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**Hundreds turn out to see
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Cute three-year-old Joshua Lafferty joined hundreds of people who lined the streets of Campbeltown last Friday to see who was turning on the Christmas lights. Joshua also joined in the parade which was boosted by various organisations in Campbeltown including Wind Towers (Scotland) Limited, Lorne and Lowland Church, Auchinlee and the local lifeboat and coastguard.

See pages 14 and 15 for photographs and The Campbeltown Courier's website for a video of the event. 20_c49lights15

Drunk - aged 12

Campbeltown Hospital treats second youngest drunken child in Argyll

A DRUNKEN 12-year-old is the youngest to be admitted to hospital in Campbeltown for alcohol intoxication.

Statistics obtained through Freedom of Information revealed this was the youngest person admitted to the local hospital for the 'toxic effects of alcohol' over the last 18 months and the second youngest in Argyll and Bute only to 11-year-old in Oban.

Argyll and Bute Council leader Roddy McCuish said the figures are worrying.

'This is something we really have to look into,'

he said. 'Firstly where are children getting the alcohol and secondly what can we do to stop it?'

'I would like to see the full force of the law coming down on anyone involved in buying booze for children.'

South Kintyre councillor Rory Colville echoed his sentiments, saying: 'It is a very serious offence to procure alcohol for an underage person.'

'I think the worrying fact is that people that age can procure alcohol.'

Andrew Hemmings, chairman of the Camp-

beltown Community Council said substance abuse was a concern for the group, saying methadone was also a major worry.

Young people who decide to turn to alcohol are receiving as much help as possible, according to the Kintyre Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service (KADAS).

Liz Kennedy of KADAS, said they have been working with Campbeltown Grammar School to deal with any substance problems pupils have. They have also started a peer support group.

The court heard in October that Kloosterhuis has stolen the money through a variety of ways and the offence only came to light when an on-the-spot audit was carried out by post office officials.

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Payback order for Islay man

AN ISLAY man who admitted making sexual remarks about a 13-year-old girl has been placed on a community payback order.

David McEachern, 42, of 5 Flora Street, Bowmore, appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court in October and further admitted behaving in a threatening and abusive manner.

He warned the group of school children: 'I'll break your head' on September 10, this year at The Square, Bowmore.

On Tuesday at the court, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC placed McEachern on a community payback order with a supervision requirement for 12 months.



Alasdair Paisley looking very pleased with his Bookbug Pack. C49clach-book01no



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Scottish Book Week comes to Clachan

CLACHAN Primary School Pupils have taken part in a number of activities as part of Scottish Book Week.

Last week, children got involved in a spelling trail, where they hunted for sounds outside in the winter sunshine.

They also read Roald Dahl's story about The Minpins and P1 pupils Alasdair Paisley received a Bookbug pack.

Campbeltown Loch berthing project to host workshop

THE FINAL option for developing Campbeltown Loch berthing facilities will be looked at this month when a technical workshop is to be held by Argyll and Bute Council.

The workshop, on December 17, will take place in Campbeltown Town Hall and will include looking at alternative technical solutions, discussing the best organisation to manage a facility of this type and identifying potential sources of funding.

The feedback from this event will help the council develop options for the berthing facility in a practical manner and one which is hoped will produce the best and most viable options

for moving forward.

Chairman of Campbeltown's CHORD project board, councillor Rory Colville, said they have already undertaken the dredging works.

'This workshop gives us the opportunity to assist in identifying the fine detail on the final options and I urge all interested parties to be involved,' said councillor Colville.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please contact Fiona Anderson on 01546 604 255, or email fiona.anderson2@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

If you are not able to attend, you can make comments or ask questions online at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Argyll MSPs' expenses in the spotlight

AN ARGYLL-based MSP claimed expenses for nearly £1,800 in mobile phone bills alone in the last financial year.

Jamie McGrigor, a Highlands and Islands MSP for the Scottish Conservatives, claimed £1,745.27 back from the taxpayer in the 2011/12 financial year as part of an overall £27,767.44 expenses claim.

Meanwhile, Argyll and Bute SNP MSP Michael Russell claimed a total of £30,091.62, including a refurbishment of the party's office in Oban. Highlands and Islands list SNP MSP Mike Mackenzie claimed total expenses of £26,712.99 for the financial year.

The claims for the last financial year were published by the Scottish Parliament last week.

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'Wee Toon' to Troon ferry link bid gains momentum

STRONG support has been given by two local authorities for a ferry service from Campbeltown to Troon.

Opportunities

The opportunities this ferry service could offer are being highlighted by Argyll and Bute Council and South Ayrshire Council.

They have written to transport secretary Keith Brown just before the Scottish Government's Ferries Plan is published.

The two local authorities are also looking to explore interest in a triangular route with the Northern Ireland Executive.

Deputy leader of Argyll and Bute Council, John Semple, firmly believes an Argyll to

Ayrshire service would bring significant benefits in both directions. 'We both have much in common and also much which would complement the existing strengths and opportunities which our communities have,' said councillor Semple.

Economic benefit

'I believe there would also be significant economic benefit connecting growing sectors in Argyll with an accessible labour pool and supply chain capability via Troon, in particular for off-shore renewable energy, food production, whisky and tourism.'

'We fully support the development of this route and will continue to work with our colleagues in Argyll and Bute and at Associated British Ports to move this exciting project forward.'

Both councils will submit a detailed case on the potential of an Argyll to Ayrshire ferry service to Transport Scotland.

structure and timetable.'

South Ayrshire Council's leader, councilor Bill McIntosh said this opportunity could make a real difference for local communities, creating increased employment and economic opportunities that are not currently feasible given the restrictions of the existing infrastructure.

'We fully support the development of this route and will continue to work with our colleagues in Argyll and Bute and at Associated British Ports to move this exciting project forward.'

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WRVS award for Isobel

A CAMPBELTOWN woman has received an award for her charity work in Glasgow City Chambers.

The award was part of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS) Diamond Champions, celebrating older people who contribute to charity.

Isobel MacLean, who volunteers for Meals on Wheels in Campbeltown, went to the Glasgow City Chambers on October 22 to receive a brooch and a certificate signed by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. There were 450 nominees and Isobel was one of 60 regional champions chosen for her hard work along with two other people from Argyll.

Speaking about why she does charity work, she said: 'I just like mixing with people and I quite like being in amongst people.'



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Police appeal after Main Street break-in

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Campbeltown Town hall plans go on show to public

EARLY design ideas for one of Campbeltown's most iconic buildings went on show last Friday.

At the exhibition in Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service after the Christmas lights switch on, the design team were also on hand to talk to people about the plans for the redevelopment of Campbeltown Town Hall.

Trevor Oxborrow, chairman of South Kintyre Development Trust said community input and support is important as once the final plans are completed and submitted to the Big Lottery early in the New Year it will be hard to make any changes.

Campbeltown Town Hall has stood at the heart of the community for more than 250 years and is a historical and culturally significant landmark.

During this time it has served as the principal community space for the people of Kintyre and it is considered to be an integral part of the civic and social fabric of

the town.

In this time has been variously used as a courtroom, a prison, council chambers, a Registrar's Office and an election hall.

The presentation last Friday showed the history and development of the town hall since 1760 and how it might continue to change and modify to meet its future needs in 2013.

The hall is currently owned and maintained

by Argyll and Bute Council with a plan to transfer it into community ownership through the South Kintyre Development Trust.

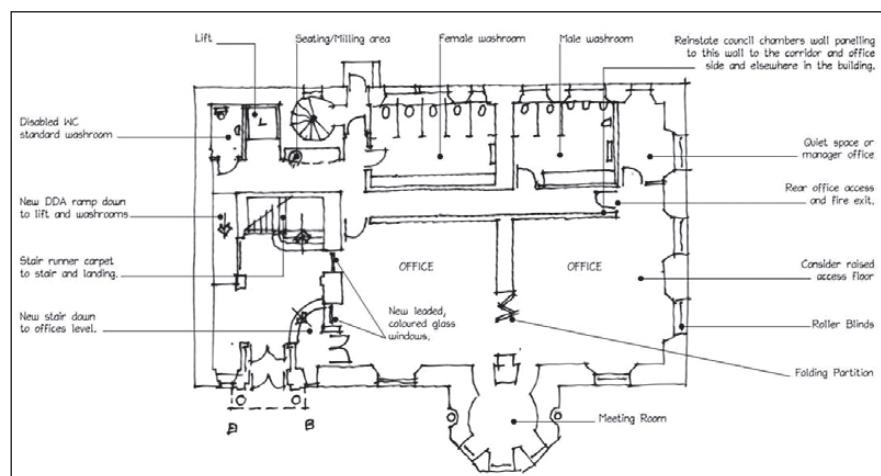
Funding

The project is expected to cost around £1.3million which will be achieved through funding of just under £1million from the Big Lottery's Growing Community Assets fund and the remainder of the funding from the Camp-

beltown Townscape Heritage Initiative.

Campbeltown Town Hall would then be conserved, remodelled and refurbished to a high standard.

'It is hoped that when the building is renovated groups, businesses and individuals will use it for a variety of purposes like coffee mornings, dances, weddings, parties and performances,' said a SKDT spokeswoman.

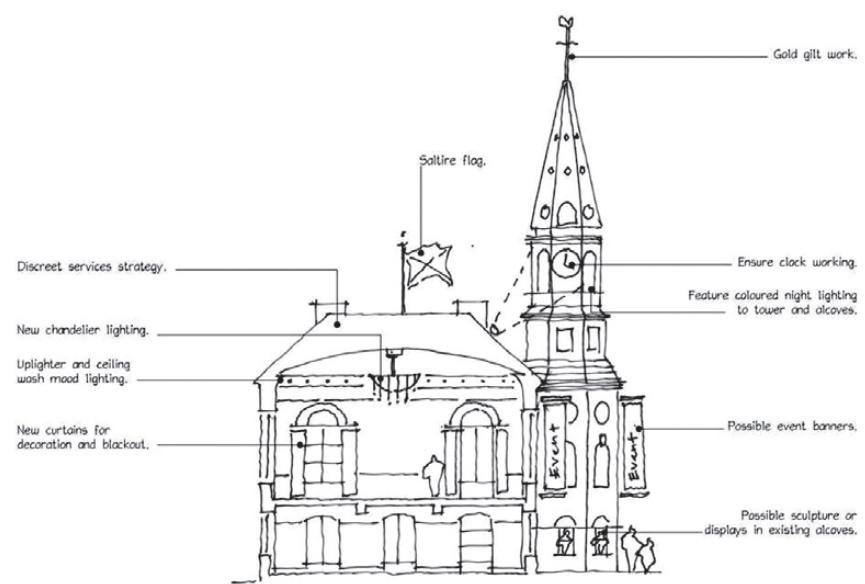


The ground floor entrance will be made more welcoming which will lead to new offices and washrooms.

This enhanced carpeted and lit entrance stair will lead to the main hall which will be brought back to its former glory to support a wide range of community uses.

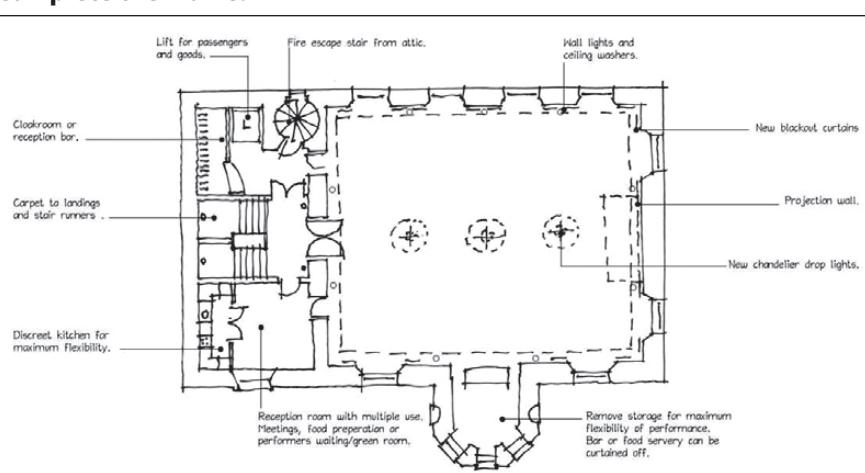
New ramps and a lift within the building will ensure access for all.

Project is expected to cost around £1.3million



On the outside, the historic building will be carefully restored and enriched with subtle lighting and event banners.

Renovated Provost Lamp Standards and new pavement finishes will complete the works.



Plans for the first floor include a reception and bar area as well a reception room for multiple uses, including for meetings and food preparation.

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Concern over Argyll population decline

ALARMING projections for the population of Argyll and Bute show that the number of people aged 75 and above will treble by 2035.

Councillors on Argyll and Bute Council's Community Planning Partnership were told last Wednesday how the population of Argyll was forecast to fall by nearly 7,000, from 89,200 to 82,754, between 2010 – 2035.

Projected estimates indicate that by 2035 deaths would exceed births, the number of children and working adults would fall dramatically and the population of people aged 75 and above will increase by 73.6 per cent.

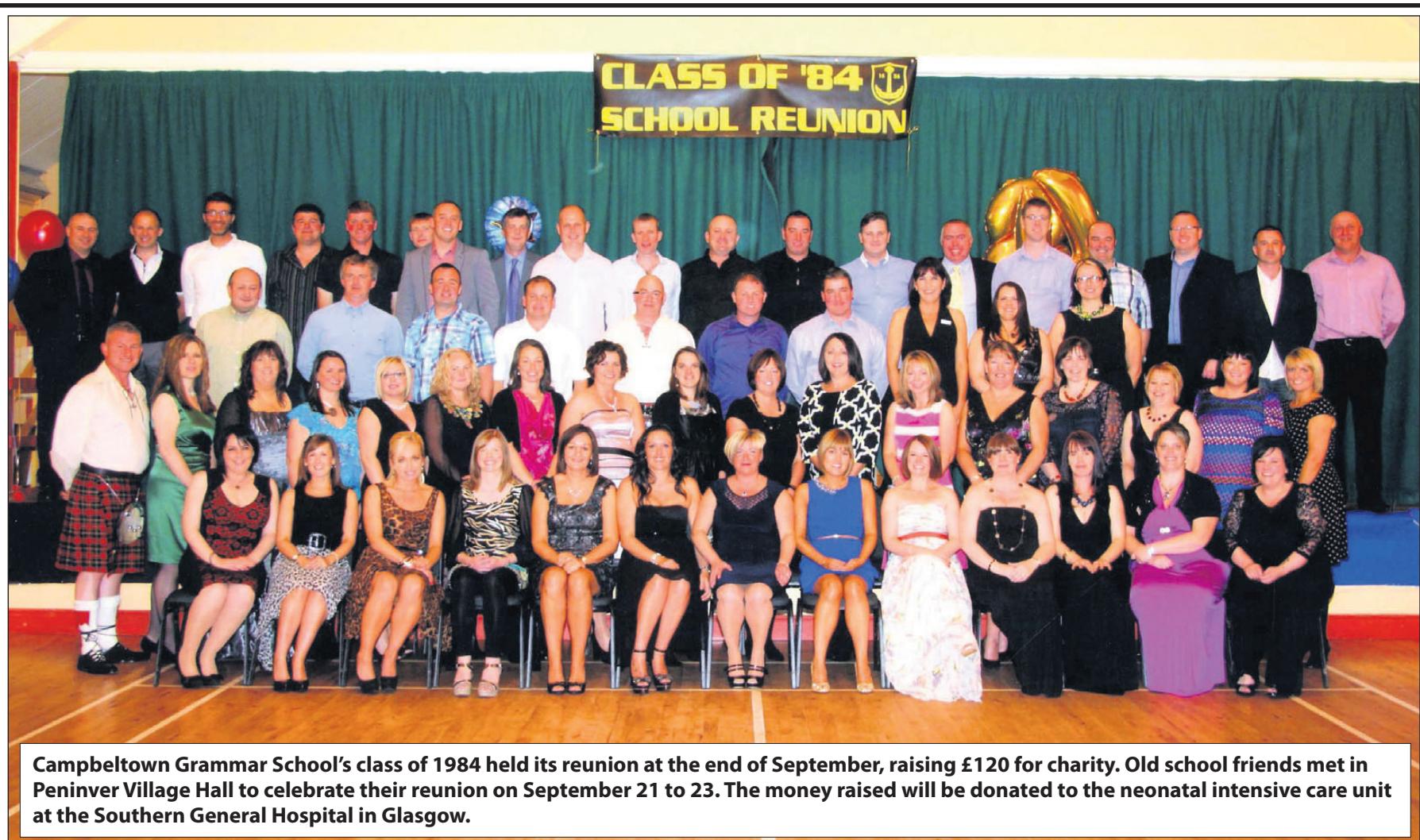
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Council leader Roddy McCuish said: 'This is a serious issue for us. We need to make sure our young people have work within Argyll and Bute because they are our greatest asset, yet also our greatest export.'

'I would like to see more skills and apprenticeships available in the renewables, aquaculture, agriculture and tourism sectors. We need to build more affordable housing and infrastructure that is suitable for the 21st century.'

'High speed broadband is also a necessity if we want people to live here – the technological superhighway becomes a dirt track when it hits Argyll and Bute.'

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Time called on renovation cash offer

FUNDING to renovate an old post office in Campbeltown has been withdrawn after the owner took too long to make a decision.

The Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) had been planning on giving the Grade-C listed building on Main Street funding but the offer has been withdrawn after talks between the group and the building's owner, Chris Gabriel, stalled.

James Lafferty, project officer at THI said due to the perceived value of the building, a grant would not be high enough and Mr Gabriel would have to contribute money towards the

renovation. It had also been suggested to Mr Gabriel he get an architect to draw designs of what was needing done and THI could find the right grant to assist him.

Mr Lafferty said: 'The THI has a deadline to allocate funding and if this deadline is passed the funding will be moved to somewhere outside Campbeltown.'

According to Mr Lafferty, Mr Gabriel took too long to decide, leaving them no choice.

He added the THI is currently looking at other ways of forcing Mr Gabriel to provide funding for the building. Mr Lafferty claimed the post office is subject to regu-

lar small repairs only to prevent it being served with a dangerous building notice.

James added: 'He may be pulled up on it being a listed building or its conservation status.'

The Heritage Lottery Fund has also been approached for funding but Mr Gabriel's elusiveness is making them reluctant to attempt a meeting with him.

The matter was brought up at last month's Campbeltown Community Council meeting. There has been no progress in finding a solution since.

Mr Gabriel was unavailable for comment as the *Courier* went to press.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheddell



A crowd of us gathered on a winter evening at Putechan Hotel to explore the wonders of the universe.

Unfortunately cloud precluded us from stargazing but we were treated to the most wonderful lecture from Alec MacKinnon, an astrophysicist originally from Campbeltown and now at Glasgow University.

Facts and figures bemused and overwhelmed us, but the wonder of it all was what registered in my mind. I was completely awestruck by some of Alec's amazing photographs of the stars and planets.

As we remembered our planet is some four and a half billion years old and that the light from some of the stars takes millions of years to reach us, it made me feel very small indeed. The night sky is beyond my comprehension and I remembered the psalmist who also gazed at a starry sky and wondered how the creator of all this could care for each one of us so deeply.

Over 2,000 years ago there were other stargazers looking for a very special sign in the night sky over Bethlehem. The Magi were told that an extremely bright star would herald the birth of the Messiah. These early astronomers had spent their lives studying the configuration of the planets, and it is thought the star they saw may have been a meeting of Jupiter and Saturn.

It is amazing to think that we are looking at the same stars today, but with the expertise of folks like Alec, we can understand so much more about our universe. As we left the hotel after enjoying conversations over a delicious supper, I looked up. The clouds had cleared and there in the east was Jupiter rising majestically into the darkest of skies which was now a twinkle of stars.

The heavens surely declare the glory of God as we wait once again for a birth.

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Down Memory Lane



Campbeltown girl is Miss Young Farmer

Twenty-one-year-old beauty queen, Gail Martin from Campbeltown has been voted Miss Young Farmer for Argyll 20 years ago.
Gail, a member of Kintyre and District Junior Agricultural Club beat all the other contestants from young farmers' clubs all over Argyll to win her way to the Scottish final. t48twenty01

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Agreement on opposition to 'bedroom tax'

Sir,

I refer to a recent letter from Ron Wilson. At last there is something that I and Mr Wilson can agree on – we both oppose the 'bedroom tax'.

This is the cut in housing benefit faced by housing association tenants who have an extra room in their house. There is a serious issue for housing associations to tackle.

It is unfair that some people are living in overcrowded accommodation whilst others receive housing benefit for an empty bedroom. However the government's plan to tackle this through the 'bedroom tax' is too drastic, and so I spoke out against the bedroom tax in Parliament and voted against a three-line whip.

Where Mr Wilson and

I part company is on the solution. Thanks to Liberal Democrat insistence, the Scottish Government receives £1,600 more in block grant from the UK Government for each person in Scotland compared to the equivalent departments in England. An independent Scotland would lose all that money, and so would be forced to make cuts even more extreme than the bedroom tax.

Alan Reid MP.

TV Licence reminder

Sir,

With budgeting a priority in winter, I am writing to remind readers that anyone aged 75 or over is eligible for a free TV Licence for their main address.

There are currently more than 600 free TV Licences in force in Campbeltown. With more than 40,000 people in Scotland due to turn 75 this year, TV Li-

censing and Age Scotland are reminding older TV Licence holders in Campbeltown they will be entitled to a free TV Licence on their 75th birthday. Eligible people can register online at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/over75 or by calling 0300 790 6073. The free licence will cover all the equipment in the property, meaning family or carers living in the same home could also benefit.

Anyone aged 74 or over can begin planning for the concession immediately by applying for a short-term licence which will last between one and 11 months. Applying for a free licence is simple and, once you have one, TV Licensing will send a new licence once every three years, cutting down on excess paperwork. The free licence is not granted automatically so anybody who becomes eligible needs to make sure they re-

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IT certainly is changed days when people as young as 11 and 12 are being taken to hospitals in Argyll and Bute suffering from alcohol intoxication.

One questions not only how young people manage to get hold of booze but also why they feel the need to drink at such a young age.

When I was young I was playing with my dolls and not even thinking about drinking - how the times have changed.

Have they succumbed to peer pressure or feel it would make them look 'cool'? Either way it's a disgrace.

There should be greater punishment to those who supply underage kids with alcohol.

Somehow I'm sure they would still get their hands on it, but at least it would deter irresponsible adults from buying alcohol for children.

member to apply by getting in touch with TV Licensing directly. Customers with a free TV Licence are reminded to contact TV Licensing if there is a change to their name, address or telephone details.

Fergus Reid
TV Licensing Scotland, 87 West Regent Street, Glasgow, G2 2AW.

Insurance deadlock must be broken

Sir,

It is imperative that the government and Association of British Insurers find a way of providing affordable insurance for homes that are at risk of flooding.

The deadlock over subsidising insurance for households in flood-prone areas will not just affect people when they experience flood damage.

It will influence the ability to secure a mortgage, re-selling and ultimately the value of the property.

Equally, without a clear and agreed path forward, the Law Society remains unlikely to produce a practice note for flood risk.

We strongly believe flood risk reports should be part of due diligence

for all property lawyers but until a replacement for the statement of principles is agreed, the Law Society simply does not have enough information to create a practice note.

This leaves home owners in an extremely precarious situation as lawyers currently have no professional obligations with regard to obtaining flood risk screen reports for property transactions.

We can only hope that property owners take heed of the current flooding across the UK and, if they are considering buying a property, insist on a flood risk screening report before committing to a purchase.

Simon Boyle,
Legal director,
Argyll Environmental.



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Opportunity Kintyre project may get back on track

MOMENTUM behind plans to access new funding to rejuvenate Opportunity Kintyre (OK) is building.

Rejuvenating

After disbanding due to lack of funds three years ago, OK met in September to look at re-

juvenating the group.

OK was set up as an experiment in 2006 and the group met up after a report they carried out identified a need for more localised support for people starting a business in Kintyre, including mentoring,

training and networking.

Very impressed

Directors met with MSP Michael Russell in November, who has given his backing to the project.

'I am very impressed with the vision and

achievement of Opportunity Kintyre and I am keen to do what I can to help the organisation take forward its positive agenda which has already lead to the establishment of new businesses and supported the creation of new

jobs,' he said.

'There are similar schemes elsewhere and by working together with them I hope we can jointly persuade funding agencies to take these opportunities.'

Chairwoman Morag Duff and director Pame-

la Galbraith travelled to a meeting in Blairgowrie with Growbiz.

Sustained

Growbiz, a similar initiative which was set up with similar aims, has sustained itself over the years.

Mr Russell suggested

directors from Growbiz, OK, himself and John Swinney MSP should meet in the New Year to discuss possible ways of accessing funding.

'The outcome was very positive,' said Morag.

'Progress is currently being made.'

Getting ready for winter

PRACTICAL information to help businesses and individuals prepare for winter is now available online.

The Scottish Government's national campaign 'Ready for Winter' aims to help Scotland get ready for severe weather.

Whether you are self-employed or run a large business being prepared for severe weather can save you a lot of trouble if and when it arrives.

Think about how severe weather may affect you and your business and find ways to be ready that suit your circumstances and are cost effective.

Some tips include ensuring you have appropriate insurance cov-

er for all aspects of your business, talk to staff about how severe weather may affect your business and how best to avoid disruption.

Staff may be unable to get to work - make sure you know what to do to keep the business going in their absence and even consider remote or flexible working. Finally, putting together a contingency plan on how you would manage if there was a power cut, or failure of your phones or other utilities

Whilst planning ahead can't stop bad weather, it could make things easier to manage if the worst happens.

Visit www.readyscotland.org for more information.



Sukanta Debnath, the new owner of Whisky Macs. 08_c49whiskys01

Argyll-based apprenticeship centre to increase number of courses with new engineering workshop

AS AN academic partner in the University of the Highlands and Islands, Argyll College UHI is committed to providing accessible education and training of the highest standard to support the communities and businesses of Argyll.

Nowhere is this commitment more evident than at the college's purpose-built Construction, Engineering and Renewables Centre in Lochgilphead, where bricklaying and carpentry and joinery apprentices have been trained since 2007.

The existing centre accommodates up to 32 apprentices in these two trades and with a new engineering workshop about to open, the range of course provision on offer is set to increase to meet demand.

The college is keen to continue building relationships with local employers to create new programmes, some of which will have an in-built placement element, which could have the potential to lead to further study and apprenticeships in a whole range of subject areas.



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Campbeltown night hot spot is under new ownership

ONE OF Campbeltown's most popular nighttime hot spots has got a new owner.

Sukanta Debnath has taken over Whisky Macs, a bar in the centre of the town. He said he plans to keep the place the way it is with the same furnishings, music, drinks and atmosphere.

Pub grub

However, he does intend to introduce food to the establishment, mainly pub grub to be served all day.

There will be a cur-

ry night on a Thursday and a steak night another evening during the week.

While Sukanta has never owned a pub before, he has a raft of experience in the food business and has worked in bars before.

He started working in a family friend's pub in Bedford where he gained experience in the business.

He eventually moved into the restaurant business, opening two Indian restaurants.

'I opened Coriander in

Oban first then in Lochgilphead,' he said.

The Lochgilphead branch was sold on after six months.

He then opened a European cuisine restaurant in Oban, which he kept on for a while before selling on.

He said he decided to take on Whisky Macs 'to do something different'.

'It has good potential,' he added: 'It's already making money, so if you add food at the right price it shouldn't go wrong.'

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Whisky Macs
LIVE MUSIC

New members show off crafts at festive fair

ON FRIDAY night and Saturday, Kintyre Crafters held their Christmas craft fair in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown.

There was a range of gifts and food on offer, including wooden products, bags, jam and cakes, all with a Christmas flavour.

Three new members have joined the craft group, including Cecilia Lock, who makes quilts.

She only started making them a few months ago and this was her first time selling them.

She said: 'A quilt making magazine was advertising on TV so I bought

it. I didn't think I would enjoy it as much.'

The event was fairly busy, according to Anne Stewart, who runs the craft fairs. They will be setting up stalls at Putechan next week, which will be the group's first time there at this time of year.



Pat McPherson, Anne Stewart and Jackie Millar at the Kintyre Craft Fair on Saturday. 08_c49crafts01



Twelve year-old Daniel Hughes, who is one of the main volunteers for the charity and spends much of his time looking after the cats and kittens. 08_c49catrescue01

Campbeltown Cat Rescue raises £1,060 at fundraiser

CAMPBELTOWN Cat Rescue has raised £1,060.95 after holding their annual big fundraising event on Saturday morning.

The coffee morning included a large raffle, with a number of items up for grabs, a guess the weight of the cake and the dog's birthday competitions.

A huge number of raffle tickets were sold during the fundraiser, which is the main source of funding for the charity.

Donnie MacLean, who runs the cat rescue said: 'There are three other events on today, so I think we've been quite lucky.'

Southworth in running for award

SOUTHWORTH Development has been named as a finalist in the Enterprise category at the 'Rural Oscars'.

The 2012 Countryside Alliance Awards recognises businesses from across the country who are vying for one of five regional titles.

The Scottish winners will also go forward to the UK and Ireland final. Southworth Development, the Village at Machrihanish, is up against others from Aberdeenshire and Dumfries and Galloway in the enterprise category. Each finalist has received numerous nominations from supportive customers. Finalists will gather at Holyrood on February 5 to find out who will take the title in each category.

Table top sale

TABLES are still available for a table top sale at Campbeltown Heritage Centre next Saturday.

There will also be teas, coffees and home-baking on offer from 10am to 1pm as well as the farmer's market.

See advertisement for more details.

Community Noticeboard

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Prizes for Over 25 & Under 25 volunteer & group winners will be awarded at the event.
Donations will be presented through the Community Shop Fund.

Christmas concert

A CHRISTMAS concert is to be held by Tarbert Music Centre next weekend.

It will take place on Sunday December 16 at 7.30pm in Tarbert Village Hall. See advertisement for more details.

Voluntary Action awards fair

ARGYLL Voluntary Action will hold a community award fair tomorrow (Saturday) in Campbeltown.

From 2pm to 4pm, the group will be presenting prizes for over 25 and under 25 volunteer and group winners.

Salvation Army carol service

THIS Sunday a carol service will be held in the centre of Campbeltown by the Salvation Army.

Led by Majors Elwyn and Carol Harries, the service will take place in Lorne and Lowland Church at 7pm on December 9.

Positive results from double skills course

SEVERAL tutors from Argyll and Bute Council's leisure and youth services team have completed a training course to teach children there is more to sport than winning.

The seven tutors took part in the Positive Coaching Scotland course, which is designed to teach valuable life lessons and skills to young people through sport.

A central part of the

programme is to develop double skills coaches, who will teach young people the importance of winning, but also character building life skills.

Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for sport, Douglas Philand, said: 'Sport can bring so much to the lives of young people and not only when taking part. So many of the skills learned on the playing field, like teamwork, playing fair, motivation

and discipline, can help in many other areas of life. Congratulations to the local sports tutors who have completed the course already, and I hope that this is a rewarding experience for all involved.'

The Double Skills Coaches workshops will now be offered to sports clubs across Argyll and Bute. For more information, contact Nicola Hackett, Active Schools manager, 01369708667.



As part of regular meetings to explore sites of historical interest, the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society recently visited ruins of two former farms. The group met up on Sunday November 25 to visit Lecknalarach and Colluska, pictured, which lie north of Lussa Loch in South Kintyre.

Huge choice of items at Guild silent auction



Eleanor Bennett, Una Semple and Sylvia Irvine, who are on the Church Guild and organised the auction. 08_c49auction01

SADDELL and Carradale Parish Church Guild held a silent auction on Saturday, December 1.

The auction took place in the Carradale Village Hall with funds raised going towards the Guild.

A huge assortment of items were included in the auction, such as a foot spa, records, toys and a Malteser delight cake. Jams, preserves and home baking were available to buy, along with homegrown vegetables.

Those attending were treated to soup and sandwiches while they bid.

Deirdre Robertson, one of the committee members, said the items were donated from people in the village.

Speaking about the turnout she added: 'Considering we are a wee village we are ticking over nicely.'



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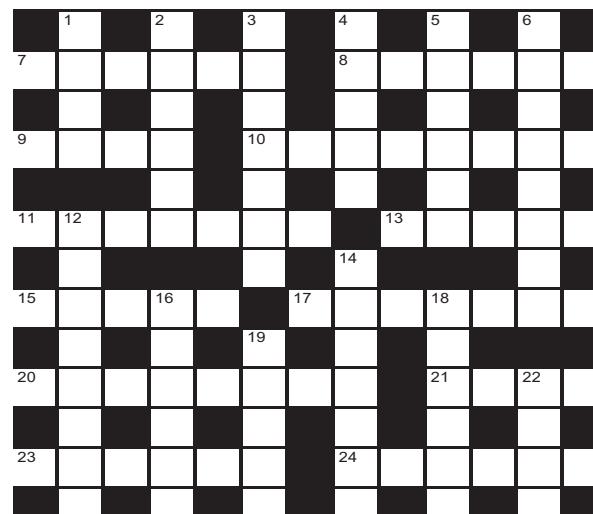
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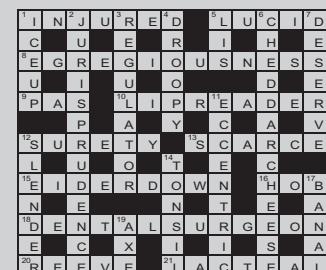
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Synopsis: Skyfall. Bond's mission is to keep a computer drive that has a list of British agents from being used against them. He chases the man who has it and they have a brawl on top of a train. Eve, an agent sent to assist Bond has them in her cross hairs but hesitates to take the shot because she might hit Bond but M orders her to take it. She does, and hits Bond who falls into the river and is believed to be dead.

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Last Week's Solution



Across

- 7 Deviate (6)
- 8 Hint at (6)
- 9 Harmony (4)
- 10 Without any missing (8)
- 11 From rock (7)
- 13 What assails one's nostrils (5)
- 15 Turf (5)
- 17 Underwater bloodsucker... (7)
- 20 ...bug (8)
- 21 Bounce back (4)
- 23 One who pays (6)
- 24 What is to occur (6)

Down

- 1 Not close (4)
- 2 A devine revelation (6)
- 3 Comprised of somewhat independent coll (7)
- 4 Avalanche (5)
- 5 Nasty (6)
- 6 Show of appreciation (8)
- 12 Deep down (8)
- 14 Leave (7)
- 16 Devastated (6)
- 18 Fast (6)
- 19 Irritated (5)
- 22 Where you are (4)

GRADUATION



Susanna Angus recently graduated from Elmwood College, Fife, with an HNC in Early Education and Childcare. She was a pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School and is the youngest daughter of Rod and Niccy Angus of the Scottish Owl Centre and granddaughter of the late Col and Mrs Angus of Kilchrist Castle. Susanna now works at 1st Steps Day Nursery in Oban.

WEDDINGS

**Barnett – Walker**

Robert and Rebecca married on 1st September 2012 at St. Columba's Chapel, Poltalloch Estate, Kilmartin. A fantastic day!

MILLAR - ARTHUR

On the 25th August 2012 at the University Chapel, Glasgow,

Dr. Eoghan R. A., son of Robert and Barbara, Lochgilphead and Dr. Laura Margaret, daughter of Michael and Pearl, Braidwood.

A memorable occasion and a very happy celebration for both families and friends.



An Appreciation

ROBIN was born and brought up in Campbeltown and shared a very happy childhood with his siblings Campbell and Jennifer.

He had an artistic flair and at school expressed a desire to go to art college but left school at 16 to enter the family grocery business founded in 1906 by his grandfather, Hector McIlchere.

The business expanded with shops in Campbeltown, Tarbert and Lochgilphead.

They also developed a bakery using old family recipes. Robin loved escaping from the office and travelling all around his beloved Kintyre.

Robin and his broth-

er opened the Golden Grain Bakery and went on to develop an export market, particularly for shortbread and meringues. Robin became sales and marketing director and demonstrated a flair for development and presentation of their products. They became a major local employer but the business went into liquidation in 1982.

Robin returned to the Main Street shop and the bakery returned to Longrow. He developed confectionery skills, which were apparent in the admired wedding and celebration cakes.

Always looking for a new challenge he developed a business based

in Brussels importing whisky and Scottish seafood into the European market.

He was diagnosed in 2000 with Alpha-1, antitrypsin deficiency, a condition causing premature lung aging. He was assessed for a lung transplant but decided the risks were too high and went on to survive a further 12 years.

As a founder member and secretary of Campbeltown Sailing Club he was instrumental in establishing contact and arranging regattas with Cushendall Sailing Club. This alliance across the North Channel continues to this day with annual visits and firm friendships.

Robin was well-known for his practical jokes. He and a friend caused havoc when disguised as

two elderly women they gate crashed the women's guild social evening and filled their shopping bags with a selection of cakes and sandwiches from the top table.

He coped with his long illness with good humour and courage and always maintained an interest in others. He frequently escaped into his memories and his paintings were a place to lose himself from the reality of his progressive condition.

All three girls share Robin's mischievous sense of humour. He was immensely proud of his daughters' achievements.

He started painting in 2001 in a studio (shed) in the garden. He quickly developed his own style, especially after moving from watercolours to oils. His subjects were usually scenes of Kintyre.

In the last few years he painted under the name of ROLAMI (Robin Lang McIlchere) exhibiting at various Kintyre art shows and the Archway Gallery. It is estimated Robin produced about 300 paintings.

Robin died in his 68th year and is survived by his wife Irene and daughters Jilly, Louise and Jane.

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Victorian tea marks end of Red Cross centenary year celebrations



The Kintyre branch of British Red Cross drew its fundraising for its centenary year to a close with an Edwardian Tea Party. 20_c48red02



Centre organiser Anne Cousin, second right, presented Jennifer McKerral, Isobel Campbell and Jean Armour with flowers to mark their retirement. 20_c48red01

AN EDWARDIAN tea afternoon marked the end of the centenary year of the local branch of British Red Cross.

The event, which was stowed most of the afternoon with locals, raised more than £1,000 which will go towards the Red Cross's mini bus last weekend.

Afterwards, director of the West of Scotland fundraising branch, Marie Hayes praised the group on its fundraising efforts throughout this centenary year.

In acknowledgement Marie presented the

group with a certificate of commendation for meritorious service to the British Red Cross.

Three ladies, who between them have accrued more than 100 years of fundraising for the British Red Cross, were presented with certificates and flowers to mark their retirement.

They were Jennifer McKerral, Jean Armour and Isobel Campbell.

Anne Cousin, centre organiser for the local branch, thanked the people of Kintyre for their generous support throughout the year.

Volunteer shopper service goes from strength to strength

CAMPBELTOWN'S Shopper-Aide service has done shopping to the sum of £1,856.53 during the last three months.

The volunteer service is steadily growing as more people who are housebound sign up to get their shopping done and more volunteers get involved.

The volunteers shop, deliver goods and help around the home.

Shopper-aide is holding

a Christmas Prize Draw for a hamper containing goods donated by Tesco and Co-op.

Tickets can be bought at the shop on Longrow and the draw takes place on December 21.

Volunteer

They urge anyone who would like to volunteer to come forward and if anyone knows of someone who could benefit from the service to let them know.

Argyll carers in line for boost

CARERS in Argyll and Bute are set to benefit from a grant of £21,000 from the Scottish Government's Creative Breaks programme.

Argyll and Bute Carers' Network has recently been awarded the money to provide short breaks for unpaid, family carers.

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Council to pay company to throw away old computers

THOUSANDS of pieces of computer equipment are to be disposed of over the next three years by Argyll and Bute Council.

The authority has issued a tender inviting companies to quote for a three-year contract to dispose of between 1,500 and 1,800 devices per year.

It includes personal computers, laptops, servers, data switches and uninterruptable power

supplies from Helensburgh, Dunoon, Rothesay, Oban, Lochgilphead, Tarbert and Campbeltown.

But computer specialists have questioned the council's policy in disposing of this equipment. One IT manager said: 'Instead of paying a firm to take the equipment away the council should be looking at companies that would pay for the equipment.'

A council spokeswoman said: 'The council has issued a tender for disposal of IT equipment, and as such, some of the

Requirements could still be put in place for the disposal of sensitive data but the hardware contains valuable precious metals firms could sell.

'The equipment could even be refurbished and sold on or even better, donated to local charities.'

A council spokeswoman said: 'The council has issued a tender for disposal of IT equipment, and as such, some of the

matters raised are commercially confidential whilst the tender is in progress. The tender process will ensure that the council disposes of its equipment in the best value method.

'The council has on a number of occasions donated redundant PCs to local charities, most recently to Bute FM, and will continue to do so when this is appropriate and dependent on resources.'

No evidence wind farms will adversely affect tourism

A SCOTTISH Government inquiry has published findings which reveal Scotland's tourism industry will not be 'adversely affected' by wind farms.

An inquiry into the Scottish Government's renewable energy targets was held in the parliament in April. It heard from

high profile campaigners such as Donald Trump.

A report on the inquiry, published by the cross-party Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee stated: 'While some strongly held localised and anecdotal opinion exists, the committee has seen no empirical ev-

idence which demonstrates that the tourism industry in Scotland will be adversely affected by the wider deployment of renewable energy projects, particularly onshore and offshore wind.'

Tourism organisation, VisitScotland also carried out a survey which reports 80 per cent

of UK visitors would not be deterred by wind farms.

Developers are also turning wind farms into tourist attractions, with one site, at Whitelee, south of Glasgow, becoming a tourist attraction in its own right, according to the report.



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Hundreds turn out to see Christmas lights switched on

Special guests join in family fun

HUNDREDS of people lined the streets of Campbeltown last Friday night for the switching on of the town's Christmas lights.

Special guests Merida from Disney Pixar's Brave and Campbeltown's Jamie McIvor, a news broadcaster with the BBC, joined two competition winners to switch on the lights. Jane Scott of P3 at Castlehill Primary and Mary Thomson of P5 at Dalmioner Primary were the lucky winners of a design competition, with their designs also made into lights displayed on Longrow. A new committee took over this year to organise the popular event and hope to build the competition year on year. The majority of shops in the area also stayed open late.



Flint-Pheonix Barrett sitting with Santa in his grotto. 08_c49light538

MARY THOMSON



Children on the lifeboat float. 08_c49light533



Mary Johnson who has been doing Santa's grotto after the lights switch on for a number of years. 20_c49lights11



Left to right: special constable Robert Westerman, sergeant Alan Heron, constable Sharon Souden and constable Robert McGregor. 20_c49lights22



Campbeltown's Jamie McIvor and Merida with competition winners Jane Scott and Mary Thomson after switching on the Christmas lights. 20_c49lights21



Machrihanish Village's float before the start of the parade. 08_c49light529



Maia Ruesgen, 4, had reindeer antlers on for the occasion. 08_c49light512



Santa on his sleigh as part of the parade. 08_c49light547



The lantern procession with the large reindeer lantern taking prominence on the street. 20_c49lights09



Denise Brolly, Fiona McArthur and Lynn Galbraith. 20_c49lights03



Eighteen-month-old Leigh Allan on the shoulders of Gordon Allan. 20_c49lights24



Merida from Disney Pixar's Brave was the special guest for the evening. 20_c49light501



Charlotte Gilbert collecting money for the RNLI during the parade. 20_c49lights34



20_c49lights12

WHITEHOUSE

Bingo night for hall funds

A CHARITY bingo night was held at Whitehouse Village Hall to boost hall funds.

The evening was held on Friday November 30 and attracted bingo-goers of all ages.

CLACHAN

Cake expert shares tips at SWRI meeting

CLACHAN SWRI members were delighted to welcome Fiona McArthur to their November meeting.

Fiona is well known in Kintyre for producing imaginative cakes and cupcakes for birthdays and other events. She showed the ladies how to ice and decorate a Christmas cake and

used a variety of cutters and nozzles to decorate cupcakes.

They were given many tips on colouring icing and making different designs.

Fiona judged the competitions as follows: three cupcakes - 1 Glynnis Lewin; 2 equal Barbara Bell and Pat Dean; 3 Jane Griffiths.

Most used kitchen utensil - 1 Jane Griffiths (spatula); 2 Pat Dean (whisk); 3 Jenny Sinclair (fish slice).

Fiona was thanked for all her help and kindly gave members a cupcake to take home.

Tea was provided by Margaret Mundell and Glynnis Lewin.

TAYINLOAN

Christmas tabletop sale

A CHRISTMAS tabletop sale has taken place in Tayinloan Vil-

lage Hall over the weekend to raise funds for the hall.

On December 1, people were invited to buy a table for £7 to take part in the sale between 1pm and 4pm.

There was a raffle, bottle stall, gifts, crafts and lucky dips, with a silver collection on the door for visitors.

CARRADALE

Fire fighters run festive post

CARRADALE's fire fighters will once again be running a Christmas postal service.

This year it will be in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust and all addresses from Saddell to Grogport will be covered.

Christmas cards will be delivered by fire fighters for only 25p each.

Posting boxes will be in Semple's Garage and at the golf club.

ISLAY



Ciara Caskie Allan.

Ciara's lifesaving journey

AN INSPIRATIONAL Islay girl flew out to the US last week to allow her to have lifesaving cancer treatment – thanks to kind-hearted islanders.

The Ciara Caskie Allan Appeal has struck a chord with Ileachs, who have helped to raise £26,396 so far through a massive island-wide campaign that has seen sponsored runs, bingo nights, a Zumbathon and raffles among the events.

The Allan family says it has been touched by the response from islanders, as they will now be able to remain together during Ciara's treatment whilst in the US.

Any remaining funds will be donated to other charities chosen by the Allan family.

Ciara visited the Procure Proton Therapy Clinic, Oklahoma City, for the first time last Monday and, after a two-week assessment and preparation period, will

begin her treatment.

Ciara has been battling cancer since the age of three. A benign brain tumour, which paralysed her down the left side, was discovered after she suffered a stroke due to a brain haemorrhage.

After 16 weeks of hydrotherapy and physiotherapy she was able to walk and talk again. However, last year it was confirmed her tumour had spread and developed cysts.

She has received two forms of chemotherapy, both of which have been unsuccessful and undergone brain surgery.

She had her third major brain surgery before flying to Oklahoma to undergo Proton Therapy, an intensive treatment which is currently unavailable in the UK.

GLENBARR

Trees and Lottery tickets

GLENBARR Stores is set for Christmas trees and the Lottery over the next few weeks.

The store is now fully stocked with festive fir trees in the nursery, while the National Lottery will be coming into the shop very soon.

LARGIESIDE

Dinner date

THE LARGIESIDE SWRI Christmas dinner is set to take place on December 17 at the Argyll Hotel in Bellochany.

The meal will be from 7.30-8pm and for more information contact Linda at 01583 441 152.

SOUTHEND

Young farmers invited along to SWRI member's night

NOVEMBER'S meeting of Southend WRI was held in St Blaan's Hall when president Jen Ronald welcomed members and two young farmers to a member's night.

Four of the committee offered to give demonstrations to their fellow members and hoped everyone would find something to interest them.

Jean Ives started the evening off by showing the ladies a family favourite by filling a prepared chocolate swiss roll with a mixture of chocolate and fresh cream, transforming it into an effective Yule Log, dusted with icing sugar and finished with a sprig of holly.

Inez Ronald made a Christmas wreath, using a pre-soaked Oasis ring, woodland ivy and adding red roses, finishing off with clusters of red and gold baubles. It could also be hung on a door or even as a table centre piece with a candle, along with another simple design using a posy of roses.

President Ronald showed the skill of cooking on a traditional girdle and by using a two ringed gas cooking stove, made scones followed by every one's favourite and much enjoyed pancakes.

Vice president Mary

Cameron made a snowman for the top of a Christmas cake using white and coloured fondant icing, then produced an iced Christmas cake with a completed snowman surrounded with glittering snowflakes. For something quite different and new a variety of muffin-sized Christmas cakes all decorated.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mary to everyone who had entertained and shared their ideas.

Hand made cards by Trish Pearson were handed round for members to see, bringing the meeting to a close.

Competition results: three butterfly buns: Jen Ronald and Fiona Rowland gold, Margaret McDowell and Elizabeth Semple silver, Margaret Penman and Inez Ronald red.

Bramble jelly: Margaret McLean and Inez Ronald gold, Mary Cameron and Jen Ronald silver, Margaret Bakes, Margaret McDowell and Elizabeth Semple red.

Moonlight photography: Margaret McDowell gold, Margaret Penman and Jen Ronald silver.

The Christmas Party for the group will be held at Muneroy Tea-rooms on Monday December 17 at 7.30pm.

BELLOCHEANTUY

Travel in the spotlight

GUEST speaker for the November meeting of Bellochantuy SWRI was William Crossan.

President Patricia Fair welcomed members and Mr Crossan to Glenbarr Village Hall. Mr Crossan gave a presentation on his travels, entitled 'Favourite Places', which included a number of photographs he has collected over the years starting with Mykonos, a Greek island. He had a varied repertoire but felt a great deal of his interest was in churches when he reflected on his experiences in life.

His final views were of Kintyre and of the beautiful places people are surrounded by and places of worship.

From Mr Crossan's travels he was able to recommend to the group places to dine from, which had impressed him.

Competition results: Baking, three butterfly cakes: Ann Boulton green, Pam Francis blue, Margaret McKinnon red, Mary Barbour blue, Nettie Semple silver, Barbara Young green, Morag Branson blue, Joan Brady blue, Elaine Hemmings red, Elizabeth Young green, Susan Turner gold, Patricia Fair red.

Handicrafts, fingerless gloves: Nettie Semple gold, Libby Kerr red, Susan Turner silver; Confectionery, six pieces of coconut ice: Pam Francis red, Alice McLean gold, Patricia Fair silver.

WYVEX MEDIA

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AMATEUR photographers across the West Highlands and Islands are being urged to get snapping with the launch of Wyvex Media's Photo of the Year competition.

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It can be anything, from your favourite place or activity to a picturesque sunset or local wildlife.

Entries will be accepted until the end of January, so there is plenty of time to get out and about to grab that winning image.

Each week, we'll run a selection of the best photographs and even if you're not taking part, you can vote for your favourite.

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Festive food and drink isn't just about Christmas day, the whole season is filled with merriment. Stock up on some good malt whiskies, why not try those that are locally produced? At least if you burn the dinner nobody will notice.

Head to a farmer's market, there are often extra ones held at this time of year and you might just come across some delights you wouldn't get in the shops. Markets are also a great place to pick up fantastic fresh veg, just what you need to go with a roast.

This is also an opportunity to support Scottish farmers – buy meats marked with the labels, Scotch Beef, Scotch Lamb and Specially Selected Pork – these guarantee 100 per cent Scottish origin and a high standard of animal welfare.

Don't forget to order your turkey for the big day. Your local butcher will be more than happy to cater for your requirements.

But it isn't all about poultry, the west of Scotland has some fantastic fresh seafood on offer – even at this time of year. Try serving some locally produced mussels, scallops or oysters as a starter. Handmade chocolates can be a nice neat little dessert when you've indulged just that bit too much on the main course, head down your local high street and see what delights you can find.

Of course eating at home leaves someone with the unenviable task of doing the dishes – why not take the stress out of festive food and enjoy dining out in one of the wonderful restaurants Argyll has to offer.

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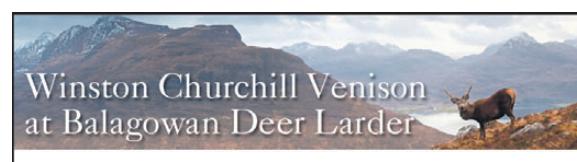
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Magnus Bell and Marc Haggart of Mint Energy, with some of the farmers who came to the open day at Drum Farm. 08_c49mintenergy01

Energy company hosts farm open day at Drum

RENEWABLE energy company, Mint Energy, held an open day at a farm just outside Campbeltown.

The company invited farmers in the area on Tuesday to come and see the advantages of wind turbines which it has installed at Drum Farm, Kilkenzie.

The company was involved in the wind turbine project at Drum Farm from the begin-

ning until its completion in January.

Magnus Bell, who works for the company said Kintyre was an ideal place for small wind turbine projects. 'There are a lot of farms and a lot of wind,' he said.

According to Magnus, renewable energy is a very sustainable way of running dairy farms, which use a lot of electricity. Any excess electricity goes into the na-

tional grid, giving the farmer an additional income source.

He added: 'This open day is to give farmers in Kintyre an opportunity to see how an installation works.'

'Once they have seen it in operation it's easier to visualise it on their own farm.'

Mint Energy has been involved in building around 250 wind turbines across Scotland.

Market report

ISLAY United

Auctions

Bullocks

Aberdeen Angus X: £985 and £780(3) – Uiskentuie £745(5) – Scarabus £695(7) – Octomore.

Charolais X: £855, £825(4) and £675(2) – Brybruiach.

LimousinX: £1045, £1000(3), £945(3) and £875(9) – Uiskentuie £845(2) – Ballychatrigan £815 – Uiskentuie(7) and Kilchiaran £805(3)

– Uiskentuie £795 – Kilchiaran £775 – Carrabus £745 – Pairc A Chlassan £740(3) –

Uiskentuie £730 – Carrabus £725 – Ballychatrigan(2) and Pairc A Chlassan £715(2) –

Ballychatrigan £705 – Kilchiaran and Kilbride £700(8) – Knocklearach

ach £685(3) – Cladville £670 – Carrabus.

Simmental X: £875 – Uiskentuie £820(3), £805(4) and £750(3) – Corry £695 – Island £685 – Cladville.

Heifers

Aberdeen Angus X: £625 – Kelsay

Charolais X: £795 – Uiskentuie £715(2) and £690(5) – Brybruiach.

LimousinX: £935(2), £855(3), £765(6) and £755(4) – Uiskentuie £755 – Kilchiaran £685(2) – Dunlossit Knocklearach.

Simmental X: £675 – Island.

Prices per kilo

Bullocks

Aberdeen Angus X: 219p(18) and 206p(10) – Scarabus.

Charolais X: 233p – 9 Mansefield Rd(8) and Knocklearach(7), Woodend(2) and Pairc A Chlassan 221p(2) and 207p(2) –

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Some of the heifers getting ready to be judged at Gartvaigh Farm.

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Judge John Gilmour runs his eye over the heifers at Ormsary Farm.

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Ayrshire breeders hold annual heifer competition

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held its annual heifer competition on November 28 with five lots shown to a very high standard for the judge John Gilmour of Humeston Maybole to place in order.

There was a good turnout of spectators following the event throughout the day and in the evening before dinner at the Ugadale Hotel, the prize-giving was held.

Sally Chute presented the prizes to the winners as follows:

Parkers Cup for Heifer Team:

1 Willie Ralston, East Drumleble,
2 J and M Barr, Clochkeil,
3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh.

Kintyre Farmers Cup for Individual Heifer:

1 J and M Barr,
2 Willie Ralston,
3 Archie Millar, Ballygregan.

James and Sons Quaich for Progeny Group:

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Left: - Thomas Cameron's heifers at Gartvaigh Farm.

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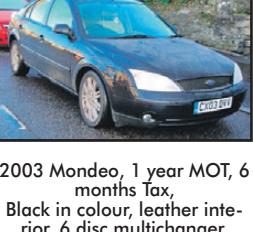
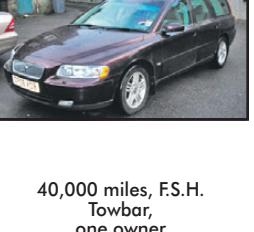
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Councillor John Semple (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

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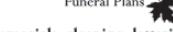
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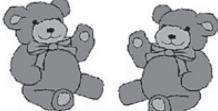
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



PATERSON

Greig and Vicki (née Scott) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their twins, a son, Caleb and daughter, Lois, born November 16, 2012. First grandchildren for Marianne, Campbeltown and Ronnie and Christine, Troon. First great grandchildren for Annie Hamilton, Smith Drive, formerly Craigowan Park. Both families delighted.

ENGAGEMENTS

MCKINLAY – FRENCH
– Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Rachel, eldest daughter of Scott and Aliceanne McKinlay, to Naill, elder son of John French and Jane Beckett, Motherwell.



WALKER

MCCALLUM – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Kevin, eldest son of the late Basil Walker and Liz Glover, Helensburgh and Christine, daughter of Raymond and Elizabeth, Campbeltown. Congratulations and love to you both.

MARRIAGES

BARNETT – WALKER – Robert and Rebecca married on September 1, 2012 at St Columba's Chapel, Poltalloch Estate, Kilmartin. A fantastic day!

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

SMITH – MACMILLAN
– Congratulations to John and Angie who are celebrating sixty happy years, on December 5, 2012. Best wishes from all their family.

DEATHS

MACKAY – Peacefully, in the Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital, on November 27, 2012, Catherine Colville McLean, in her 72nd year, Strathmore, 7 Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Malcolm MacKay, much loved mother of John and Barbara and a loving granny of Mara and Ross.

PRATT – Suddenly, at his home, Birchfield, Whitehouse, by Tarbert, on November 30, 2012, Mr Derek JE Pratt, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Margaret, much loved dad of Jacqui and Stewart and adored grandad of Andrew, Kieran and Niamh. Much respected father-in-law of Mark and Louise. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday, December 13 at 12.15pm.

All friends and family are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired to WWF.

ROME – Peacefully, at Crosshouse Hospital, on November 30, 2012, after a short illness, Nancy (née McLean), aged 91 years, dearly beloved wife of the late Johnnie, much loved mum of Elizabeth, John and Margaret and devoted granny and great granny. Funeral service on Friday, December 7, 2012 at St Andrews & St Marnocks Church, Kilmarnock at 12.15pm and thereafter to Holmsford Bridge Crematorium at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to the Macular Disease Society would be most welcome.

WILSON – Peacefully, on November 17, 2012, in Portfield, Haverfordwest, Mary Campbell Rae, in her 82nd year, dearly beloved daughter of the late Elizabeth Cox and James Rae (watchmaker) and dear sister of the late Margarate, Victoria, Wee Aggie and John.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DEWAR – Roslyn and James would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, cards and flowers received following their recent sad loss of Billy. Special thanks to Robert Cameron and Janette Eynon for their guidance and support and to local ambulance staff, Graham and Lorna, for their efforts and care. Thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for efficient arrangements, and to the Galley of Lorne Hotel, Ardfern for fine purvey. Finally our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The collection for Mid Argyll Chemo Unit raised £100.

LOVE – Anne, Elizabeth and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness, for the many cards, flowers and telephone calls and expressions of sympathy shown to them at this sad time. Special thanks to all connected to Ward B, Lorn and Islands Hospital and Southend Surgery who so kindly cared for Bob; the Reverend Dugald Cameron for a very personal and comforting service, to Ross MacPherson for his lovely music and Peter Sinclair for his wonderful singing; to Ian MacInnes of D & A Munn for efficient funeral arrangements and thanks also to the Rowantree Hotel for refreshments and to all who attended church and graveside, many of who travelled a long way in appalling weather. Thanks also to Emma Law for her excellent bagpipe tribute at Pennyfuir. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiral collection which raised a fantastic amount of £705.

MCNAUGHTON – Elizabeth and the family of the late Neil would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy. Special thanks to Mr William Crossan for his fitting tribute and heartfelt thanks to staff at Kintyre Care Centre for their compassion and care; to Mary Stewart and the staff at the dementia

day unit for their help and support. Thanks to the staff of the patient transport service for their patience and kindness. Many thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professional funeral arrangements and to the Argyll Hotel for their fine purvey. Lastly, the sum of £425.30 was collected for the dementia day unit.

WALLACE – Jack and family desire to return sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their many kinds expressions of sympathy, cards and floral tributes received in their sad loss of Jean. Heartfelt thanks to Rev Philip Burroughs for his many visits, words of comfort and prayers, and for excellent delivery of the service in celebration of Jean's life, in the Lorne and Lowland Church, also David Gardiner for organ playing and accompaniments, and Susan Lovell for beautiful rendering of "The Lord's Prayer". Special thanks to Dr Bhimani, staff at Campbeltown and Oban hospitals, Macmillan and community nurses, whose help was invaluable during Jean's illness. Also, Alasdair Blair for personal and competent funeral arrangements, and the Ardshiel management and staff for the warm welcome and kind attention. The retiral collection raised £1670 for Macmillan and community nurses.

IN MEMORIAMS

BROWN – In loving memory of James, a dearly loved son and brother who died December 13, 2009. The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- With love, families at home and away.

FLETCHER – In loving memory of Archie, our dear dad and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003 and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother, who died November 5, 1977.

Loved and remembered always.

- Inserted by son Gill, Teresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

LAY – In loving memory of our brother and uncle, Jimmy, who was taken too early, on December 8, 2011, to keep a watchful eye on us.

Missed sorely and thought about every day.

Always remembered with a smile.

- All our love, Pat, Nona, Lorraine, Lesley, Mandy and families xxxx.

LAY – In loving memory of Jim, who passed away on December 8, 2011.

Thank you for being the most special person I've ever known.

I love you with every part of my heart and soul.

Still my inspiration, forever more.

- Lisa x.

MACCALLUM – In loving memory of Tommy, a dear husband and dad, died December 11, 2002.

We often sit and think of you and think of how you died, To think you could not say goodbye before you closed your eyes.

- Love Mary, Janette and David xxx.

MACCALLUM – Treasured memories of Tommy, died December 11, 2002.

Loved and remembered always.

- Mary, Roslyn, Margaret and Davie x.

MARTIN – Treasured memories of Marion (Stewart), died December 2, 1997.

Always remembered.

- Mum and family at home and away.

YOUNG – In loving memory of Norman, passed away December 11, 2002.

Ten years have passed since you went away,

But in our hearts you will always stay.

- Margaret and Yvonne xx.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Sunday 9th December 2012
11.15am Morning Service
Mr.C. Holden

Fun Day Club & JAM in Hall

Tuesday 11th December 2012

Badminton Club Kirk Street Hall

Primary 1 – 5 6pm – 7pm

Primary 6 & 7 7pm – 8pm

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2013

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Friday 7th December 12 – 2pm

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Morning Service in

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10.00 am

Gaelic Service in Lochgair

Church 3 pm

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665

Morning Service in Inveraray

Church at 11.30 am

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Sunday 9th December 2012

11am Morning Service

Monday 10th December

Ladies Meeting 2.30pm



A club competitor in the freestyle event. 20_c49swim02

Club championship goes swimmingly

THE KINTYRE Amateur Swimming Club's annual championships took place recently with a large number of swimmers taking part.

Club coach Stuart McQuaker said he was impressed by the determination and effort shown by the swimmers.

He added: 'It was most encouraging to see the number of younger competitors participating in the more challenging 200m and 100m Individual Medley (IM) events.'

The results are as follows: 13 and over mixed 200IM: 1 Caitlin Campbell (2:49:28) 2 Becky Dott (2:52:55) 3 Emma Lazarus (2:55:40). Girls 12 and under 100IM:

1 Ava McLatchie (1:32:94) 2 Fiona Kay (1:37:80) 3 Hannah Oman (1:40:64).

Boys 12 and under 100IM: 1 Dhyllon Cox (1:48:55) 2 Alex Campbell (1:52:74) 3 Ryan McGeechy (2:04:29).

Girls under nine championship: 1 Caitlin Russell, 2 Astrid McLellan. Boys under nine champion: Andrew Dott (won all four events). Girls 11 and under champion: Fiona Kay. Boys 11 and under champion: Dhyllon Cox. 12-year-old girls championship: 1 Ava McLatchie, 2 Rhiannon McSporran. 13-year-old girls champion: Becky Dott. 13 year old boys champion: Andrew Kay. Girls 14 years and over champion: Kirsten McLean. Boys 14 years and over champion: Steffan Cox. Girls 200 freestyle champion: Emma Lazarus (2:27:80). Boys 200 Freestyle champion: Andrew Kay (2:45:01)

Darts league

BURNSIDE won 9-1 against the Fiddlers in week eight of the Campbeltown Districts Darts Association.

The results are as follows: Commercial 7 Ailsa 3, Fiddlers 1 Burnside 9, Kilbrannan 5 Kilbrannan B 5, Kinloch 4 Fiddlers B 6. Mixed Triples are in the Burnside on Monday.

Islay golf

LACHLAN Gairns came out on top in the Islay Golf Club December Medal.

Full results are as follows: 1 Lachlan Gairns 80 less 11 net 69, 2 Calum Davey 83 less 13 net 70, 3 Ruaraidh MacIntyre 76 less 5 net 71. The CSS was 70.

Dunaverty golf

DUNAVERTY Golf Club is drawing its lottery on Sunday with a jackpot of £300.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

Carradale ladies in the prizes

THE annual presentation of prizes has taken place at Carradale Golf Club at the ladies' section annual general meeting.

Margaret Campbell came out with the most prizes after winning the Winter League Salver, runner up Matchplay Cup; Captain's Prize, handicap and senior winner of club championship and Ladies Open. Isabel White, SLGA Brooch and Bronze Med-

onship, Winter Eclectic, Melfort Quaich and Silver Medal.

The rest of the prizes are as follows: Marlene Walker, Summer Eclectic, RNLI Shield, July Shield and Silver Division Trophy.

Laura McGeechy, scratch winner of club championship and Ladies Open. Isabel White, SLGA Brooch and Bronze Med-

al. Fiona Rattray, handicap winner of the Ladies Open (scoring a record 51 Stableford points), Girls' Cup, July Cup and Ladies Greensome with Margaret Walsh.

Anne Storm, Matchplay Cup and April Medal.

Margaret Richardson, Morton Trophy.

Sylvia Irvine, runner up Morton Trophy. Eilidh Neilson, September

Medal/LGU Brooch and RNLI Shield with John McLean.

Marlo Logan, July Medal/Clic Sargent.

Norma Steven, SLGA Thistle Brooch. Pat Ritchie, August Medal.

Eilidh Seedhouse, Junior Girls' Cup. Anne Borthwick, Bryson Trophy. Tarcarra Cup Annual Match between Tarbert and Carradale, Carradale.

Lifeline for lower teams in winter league

THERE were plenty of chances to close the gap at the top of the table in Saturday's Machrihanish Golf Club winter league.

Only half of the eight games were played and the leaders from one of the teams were out of action, giving a lifeline to the lower placed teams.

Vice-captain Angus Brown and Finlay Wylie climbed up to second place after coming out tops in a high quality match against Stuart Campbell and Jimmy Simpson.

Another full round for Jimmy proved just too much as they succumbed to Finlay's sublime

thinned approach to the final green, which clinched the match.

Elsewhere Robert McDonald, in for Terry Mundie, and Hector Tuesday McMurchy suffered a severe hammering from club captain John Biggins and Donnie MacLean. Donnie clearly revelling in his first outing as the low handicapper.

Bonus

The added bonus for John is that his win moves him above ex-partner Norman 'the now not so mighty' Gwynne in the league standings.

The Flintstones, Hector

Thomson and Bob Tait, steered their buggy down the wrong road in defeat to Stuart Gillespie and Robert McGougan whilst in the last match, past champions Graham Anderson and Davie 'Rip Van Winkel' Rankin missed their opportunity due to technical difficulties with Davie's alarm clock.

He never set it!

The club Christmas dance is on Saturday, December 15 with tickets selling fast.

Members should contact Iain, the club steward if interested in attending.

New courses on offer for Argyll's Coaching Champions

BOOKINGS for the Coaching Champions programme in Argyll and Bute are being opened from today.

The sports coaching programme will run in 2013 with a number of new courses and opportunities for existing and new sports coaches.

Coaches, teachers, instructors, clubs, youth leaders and community volunteers can all be trained in the most up-to-date coaching, including skills not only in their chosen sport but also first aid, child protection and nutrition.

There are courses in a range of different sports including outdoor adventure sports.

Opportunity

Argyll and Bute Council's lead councillor for sport, Dougie Philand said Coaching Champions was an opportunity not to be missed by anyone wanting to become a quality coach or improve their skills.

'This is a unique event in Scotland – no other local authority runs anything like it, and we're proud of what it has achieved so far,' he said.

'It reflects Argyll and Bute Council's desire to increase participation in sports and physical activity, and combat social inequalities through getting people more active in our unique natural environment.'

'I would encourage anyone interested to sign up. It's a fantastic event.'

The event will take place February 1 to 3 in Oban and free minibus transport is available to people in Campbeltown. More information can be found at www.argoyle-bute.gov.uk/coachingchampions.



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'Dale share the points

CARRADALE AFC was unable to make the best of several chances on Saturday and ended their Central Scotland Welfare Football Association match against Brucehill with a 2-2 draw.

Before the game the team received new strips kindly sponsored by the Meridian Salmon Group.

The opening part of the match was pretty even for both sides. The first chance fell to the hosts after ten minutes when Andrew Henderson's shot inside the box came off the underside of the bar and was cleared.

This gave the home side the incentive and Johnny McCormick beat three players, shooting just outside the post.

The best chance fell to Henderson after 18 minutes with a good run down the right side by Craig Morris. His cut-back went to Henderson four yards out but the ball got stuck below his feet and the chance was gone. During the rest of the half they created chances without scoring.

The home side opened scoring just before half time with a one-two with Morris and David Johnstone just outside the box. Morris carried on

his run and his powerful shot from ten yards gave the keeper no chance.

Half time: 1-0.

Brucehill equalised within two minutes of the beginning of the second half. The away side was awarded a free kick two yards outside the box. A firm strike by the left back Thomson bounced up in front of the keeper and into the back of the net.

Carradale then regained the lead in the 68th minute. Ryan McConnachie on the left hand side beat two defenders with a nice bit of skill and slipped it through to Johnstone who slotted it home from 12 yards.

Henderson then had two great chances to extend Carradale's lead. The first, a header from two yards and then another five minutes later.

The Brucehill equaliser came with a defensive error in the 88th minute. That was the final attack though and the match ended 2-2.

Carradale were very disappointed to miss out on several chances and not take away three points.

Their next game is tomorrow (Saturday), away from home against the Yoker Boys in the league cup.

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Running club seeking beginners

CAMPBELTOWN Running Club has started offering an introductory 'base group' for non-competitive runners after receiving a number of requests.

The first session took place on Tuesday and will continue for three weeks until December 20. The group is aimed at any runner wanting a base to work from before joining the training sessions, members who have or are about to enter a race taper, members who have just come back from injury and all those who want an easy run that night.

The group meet at Aqualibrium reception at 6.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and everyone is welcome to join in any night during the three weeks to try it out.

Pupils left out in the cold

THE McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils were left without a match to play on Saturday as their game was called off due to bad weather.

The team had travelled as far as Inveraray to find their Scottish Cup match had been called off at the eleventh hour.

The only game to escape the weather was an Oban Saints cup-tie against Sandy's AFC.

It was particularly frustrating, as the club had to leave early to comply with an agreed noon kick off, only to find the all-weather pitch at Greenock affected by the overnight sub-zero temperatures.

Another attempt to play the tie will be made tomorrow (Saturday).



The players of CDJFA 2003 age group enjoyed a visit to Lochgilphead on Saturday to play seven-a-sides against other teams from Argyll. The team of 10 managed by Charlie Dott and assisted by Steven Lang and John Lamont turned in a number of impressive displays, which other team coaches commented on. The squad will continue their Monday and Friday night sessions for the next two weeks before finishing up for Christmas.

International golf event coming to Kintyre

MACHRIHANISH Dunes Golf Club is to play host to an international golf championship in 2013.

The world final of the International Pairs Club Event will take place in October at the course.

It is recognised as the

biggest club competition. The finals have been held in Loch Lomond for the past three years but organisers had been looking for a change of venue.

To qualify for the finals, tournaments are held all over the world

and the qualifiers play off takes place in Scotland.

Donald Kelly, one of the councillors involved in bringing the finals to Campbeltown, said:

'I'm looking forward to a successful event on and off the course in

terms of the local economy in Kintyre.'

Keith Martin, general manager at Machrihanish Dunes said they were very excited to be hosting the championship.

He added: 'As challenging as it is picturesque, the players will appreciate the nuances of the course.'

'We couldn't be more pleased and look forward to showing off the great facilities at Machrihanish Dunes and the rest of Campbeltown.'

Club hosts course for those working with adult players

CAMPBELTOWN and District Community Football Club is to host a coaching course in Campbeltown next weekend.

The two-day course on December 15 and 16 is an Adult Level 1 Club Coach Certificate course and targets coaches who work in the adult game.

It will be delivered by Martin Rae, Argyll and Bute Council's Scottish Football Association Football Development Officer.

The course is open to coaches who work with adult players at any level and will be open from 10am to 4pm each day on the all weather pitch.

The course is being offered for free after funding was secured by the community club.

A two day level two Working with Young Children course will take place in January.

For more information contact David Paterson on 07785 937 845.

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