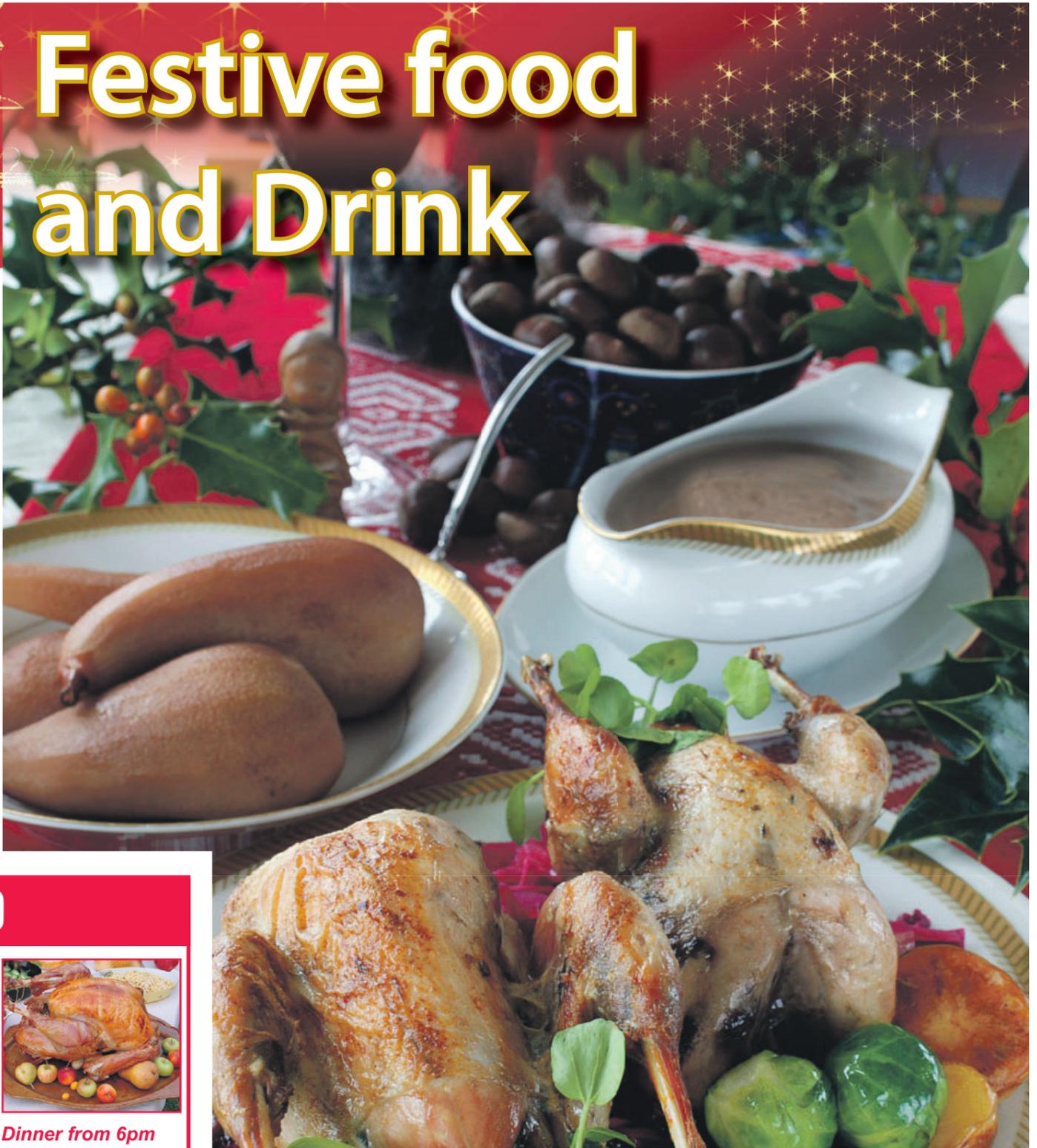
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Partridge in a Pear Tree

Serves 4

Ingredients: 4 young grey partridge
zest and juice of a lemon
4 Conference pears
150ml red wine
150ml water
1 tsp soft brown sugar
½ tsp ground cinnamon
4 whole cloves
4 tbsp single cream
salt and pepper
watercress

Pre-heat the oven to 190 degrees C/375 degrees F/gas mark 5.

Method: Place the zest and juice of a lemon in a saucepan. Put a quarter of the lemon shell inside each partridge. Secure the legs to the parson's nose and place in a self-basting roasting tin. Cover and cook in a hot oven for 35 minutes.

Peel the pears whole leaving the stalks on. Place in the saucepan with the lemon zest and juice. Add the wine, water, sugar and spices and poach for 10 minutes. Remove from the pan with a slotted spoon and keep warm with the cooked partridges. Strain the poaching liquid into the roasting pan and de-glaze. Stir in the cream and heat very gently. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange the watercress on the plates to form the tree, then add a partridge and a pear. Hand the sauce separately. Serve with roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts and chestnuts and spiced red cabbage to add colour to this festive meal.

WHY not treat the family this Christmas, get dressed up and head for one of the local hotels or restaurant.

It would save you a lot of time, hassle and effort and allow you to spend even more time with your family.

Most families don't see one another much throughout the year, busy with their own lives, so this is the time when everyone tends to get together.

Making time for them will pay off and you will feel more relaxed and enjoy your Christmas by letting someone else cook for you for a change.

There is a selection of places open with great menus to choose from and guaranteed to have something that will suit all the family – from the little ones to the grannies and granddads.

However if making your own Christmas dinner is something you enjoy, and are proud of then why not look for something a bit different from your bog standard supermarket options.

There are lots of alternatives too choose from, and it doesn't necessarily have to include meat.

Locally sourced fish can jazz up any plate and add extra flavours, guaranteed to get you compliments from friends and family.

There will be something to suit every course, whether its for a starter, main course

or as leftovers for sandwiches on Boxing Day.

There are lot of different food producers in the area, from country markets to local fish producers, and smaller companies, to add that touch of luxury to your meal.

If you want something a bit different why not ask and see what they can do for you, they may have recipes and tips you would be pressed for time to find; it would save you having to trawl through masses of website pages.

Their produce will be fresh and add extra flavour to any dish. You could even use any extra produce for leftovers following Christmas, or freeze it to do for another time.

A special lunch would allow you to take time out your busy schedule in the run up and meet with friends or colleagues to catch up.

There are various hotels, restaurants and cafes that have special menus. If you have time you could invite your nearest and dearest for a lunch or Christmas Day trial of recipes, it will help to lift everyone's spirits and make the most of seeing each other over the Christmas and New Year period.



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 16 sheets fi lo pastry
 olive or rapeseed oil
 salt and black pepper

Pre-heat oven to 200 degrees C/400 degrees F/gas mark 6.
 Method: Fry the mushrooms in some oil until just soft. Slice each breast almost in half along its length. Insert 2 slices of mozzarella, a quarter of the mushrooms, 4 fresh basil leaves, salt and pepper. For each breast brush 4 sheets of fi lo pastry with oil and arrange at right angles to each other. Place the breast in the centre of the pastry and pull the edges together to make a parcel. Place the parcel on a baking tray, brush with oil and cook in the pre-heated oven for 30 minutes. Serve the parcels hot or cold.



Christmas Cake

Ingredients:	225g/half pound butter
225g/half pound currants	5 large eggs
100g/4oz raisins	half tsp nutmeg (freshly grated if poss.)
100g/4oz sultanas	half tsp cinnamon
225g/half pound plain flour	100g/4oz ground almonds
225g/half pound Demerara sugar	1 lemon - juice and grated rind
100g/4oz glace cherries	half tsp almond essence

Method: Wash fruit. Combine together and soak overnight in cold Earl Grey tea to plump up the fruit. Next day, drain fruit. Cream together butter and sugar and add well-beaten eggs. Sift flour and grated nutmeg and fold into butter mixture. Add fruit. Glacé cherries need special attention; cut them into quarters, wash, dry and then dredge with flour or else they are apt to sink to the bottom of the cake. Finally, add ground almonds and almond essence. Pour mixture into a 9in/23cm cake tin lined with special non-stick cake lining paper. Tie brown paper around outside of tin, a little higher than the top of the tin, to prevent top of cake burning. Hollow centre of cake slightly to achieve a completely flat surface when cooked. Bake in a slow oven for 3 1/2 - 4 hrs at 130°C or 250°F. When the cake has cooled, add two tablespoons of whisky via skewer holes in the top before storing, well wrapped, in greaseproof paper and foil. I generally make two of these cakes - one for adults and a fun one for the children (without whisky). When decorating, sieve approx. 3 dessertspoons of apricot jam and warm through. Paint over both cakes then cover with natural coloured almond paste. You will need 1lb of paste per cake. Cut the paste to the size of the cake base, place it on the top and then roll the remainder to fit the sides. Leave for one day before putting on icing to allow the marzipan to set. I ice the cakes with Royal icing which contains a quarter teaspoonful of glycerine. When icing the adult cake, use a spatula dipped in a jug of warm water to achieve a smooth surface. For the children's cake, make 'snow drifts' by lifting the icing with the tip of a dinner knife.



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This year the IRN-BRU Carnival will be packed with more than 60 fun attractions. Top rides include Top Star, Waltzer, Super Bob and the Dodgems and for thrill seekers rides include Matterhorn, Speed Buzz and Extreme, and for the first time ever the High Roller. For younger visitors there's the best selection of juvenile rides ever including the Cups & Saucers, Go Gator, Mini Wheel and Chairplanes.

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

For your chance to win a pair of tickets, simply answer the following question, complete the form below and send it to: Wyvex Media Irn Bru Competition, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB by Monday, December 19, 2011.

At which Glasgow venue is IRN-BRU Carnival taking place?

Answer.....
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Terms and conditions: The prize tickets grant access to the event and each prize ticket gives 12 vouchers, which can be exchanged for 12 rides. Once inside the hall visitors can buy extra vouchers at £1 each. Full terms and conditions can be found at www.argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk and www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Business is blooming for entrepreneur Lynda

THE DEMAND for country-chic homeware, decorations and gifts has resulted in business success for one Mid Argyll entrepreneur.

Lynda Young, from Kilmartin, launched Tilly and Rose just over a year ago and is now meeting the needs of shoppers both locally and across the UK.

Launching the Tilly and Rose website six months ago, Lynda has created a platform for artisans to sell their beautiful and unique creations.

From shabby chic to handmade one-off pieces, the merchandise on offer appeals to a wide range of tastes and budgets.

'We have spent many hours sourcing

beautiful and mainly handmade gifts, finding some hugely talented craft workers who put love into everything they make,' Lynda said. 'We want to provide customers with a pleasurable shopping experience, with the hard work already done for them.'

Benefited

Lynda benefited from Business Gateway support to help her develop the Tilly and Rose brand both online and at craft fayres.

'Going through the arduous task of starting a business is always a challenge, especially with a job and a young family,' Lynda said. 'Business Gateway really helped guide me through the process.'

As well as support from her Business

Gateway adviser Mary Kennedy, Lynda attended a Business Gateway workshop to help her create her online retail outlet.

Explaining the practical advice and support helped her open the business, Lynda said: 'I learnt some very valuable ideas both about our design and also about social media marketing.'

With a range of distinctive Christmas decorations now available to complement the gifts on offer, Lynda is looking forward to a busy festive season for Tilly and Rose.

For more information contact Lynda on 07775 914 319 or visit www.tillyandrose.co.uk.



Lynda Young with her Tilly and Rose gifts.

Small business checklist

This month:

- Prepare to submit your Self Assessment Tax Return if you are a sole trader or a partnership. The deadline for online submissions is January 31, 2012

- Get ready for winter conditions – whether you are based in business premises or are out on the road, make contingency plans for bad weather

- Consider whether a seasonal promotion could help boost your business

- If winter is the quiet season for your business, use the time for maintenance, developing marketing plans, stock-taking, or reviewing your suppliers

- If you notified HMRC under the 'VAT Initiative' campaign you need to send your VAT registration form by December 31 to take advantage of a reduced penalty.

Need help? Business Gateway offers support and advice, contact the local office on 01546 605 459.

Quality gifts at Coastal Design Gallery

AT Coastal Design Gallery in Campbeltown we aim to offer a collection of quality gifts chosen to reflect the essence of Kintyre.

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browse the skilled works designed and made by a carefully selected number of talented and innovative artisans and small UK producers.

In addition to exhibiting our own unique gold

jewellery designed and crafted here in Campbeltown by Grant Logan, we are fortunate to offer a wide selection of paintings by a wealth of talented local artists together with a variety of hand crafted glass, wood, jewellery and many other items, often with an interesting focus on stylish recycling.

Our aim has been to add to the wonderful range of individual shops that we are fortunate to have here in Campbeltown.

Whilst we appreciate

business from visitors to the area our emphasis is to provide a diverse selection of quality items for the resident community, to appeal to all ages and pockets.

We are often told that Campbeltown is a special place to browse and shop because of our excellent independent shops.

We hope that Coastal Design Gallery will add to this diversity of small individual retailers. We look forward to welcoming you.



Jane Logan with some of the hand-crafted glass on sale in the gallery.

Where should I invest my money these days?

By Iain Reid

(Independent Financial Adviser)

THIS question is asked on a daily basis in banks, financial advisers' offices and indeed in living rooms and pubs across the country, and the correct answer is down to an individual's knowledge and experience of financial matters as well as some other factors.

As most of us are by nature, risk averse and do not want to put capital at risk, investing in a deposit account, seems to be the sensible thing to do while we wait for the markets to improve. How many people are reading this article and nodding their heads in agreement because that's what they have done? Quite a few I would imagine, however then consider how long have you been invested in cash waiting for 'real growth' to return?

Over recent years the combination of low interest rates and current inflation rates are simply eroding

the value of cash investments. If you are receiving gross interest of 2.5 per cent and inflation is running at 5.5 per cent then you have made an investment guaranteed to loss 3 per cent, per annum. What makes matters worse is that you may be taxed on the 2.5 per cent even although you have made a real loss!

So if cash in the bank is not the answer, what is the alternative? The simple answer is to use the correct type of funds or assets for the level of return you want to potentially achieve. The traditional methods of savings and investment have their limitations in the new financial world, which is continually evolving, however this evolution has led to innovation and development of products to combat inflation, to protect capital and to meet the needs of investors.

So in reality there has never been a better time to take advice on where you should invest your money these days!



Grant Logan's unique gold jewellery designed and crafted in Campbeltown.

Self-assessed tax return

THE TAXMAN is calling on all self-employed people to complete their self-assessed tax return forms.

Essential for all self-employed business people, tax returns update HM Revenue and Customs on a person's income and capital gains. The information will be used to help HMRC identify people who are entitled to tax relief and allowances.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway Team is offering advice and assistance on completing the forms, which have to be submitted online before January 21, 2012.

Urging locals to submit the forms as soon as possible, Neil Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for enterprise, said the closing date for paper forms has already passed.

Practical help, advice and support for new and growing businesses

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Campbeltown Brass looking to expand

FOR nearly three decades Campbeltown Brass has been entertaining audiences, and is now looking to expand across Argyll to create more opportunities for players.

The band, which is renowned across the country, already has a number of players who travel from Mid Argyll who come down twice a week for practice with others showing interest.

Musical Director Jamie McVicar said it is now a good time for the band

to try to expand by performing other concerts, doing workshops and providing music for other local communities.

The band's aim is to help its members to develop their music making to the highest possible level and it holds regular beginners workshops; this has added to the already established junior and senior bands.

Campbeltown Brass Juniors won the Novice Section of the Scottish Youth Championships in

2010 and, in September this year, won the Youth Development Section at the celebrated Brass in the Park contest in Newtongrange.

Last weekend in Perth, the band was crowned the Scottish Youth Champions in the 16 years and under category.

To ensure the success of all the bands continues Campbeltown Brass is working closely with the Scottish Brass Band Association so players across the whole of Ar-

gyll and Bute can benefit. Since Campbeltown Brass remains the only community brass band in Argyll its success has attracted the attention of the banding world and local musicians alike. It boasts amongst its members, players from Lochgilhead who make the 110-mile roundtrip to rehearsals twice each week.

For more information about Campbeltown Brass visit www.campbeltownbrass.co.uk.



Pupils from one of the recorder groups.



Pupils from the chanter class at the school perform for family and friends.

Campbeltown pensioner robbed of her life savings

Continued from page 1 and transferred about £5,000 to that account, believing that it would keep the money safe.

But she became concerned when there was no follow-up call from the police and when she called Strathclyde Police, the pensioner was told it was a scam.

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie urged OAPs to be vigilant.

She said: 'This is a disgraceful and elaborate fraud which has been used to target vulnerable members of the community.'

Campbeltown Police said inquiries are on going into the incident.

Anyone with information about the con men is asked to call 01586 862200 or to contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Tourism companies are urged to 'shine online'

TOURISM companies are being urged to grow their business through technology with a new online resource published by Tourism Intelligence Scotland as part of its 'Opportunities for Growth' series.

'How to Shine Online' features practical 'how to' guides, hints, tips, ideas and case studies on making the most of the latest technology includ-

ing social media.

Using practical guides, operators will be able to find out how to create a buzz about their business, turn interest into bookings, enhance the visitor experience, build on their success and stay one step ahead.

Castlehill craft fair and concert

CASTLEHILL Primary School's Christmas Craft fair and concert was once again a great success.

The event raised more than £1,000, which will

go towards Mary's Meals and the school's funds.

Variety

A large variety of craft items, which the pupils had made, were on sale

and a packed audience of parents and friends enjoyed listening to the school's concert band, recorder groups, pipe band and choirs.

Gaelic receives cash boost

CASH from Bórd na Gàidhlig will be used to increase Gaelic in Argyll and Bute through a series of projects.

Argyll and Bute Council together with Ionad Chaluim Chille Ìle have been awarded £12,808 continue work in promoting the Gaelic language.

Tutors will be trained using Ùlpan, which is the preferred method of

learning Gaelic, though classes in Kintyre, Mid Argyll and Cowal.

Gaelic conversation classes will held at Ionad Chaluim Chille Ìle. These will encourage native speakers to converse with learners on a series of field trips.

There will also be a pilot drama club run in Islay's primary schools to encourage Gaelic learners from three to 12.

City driving on the agenda

A PAISLEY-based driving instructor is looking to provide drivers from the Argyll area with the opportunity to improve their technique of driving in the city, or to continue their driving lessons whilst at university or college.

Jennifer Owen, aged 34, whose family stay in Carradale, began her training in February 2008 with the British School of Motoring. She started her own school in April of this year, and has been a qualified approved driving instructor since August 2009.

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11/02220/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse.	Land East of 2 Balliemore Farm Cottage Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig Area Office
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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



WILSON - POTAKA

To Stephen Wilson and Raquel Potaka of Telok Kurau, Singapore, a son, Sam Turama Wilson, born November 17, 2011 at Mt Alvernia Hospital, Singapore. Mum and baby both well. A brother for Tyler and grandson for Archie and Margaret Wilson of Stewarton, Campbeltown and Lynne and Dr Paul Potaka of Nelson, New Zealand.

DEATHS

FORSHAW - Peacefully in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on December 6, 2011, Margaret Harvey McCormick, in her 93rd year, formerly of Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, beloved wife of the late John Forshaw, dear mother of Betty, Ian, Alex and Andrew, a loving and much loved grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Friday, December 9 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the RNLI Campbeltown Branch.

KING - Peacefully on November 20, 2011 at Bournemouth Hospital, Jan (Miles), beloved wife of Alan, much loved mum of Colin and Stuart, loving gran and dear niece of the MacBrayne family.

WEST - Peacefully at home, 8E Meadowburn, Campbeltown, on December 5, 2011, Stuart West, in his 50th year, dearly beloved son of James and the late May West and a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, December 9 at 2.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the MacMillan Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

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MACKINNON - Callum (Ski). The family of the late Callum MacKinnon wish to express their sincere thanks to all, for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the many cards, letters of condolence and floral tributes received. Our thanks also go to the undertakers T A Blair of Campbeltown for their care and attention throughout and all others who took part in the service, helping to provide such a memorable tribute to Callum.

CRAIG - The family of the late Eileen Craig would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and flowers received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to Dr Simpson, Community Nurses and Eileen's Carers for their care and attention over the last year. Special thanks to Rev Roddy MacLeod and Rev Alistair Dunlop for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for thoughtful and efficient funeral arrangements; to Iain Campbell for piping services and to the Stag Hotel for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside. The retiral collection raised over £300 for Mod Dalriada and The Trefoil Guild.

GEMMELL - The family of the late Mary Gemmell would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy after our sad loss. Thanks also to Dr Lazarus, district nurses, carers and staff of Lorne Campbell Court, past and present, the Rev Mike Lind for his comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient funeral arrangements, the Argyll Hotel for catering and finally to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiring collection raised £144.85 for the Kintyre District Nurses.

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BROWN - Jamie, died December 13, 2009. Jamie, your life was one of kindly deeds and helping hands for our needs. Loved and remembered always. - Agnes. Granda, you are always in our thoughts. Still missed and not forgotten. - George, Alasdair, Kyle and wee Jamiee. **BROWN** - Jamie, December 13, 2009. Dad, always in our hearts. Love and miss you. - Fiona and Alasdair xxx.

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WEST LOCHFYNESIDE
Church Services 11 December - all welcome!
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church (Furnace) at 10 am
Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm (Readings and Carols)
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Sunday Club

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 11th December 2011
Kilmartin Church 11.30am
Service of lessons and carols
Rev Cliff Acklam
All welcome
SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 11th December 2011
11.00am Morning Service
TONIGHT Friday 9th
Holiday Club Reunion
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Ladies Meeting
Monday 12th December
2.30pm
Christmas Tea
Messy Church
Wednesday 14th December
4.30pm
Scottish Charity SC015187

Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No
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Sunday 11th December 2011
The Third Sunday of Advent
8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Family Communion
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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 11th Dec
Advent 3
"You shall call His name Jesus" (Matthew 1:21)
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm
Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 11th December 2011
Tayvallich Church 10am
Morning Worship
Rev Cliff Acklam
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
SC001002
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Friday, 9th December (Today)
Lunch Club
Christmas Lunch - 12:00 noon.
Sunday, 11th December
Kirk Session - 11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Campbeltown Churches Together
Christmas Service
In Machrihanish Village Hall - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, 12th December
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 13th December
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Congregational Board 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 15th December
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street
Campbeltown
Sunday 11th December
12.45pm
Mr Innes MacSween
All Welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Saturday 10th December 2011
12 Noon - 2pm:
Christmas Lunches - Kirk St Hall
£3 per head
Sunday 11th December
11.15am
Morning Worship
FunDay Club(3yrs - P5): Kirk St Hall
JaM (P6+): Church
12.10pm
Time for Prayer
6.30pm
Campbeltown Churches Together
Christmas Service - Machrihanish Village Hall with Campbeltown Brass
Tuesday 13th December
Badminton Club - Kirk St Hall
Last one for the year...
6.30pm - 7.45pm P1 - P5
7.30pm - 9.00pm P6 - P7
Wednesday 14th December
7.15pm
Bible Studies for Advent: 4 Manse
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone always welcome

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Sunday 11th December 2011
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr George J Stewart, Kilmartin
10.50am Coffee
11.15am Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr George J Stewart, Kilmartin
7.00 Youth Group
Wednesday 14th December
10.00am Jollytots - Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.00 noon Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Adult Home League
Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
New to you Stall
7.00pm Bible Study
Major Dolores Thomson

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYN PARISH CHURCH
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Yachts on the horizon?
Tues meeting decides to bid for famous Dell Lorne Seaforth vessel

WEST KINTYRE

Consultation meetings

OVER the last couple of weeks South Kintyre Development Trust has been holding consultation meetings in each of the West Kintyre villages.

Malcolm McMillan and Ann Boulton from the trust made their way round the different villages in the area to get feedback and action points from recent surveys.

All 462 homes in West Kintyre were sent a survey, with 288 returned, and 20 filled out online.

Malcolm told *The Courier* that feedback was very good, particularly from Whitehouse and Muasdale, with several action points that the communities would like to see taken forward.

'Whitehouse would like to see better broadband access and a lower speed limit through the village and Muasdale would like to see a path linking the surgery with the village,' he said.

There are now plans to hold similar workshops in the Southend and Carradale areas as well as Campbeltown.

KILBERRY

Planning application

A PLANNING application for the demolition of an existing garage and summerhouse for a property in Kilberry, Tarbert has been approved.

The application for Or-dha Coille in Kilberry was approved by Argyll and Bute Council and will see the erection of a replacement double garage.

CARRADALE

Drinking water

PEOPLE in the Carradale area will benefit from clearer, fresher drinking water thanks to £225,000 of works.

The Scottish Water project will give better disinfection at the Carradale Water Treatment Works (WTW), which provides water for around 300 customers in the area.

The investment at the WTW will improve the quality of the water and ensure that it meets the requirements of the Drinking Water Quality Regulator.

Mr Simon Harrison, Scottish Water's water operations manager, said: 'We are delighted to have started this important project in the Carradale area of Kintyre.'

'Scottish Water is committed to providing a first-class service to all of our customers throughout Scotland, from the biggest cities and towns to the smallest, most remote communities.'

'This substantial investment by Scottish Water will deliver significant improvements at the Carradale WTW and substantially improve the quality of water that is provided to customers' taps.'

David Kitching, the construction manager, said they have a view of completing the project by the end of April 2012.

He told *The Courier* there will be no disruption to the supply to customers in the area, and Scottish Water do not expect any disruption to traffic.

The work is being carried out by contractors ID Systems (UK) Ltd for Scottish Water Solutions, a joint venture partnership between Scottish Water and some of the world's leading construction, engineering and water companies.

TARBERT

Raw deal when it comes to the roads

TARBERT and Skipness Community Council is fed up with the raw deal it feels that Tarbert is getting when it comes to the A83.

And now, Brian Mearns, chairman of the community council, has written to Keith Brown, Minister for Transport and Housing, calling for an independent inquiry into the way in which Transport Scotland has treated the community regarding the A83 and the service it provides - or rather, doesn't - in the eyes of people living in and around Tarbert.

Mr Mearns said that the A83 in Tarbert is characterised by its steep-

CLACHAN



Sponsored singalong at primary school

CLACHAN Primary School held a sponsored singalong in the school recently. The money raised will go towards the school's funds and a total has yet to be finalised. Members of the community joined the children for various songs for the afternoon.

ness and narrowness; two trucks cannot pass unless one goes onto the sole, narrow pavement.

There is a lack of adequate pavements and a sharp bend and complex junction at the bottom of the hill into the village opposite a Post Office and Co-op, the largest shop in the village.

'Increasingly high levels of HGV usage has led this stretch of road to become, in our opinion, a real hazard to the lives and limbs of pedestrians and road users alike,' he said.

Over the years, in order to try and reduce the risks to pedestrians and road users, the community council has asked Transport Scotland to consider solutions.

These include restricting a short section of the road to a single wide lane controlled by traffic lights at either end (as at Minard) thus allowing a wide, safe footpath; a pedestrian crossing opposite the Co-op or Post Office and flashing speed signs at the beginning of the narrow stretch of road.

'Whilst acknowledging that this stretch of road falls below the standard expected of Scotland's trunk road network the answer has always been a resounding 'NO!', said Mr Mearns.

'In order to try and reduce the increasing volume of HGVs passing through the village we have worked with the Timber Transport Group and Argyll and

Bute Council to provide a bypass for HGVs.

'More than 50,000 tonnes of timber passes through Tarbert every year. Last year the bypass was completed. However, we found that various mapping agencies including Google maps, now showed the HGV bypass as the main route through Tarbert for all traffic.

'This has had obvious effects of the economy of the village as tourist traffic bypassed us. The solution to this was to be a sign pointing out that Tarbert was a historic fishing port and showing the facilities here.

But Transport Scotland again said 'No!' This time their reason was 'Tarbert is not a tourist destination facility or attraction - it is a place.'

An exasperated Brian Mearns wrote to the minister: 'Transport Scotland is Scotland's expert organisation on road safety yet they only seem able to say No. They never seem to offer solutions, they can only offer refusals.'

'We have seen other communities, with less apparent case for traffic calming measures, get them installed.

'For this reason we believe that we have reached the end of the road with Transport Scotland and call upon the Minister to appoint an independent person or body to look into Transport Scotland's response to our road safety and concerns about signs.'

SOUTHEND

Christmas play

SOUTHEND Primary School's Christmas play will be a modern Nativity with a bit of a twist this year, called *Christmas Stars - Who's Got the Xmas Factor?* The school will stage two performances, on

Wednesday December 14 in the afternoon and evening and tickets went on sale on Monday from the school office. There will be coffee and mince pies served. Nursery children will perform a short Nativity on the morning of Monday December 19 with the help of some of the older boys and girls; parents and families welcome.

Party time

THE school's Christmas party is on Friday December 16 and the children's lunch will be on Tuesday December 20; the school closes for Christmas the following day and reopens on Monday January 9.

Shhhh!

PRIMARY 7 pupils at Southend will hold a sponsored silence on Monday December 19 to raise funds for their residential trip.

Big lunch

SAVE the date for your diary because the UK is planning a 'big lunch' to take place on June 3, 2012, to celebrate the jubilee of HM Queen.

Patrick Stewart, Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, has written to community councils

across the area asking if they would take part. At last week's meeting of Southend's council the members agreed it would be a good idea and will look into the idea in more detail.

Kilchattan wind farm hearing

THE hearing into Kilchattan wind farm at Southend will take place on Tuesday December 13 at St Blaas's Hall in the village.

At last week's meeting of the Southend Community Council members confirmed that they will be taking a neutral stance at the hearing.

But one member, Donnie McLean, will be speaking; Mr McLean has only recently joined the community council and his involvement with the hearing precedes his membership.

'I will be speaking in my personal capacity and not as a community councillor,' Mr McLean told the meeting.

Next meeting

THERE will be no meeting of Southend Community Council in December and the next will be on January 25.

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Pupils on Scottish Cup duty

TOMORROW (Saturday) Campbeltown Pupils are due to play at home to Blantyre Celtic, weather permitting.

This is a fixture in the third round of the Scottish Amateur Cup, with a 2pm kick off at Kintyre Park.

If the local side defeat Blantyre they are at home to Dennistoun in the fourth round.

The winners of that game are at home to either Burntisland United or Jordanhill Campus in round five.

Slog in the Sand

FOR the second year running Campbeltown Running Club has organised Slog in the Sand.

A chance to work off your dinner from Christmas Day, the 10k event takes place at Westport on December 27.

Registration is from 11am in the Westport car park, with the run beginning at noon.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third in male and female categories, with entries on the day only.

Tarbert travel to Dunoon

THIS weekend Tarbert AFC travels to Dunoon to take on their 'B' side in the first round of the Coronation Cup.

Kick off is scheduled for 2pm with Jimmy Litster as referee.



James Young of Campbeltown Young Farmers throws a bowl during the practice night. 21_c49bow101

Practice night bowls them over

A PRACTICE night took place at Argyll Bowling Club on Monday night in preparation for this weekend's charity triples competition.

Raise funds

The annual event will this year raise funds for Auchinlee Care Home and

Kintyre Care Home, with 23 teams so far entered.

Last year the event raised £400 for the Erskine Hospital.

There will also be a raffle on the day and anyone is free to pop up to join in the fun.

Sports hall athletics underway

SPORTS hall athletics is now underway in Argyll for the winter season.

The first competition took place at Tobermory High School last weekend.

This was the first of four area events being

held in Argyll this winter, with qualifiers from each area invited to take part in the Argyll Sports Hall Athletics final on February 25 at Atlantis Leisure in Oban.

The next local area competition is at Lo-

chgilphhead on Sunday, January 15 followed on January 21 by the Oban event.

The Kintyre contest will take place at Campbeltown Grammar School on Sunday, January 29.

Lack of posts holding rugby club back

RUGBY is flourishing in Kintyre, but the area is unable to hold games as goal posts, which were delivered in July, have still not been put up.

The Kintyre rugby teams, which boast around 40 players, both boys and girls, have been waiting for their pitch to be completed.

John Forster of the club said the have been 'very patient' and it is stopping them pursuing the sport fully.

He told *The Courier* that they are having to travel away to play games and cannot return the favour as the goal

posts have not been put up.

'We managed to get the posts through the council and they arrived in July. However one was bent and was sent back.

'Since then they have not been used and are sitting waiting on the council to install them.'

He said the children are not able to practice properly as they have nothing to kick over.

The rugby club has been going for just over a year now and although the pitch has been lined John and the rest of the committee are still wait-

ing on the posts to be erected. The issue was discussed at the South Kintyre Sports Council recently and Stuart McQuaker said he had never seen so many people so keen on rugby before in the area, but that they are unable to play because the pitch is not finished.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said: 'We are looking to fit the posts as soon as we can but the weather has been too wet to put concrete down. 'As soon as there is a dry spell they will be fitted.'

Sports coaching weekend

ALL types of sports from swimming to athletics and canoeing to volleyball are on offer during the council's Coaching Champions weekend to be held in Oban in February.

Dates have also been released for next year's football residential course from July 23 to 27.

Popular

This course is always incredibly popular and is an excellent way for young people to live and breathe football for a whole week.

Full details of both events can be found on

the council's website.

Spokesman for the third sector and communities Councillor Rory Colville said: 'Coaching champions offers 56 courses including sports that reflect our rural and island environment.

'I am also delighted

that the council is once again running its residential football course. We have a strong tradition of footballers in Argyll and Bute and this week long course gives young people the opportunity to totally immerse themselves in football.'

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