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Go ahead for salmon farm

Tayinloan development 'could lead to 120 jobs at Machrihanish'

by **GRAHAM CRAWFORD**
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KINTYRE is set to host the world's largest on-shore salmon fish farm of its kind after it was unanimously backed by Argyll and Bute councillors on Monday.

Now its developer, Perthshire-based FishFrom, hopes to start construction on the £20 million project at Rhu-naorine Point near Tayinloan within a few months.

Production could start by spring 2015 and create up to 20 jobs.

FishFrom also said that development could be

followed quickly with a fish farm four times larger at the former Machrihanish airbase.

Costing £80 million, it would create up to 120 jobs, according to Andrew Robertson, director of FishFrom.

The go ahead for Rhu-naorine Point was given by Argyll and Bute Council's planning, protective service and licensing committee after it held a public hearing at Tayinloan Village Hall in response to the number of objections.

Objector Margaret Orr

presented an extremely detailed case opposing the application for the development on the site of a former onshore fish farm.

She questioned the proposed operation's suitability for a location surrounded by pastoral land designated sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) and a key overwintering spot for internationally important Greenland white-fronted geese.

Questions were also raised about the economics and logistics of the operation, the extensive visual impact of

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Robert and Kirstie bring light to a special occasion

Last Friday evening was magical for Campbeltown youngsters Robert Todd and Kirstie Renton when they got to switch on the town's Christmas lights. The pair, pictured with Caroline Armour of the Christmas lights committee, were given the honour after winning competitions to design lights. Full story and pictures on pages 14-15.

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Better news in the post

THERE was good news 'in the post' for Carradale East residents this week when it was announced that their post office, faced with closure in a week's time, will now have a temporary service.

Full story on page 5.

No take off for flight route

A PROPOSAL for a new flight route between Campbeltown and Oban has failed to take off.

HiTrans, which covers regional transport and infrastructure in the Highlands and Islands, carried out a consultation into how two new Twin Otter aircraft could be used.

Full story on page 7.

Striker returns with force

A HAT-trick by Campbeltown Pupils' striker Gary Grumoli, returning after six weeks off with injury, clinched his side's Scottish Amateur Cup fourth round tie against Carradale AFC.

The historic match was watched by an estimated crowd of 550 at Kintyre Park last Saturday.

Full match report on page 28.



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Move to secure A83 trunking welcomed by campaign group

COUNCIL moves to secure the trunking of the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown have been warmly welcomed by the group which campaigned for it.

Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly said: 'We in Argyll First are delighted that after all our efforts with petitions travelling to the Scottish Parliament that a business case is now being brought forward by Argyll and Bute Council.'

'With this section of road now expected to be trunked before April this should free up council staff and allow them more time to concentrate on the remaining roads within Kintyre.'

Argyll and Bute Council last week approve the pursuit of the

trunking of the A83. The Scottish Government recently set out a commitment to enter into discussions with the council regarding the case for trunking the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown. The road is presently trunked as far as Kennacraig.

A trunk road is a major road which is the recommended route for long-distance and freight traffic and is the responsibility of Transport Scotland.

Councillor Ellen Morton, policy lead for roads and amenity services, said: 'The council is eager to pursue the trunking of the A83 to recognise the importance of Kintyre to Scotland's economic development.'

'With the recent transformation of Campbeltown, delivered

through the CHORD project, and the fact that Campbeltown is now recognised as a renewables hub we feel that the case for trunking is strong.'

In recent years Kintyre has attracted significant investment across a number of business sectors vital to Scotland's economic competitiveness, such as renewable energy, manufacturing, whisky and tourism.

A council spokesman said the authority's business case for the trunking of the A83 took into account the key visions in the Scottish Government Economic Strategy, the Argyll and Bute Council Local Transport Strategy and the Argyll and Bute Council Economic Development Action Plan.



Councillor Donald Kelly is delighted at the progress being made on the trunking of the A83 between Campbeltown and Kennacraig. 08_c49kelly01

Grammar school to hold winter concert

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar Winter Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 11 at 7.30pm in the school's main hall.

It will involve many young musicians from throughout the school and include performances from the Kintyre Schools novice and juvenile pipe bands, the Kintyre Schools Wind Band and the school vocal group.

Junior and senior dance groups will also be performing.

As well as the larger bands, pupils will perform solos, duets and as smaller ensembles.

Prices are £3 for adults and £2 for school pupils and OAPs – with tickets available on the door.

Go ahead for salmon farm

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165-metre and 142-metre long and 10.4 metre high buildings which will be only partially screened, and the safety of an access road near tricky bends on the A83 road.

However, councillors were swayed by the fact the proposal was restoring a brownfield site back to life and bringing valuable jobs to the Tayinloan area as well as boosting the wider Kintyre economy.

Its construction will employ around 100 people for a year, boosting local firms, hotels, B&Bs and food suppliers.

Mr Robertson also said that if the Machrihanish proposal goes ahead, it will increase

the argument for a year-round ferry service from Campbeltown to Ayrshire.

He told the Courier that he had been 'humbled' by the overwhelming support of the planning councillors for the Tayinloan operation.

'It's exciting times. We have a lot to do now,' he added.

Earlier, he told the committee how FishFrom had substantial financial backing from Denmark for the project.

The plan is for a 'close containment, recirculation aquaculture system' should mean no waste streams or effluent and no threats of sea-lice, seals, escapees and pollution.

Kintyre councillor and committee mem-

ber Rory Colville told the Courier: 'The fact it was a brownfield site with conditions already in place made the proposal attractive.'

'It is exciting. It will make a dynamic change to the economic future of the Tayinloan area.'

Local resident Alex Smith, who spoke in favour of the application,

told councillors that Tayinloan was in decline having once been quite an affluent area with a sawmill, farming and a fish farm.

'This proposal is important for the future of the area and keeping the schools open,' he said.

West Kintyre Community Council also backed the development.



The public hearing at Tayinloan village hall on Monday. 08_c49fishfarm01

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Artist attracting attention



Rosslyn Oman with her portrait of Archie Bob Macmillan at his Kintyre Smokehouse. 08_c49rpsaint01

ARTIST Rosslyn Oman certainly knows how to attract attention.

She put an extremely large portrait of a well known Campbeltown businessman in her Main Street studio window as she launched her latest exhibition, 'Sentiments', at the weekend.

It stopped numerous passers by. 'Isn't that you know who?' 'What's his name again?'

The face is unmistakably that of Archie Bob Macmillan, owner and founder of Kintyre Smokehouse, captured at his work.

'I really enjoyed painting Archie Bob,' said Rosslyn. 'He has unruly hair and strong features and is a real character, quite unique. He's great fun and told me 'aye, you've got the hair just right'.

'My father, Les, has known him most of his life.'

Rosslyn put the painting into the prestigious BP portrait competition which attracted 2,000 en-

tries.

'I got through to second stage which was whittled down to 300,' she said. 'I'm encouraged by that.'

Rosslyn, 23, does not appear short of encouragement or the focus and drive to develop her skills and her reputation.

'Very supportive'

She said her mother, Kate, now retired, was an art teacher at Campbeltown Grammar and has always been 'very supportive' of her artistic ambitions.

At 17, Rosslyn took herself off to Dundee's acclaimed Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design where she graduated with a BA (Hons) in Fine Art and won the Sandra McNeilance Memorial Prize for painting and drawing.

She has been tipped as 'a significant, new, creative force in contemporary painting....one to

watch'. In the short time since returning to Campbeltown she has opened her own studio, where she teaches art classes, and has already exhibited alongside top Scottish artists including John Byrne and John Bellamy.

Her work is showing in galleries in Aberdeen, Montrose and Forres as well as Campbeltown's Coastal Design.

Now she is eyeing up cracking London galleries with her work, mainly seascapes and portraits using oils and watercolours as well as etching.

'I'm trying to develop what I do, still explore different areas,' she said. 'But I do enjoy doing portraits and I've had a few commissions. Perhaps Archie Bob's painting will lead to more.'

Rosslyn's exhibition is on until Sunday, December 15, 11am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and 2pm to 5pm Sunday.

New steps against school bullying

AN updated anti-bullying policy for schools and education staff has been endorsed by Argyll and Bute Council.

It promotes respectful relationships between staff, parents and children and aims to stop any bullying as quickly as possible.

Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for education and lifelong learning, said: 'Bullying is unacceptable. It is not an inevitable part of school life and so we are doing all we can to protect children in our schools.'

'Importantly, every child should know that if they have worries, they can talk to any adult in their school - whether they are teacher, senior student or parent.'

'This updated policy should help everyone understand what bullying is, how it can make us feel and the impact it can have.'

'Our aim is to provide an environment which encourages positive relationships and where our children and young people feel safe and cared for.'

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End-of-life care to be improved



MSP Michael Russell, fifth from right, and MSP Jamie McGrigor, left, with care staff at the launch of the Argyll and Bute Delivering Choice Programme.

PALLIATIVE and end-of-life care is to improve in Argyll and Bute following the launch of a new programme of services and projects.

The Argyll and Bute Delivering Choice programme, developed by leading end-of-life care charity Marie Cure Cancer, Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership and other partners, will see people receive the care they want and need, wherever they want it.

Mixture

Services being rolled out include a mixture of short and long visits to patients' homes throughout the day and night, and improvements to carers' information and training.

Community events and roadshows will raise awareness of death, dying and bereavement and the support available. Guidance will be given on use of remote rural transport and support for palliative care in care homes.

The services announced last week

mark the start of phase three of a programme launched a year ago.

Jennifer Layden, project manager for the Argyll and Bute Delivering Choice Programme, said: 'The programme is taking a big picture view of the way that palliative and end-of-life care is delivered in Argyll and Bute.'

'We know, for example, that carers can feel isolated or lack support or knowledge of palliative care issues. As a result, we are developing a carer's training module specifically covering end-of-life care issues which will be delivered along with local carer organisations.'

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'With so many communities based in remote rural areas, it is vital that the end-of-life care needs for Argyll and Bute meet the specific needs of those communities.'

'This programme will make a huge difference to those patients and families with a palliative care need.'

Mach Dunes wins top golfing awards

MACHRIHANISH Dunes has won two Scottish golfing awards.

The Village at Machrihanish Dunes was presented with the Resort Experience of the Year Award and Golf Tourism Scotland GEO Sustainability Award for outstanding environmental practices at the Golf Tourism Scotland Excellence Awards dinner at Loch Lomond.

Machrihanish Dunes was also a finalist in the Club and Course Experience of the Year (green fee of £75 or less) category.

The Ugadale Hotel and Royal Hotel, owned by the same company as the golf course, were both nominated for Accommodation Experience of the Year (22 rooms or less).

'We couldn't be prouder of what the team at Machrihanish Dunes has accomplished in a few short years,' said David Southworth, president and CEO of Southworth Development.

'It's an honour and privilege for The Village at Machrihanish Dunes to win these two prestigious awards, particu-



David McDowall, front of house manager, right, accepts the GEO Sustainability award from Sam Thomas of Golf Environmental Organisation.



David DeSmith, vice president of marketing for Southworth Development, right, accepts the Resort of the Year award from Jacqueline Miller from the Scottish Tourism Alliance.

larly as it was our peers voting, most of whom have first-hand knowledge of all the historic and famous courses, hotels and resorts in Scotland.

'As the owner of Machrihanish Dunes, it reinforces the investment Southworth has made in the property and the people in Kintyre.'

This is the second time the resort has been recognised in the Golf Tourism Scotland Awards. Last year, the Ugadale Hotel was named Hotel of the Year (small hotels and guest houses category).

Adding to its growing list of accolades, the course also took second place in 2012 in Golf Inc Magazine's global Development of the Year competition, won the Scottish Alliance Award in the enterprise category and was named the top eco course in the world by ABTA magazine.

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Good news in the post for Carradale East

‘The reduced opening hours of the post office are not ideal, but are better than the closure originally proposed’

CARRADALE East Post Office, faced with closure in just over a week’s time, will now have a temporary service.

John McDowell, subpostmaster at Southend Post Office, has agreed to open the Carradale East office on Mondays and Fridays between 1.30pm and 5.30pm.

Argyll and Bute MP Alan Reid had called on Post Office Ltd to keep the facility open, saying that a temporary closure was ‘completely unacceptable’.

The post office was set close to its doors from December 16 following a decision by the owner, Angela Arkell, of the neighbouring Pattersons shop and bakery.

She said two staff who had been running the office had reached retirement age and that it was not viable for her to run it or employ another member of staff.

This week she said: ‘I am

pleased there will still be a service, and happy for Mr McDowell to use our premises.’

Opposing the proposed temporary closure, Mr Reid had informed Post Office Ltd that many users of the Carradale East office were elderly.

He added: ‘The bus journey to Carradale Post Office would involve at least a two-hour wait for the return bus service.’

‘You should surely be able to find someone to operate the post office on a temporary basis until a permanent postmaster or postmistress is found.’

‘This post office must stay open permanently.’

Mr Reid also said an outreach service on a permanent basis, as considered by Post Office Ltd, would be ‘unacceptable for a village of this size of population’.

Carradale Post Office is more

than a mile and a quarter away from Carradale East and parts of the route have no pavements.

Stuart Irvine, chairman of East Kintyre Community Council, said closure would have had an impact on elderly residents.

Retired civil engineer John McDowell, 60, seems to be making a new occupation of keeping post offices open.

In May of this year, the Courier reported how he had opened a post office from an 8ft by 10ft, £500 garden shed to serve Southend after the village lost its previous facility.

He opens 10am to noon Monday to Fridays, except Wednesdays (9am-10am) to save locals a 20-mile round trip to Campbeltown.

A post office is also run out of a similarly small shed at Dumfries.



John McDowell earlier this year at his new Southend Post Office.

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Explore the Christmas market

THE ‘Explore Christmas in Campbeltown’ market is this Sunday, December 8, in the Malt Barns at Springbank Distillery from 11am - 4pm.

A total of 48 local businesses will be there with a wide variety of gifts available.

Stalls will range from crafters and retailers to hair and beauty.

Hot food and drink will also be available.

Local musicians will be playing as visitors enter the venue and Santa and his elves will also be there making it a fun day for all the family.

Access to the distillery from Glebe Street will be blocked but you can get in via the entrance on Longrow, directly across from the Golden Ocean Chinese restaurant.

Parking at the distillery will be limited on the day.

Police files:

Cyclist injured

A CYCLIST suffered a possible fractured hand and required six stitches to a leg wound after he was involved in an accident in Back Road, Port Ellen, Islay at 6pm on Sunday.

The man also suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Warning over rogue emails

POLICE in Campbeltown have warned Kintyre residents to be on their guard against rogue emails pleading for financial help.

‘It usually involves someone claiming they are stuck abroad unable to pay their hotel bill,’ said a police spokesman.

‘Those doing this can easily access emails through agencies and are preying on people’s good nature and kindness.’

‘People should not

trust any unsolicited phone calls or emails.’

Held in custody

A TWENTY-two-year-old man spent three days

in police custody after being arrested for allegedly assaulting another man in Main Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of Saturday.



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Big fish plans

SCEPTICS may raise eyebrows at Fishfrom's claims of the scale of production and jobs to come out of its proposed onshore salmon fish farms for Tayinloan and Machrihanish. Perhaps, it will be similar to the angler who insists the fish he caught was much bigger than it actually was. Maybe the company's plans, as outlined to Argyll and Bute Council on Monday, will not go as smoothly and successfully as its director Andrew Robertson suggests.

He spoke confidently of up to 20 jobs at Rhunaorine Point, near Tayinloan, and a subsequent possible development at the former Machrihanish airbase yielding 120 jobs. He even ventured this dramatic boost to the local economy could be the catalyst in securing a daily ferry service from Campbeltown to Ardrrossan.

He made it seem so simple, and let us hope he is right. One observer referred to his presentation to councillors at Monday's public hearing as a 'selling job', and that is essentially what it was. Mr Robertson has been building a case for onshore salmon farming on a massive scale for the past few years. He believes it is a valid concept and says he has sold the idea to financial backers, and there was nothing wrong with him selling it to the council. He was asking for permission for his vision to go ahead on a site previously used for fish farming, albeit it on a smaller scale - he was not asking for public funds.

If his ventures are successful they will indeed bring much-needed jobs and stimulus to the Kintyre economy. It is worth letting him run with it.

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Let the truth prevail

Sir,
Students of astronomy are aware that the Great Red Spot on Jupiter is a great anti-cyclonic storm that has persisted for at least 400 years, and the winds of Uranus can reach speeds of 900 km/hour.

Unfortunately, there are those among us who truly 'live on another planet' and would claim the wind will always blow across the UK.

This is far from the truth, as the high pressure system over the UK and a large part of Europe has recently demonstrated, and indeed has resulted in derisory outputs from various wind farms across the UK.

If readers wish to see for themselves how ineffective wind farms are then I would suggest they peruse the internet link of the German Electric Utilities Company (RWE AG) based in Essen, Germany. The address of the link is: www.standortkarte.oroef.info/index2.html?lang=en

This German utilities company operates wind farms all over the UK and Northern Europe. Visiting this site will truly be an eye opener for those in favour of wind technology - the truth will always out and it will be another bitter pill for the Greens to swallow in conjunction with our ever increasing energy bills.

Surely now, enough is enough, and the green taxes must be abolished in the name of all that's sane.

Finally, it is welcome news from RWE that they have abandoned their proposed Atlantic Array Wind Farm in the Bristol Channel.

All that's required now is a

complete halt to any further offshore and onshore ineffective wind farms.

Dave Haskell
Brithdir
Cardigan

A Yes vote would liberate our coast

Sir,
I thank Mrs Galbraith for her letter in last week's Campbeltown Courier.

The Scottish Government does not control the seabed in the Firth of Clyde. Crown Estates control all rights for using the seabed from low water mark to 12 nautical miles out and the profits that arise from its lease flow to HM Treasury in London.

Crown Estates made a profit of £240m last year for the chancellor of the exchequer. It is not in the gift of the Scottish Government to approve oil exploration in the Firth of Clyde. A Yes vote next year will liberate our coast to Scottish control.

It was in fact a retired Labour politician David Lamie who first claimed that oil exploration work in the Firth of Clyde was stopped during the 1980s because of concerns from the MOD over nuclear submarines.

However, in my view, the debate which will take place before the referendum on Scottish Independence should be less about politics and personalities and more about helping people reach a settled view on whether Scotland should be an independent country.

There are people of every and no political persuasion supporting the Yes Campaign and I would encourage everyone to get involved in the de-

bate. You can get a free copy of the 'Scotland's Future' the blueprint for Scottish independence by calling 0300 012 1809.

John Semple
Councillor for
South Kintyre

Independence will protect rural post offices

Sir,
Anger over the Westminster government's fire sale of Royal Mail, against the wishes of the Scottish people, is not just directed at the obscene profits generated by City fat cats as they strip a loved public asset for the benefit of hedge funds, but to the damage it is doing to local post offices and the communities they serve.

Here in Argyll, MP Alan Reid had a solid record in standing up for local post offices, recently highlighted in the Courier in relation to the post office in Carradale East, which makes it all the more disappointing that Mr Reid, with his coalition colleagues, voted to sell off Royal Mail.

Only last week the Fabian Society issued a warning that hundreds of small rural post offices, like Carradale East, would be forced to close as a direct consequence of the Tory/Liberal Democrat privatisation of Royal Mail.

With friends like this, who needs enemies?

It is now abundantly clear that the only way for Scotland to keep and develop the postal services that are vital to our economy and communities, particularly in rural areas like Kintyre, is by taking control and bringing Royal Mail

back into public ownership, where it belongs, with a Yes vote next year.

Ron Wilson
Yes Scotland - Kintyre

Public toilets should be free

Sir,
Regarding the article in last week's Courier about Campbeltown toilets, I have lived in the area for almost 20 years and have watched the council remove the 'public' from toilets all up the Kintyre peninsula. Against the local wishes, and at great expense, they converted them to pay toilets, putting off tourists from stopping at those places.

I have found the Bolgam Street toilets to be of a high standard anytime I have used them, and suggest that to cut vandalism the council put in CCTV just outside the toilets. They could use any spare money to revert the Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Inveraray toilets back to free as they should be.

Public conveniences should not be paid for twice. We already pay for them with our taxes, so why charge again? It is especially difficult for the elderly, and those with small children (prams/push chairs).

I would hate to see the best remaining toilets in the area go the same way as the others. It would be good to have assurances this was not the council's intention.

Tim Dickson,
Ugadale Farm
Campbeltown

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The ACHA Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee.

Members sought for housing committee

NEW members are being sought for Argyll Community Housing Association's (ACHA) Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee.

Membership costs £1 and gives people the opportunity to have a democratic say on the management and direction of the organisation.

Members provide feedback on ACHA's work, while also voting at the AGM on decisions affecting tenants and are informed of the work and new developments at the association.

Sandra MacKenzie, chairwoman

of the Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee, said: 'It's very satisfying to be able to have input to the running of the association and to see recommendations implemented.'

Downloaded

Membership application forms can be downloaded from ACHA's website, acha.co.uk, by contacting a local ACHA office or calling 01546 605800.

There is one tenant and one independent member space available on the committee.

Campbeltown to Oban flights option fails to take off

It would mean adding another aircraft to the network

CAMPBELTOWN will not benefit from a new flight route to Oban.

HiTrans, which covers regional transport and infrastructure in the Highlands and Islands, carried out a consultation into how two new Twin Otter aircraft could best be used.

One of the routes investigated was Campbeltown to Oban and the report found there could be up to 900 potential passengers - business travellers and tourists - using the service each

year. However, HiTrans found that this route was 'almost impossible to fulfil with a Twin Otter under any foreseeable circumstances'.

It believes the flights would be costly to operate along with existing routes and while an Islander aircraft could be used instead, it would mean adding another aircraft to the network at a significant cost.

A HiTrans spokesman said: 'The study concludes this service had the lowest anti-

pated demand of those routes.'

Kintyre councillor John Semple, former chairman of HiTrans, expressed surprise at the recommendation to not pursue the route.

Suggestions

He said: 'It was at my suggestions that such a route be included in the study.'

'The potential of 900 passengers requires further investigation, and while the study was into the use of the Twin Otter there is also a proposal

for an Islander based at Oban.

'Further work needs to be done to raise the profile of this opportunity and I will be raising it with the minister for transport Keith Brown.'

Councillor Semple has also written to councillor Duncan MacIntyre, the new chairman of HiTrans.

Other potential routes looked at included Oban to Barra, Oban to Glasgow, Glasgow to Skye and an extra Glasgow to Barra flight.

'No plans to close schools', assures councillor

THERE are no plans to close any rural schools in Argyll and Bute, a lead councillor has assured.

Councillor Aileen Morton, Argyll and Bute Council education spokeswoman, said closures 'were genuinely not on the agenda at all'.

She was speaking after the findings of a Scottish Government consultation on rural education were published.

The Helensburgh-based councillor also confirmed Argyll and Bute Council has no plans for any more cost cutting in the education department, beyond that already agreed.

She said: 'This administration has no plans to close schools. We need to get an education man-

agement team structure in place that works but we have nothing else planned.'

Changes to Scottish law as a result of the government consultation will include clarifying the presumption against closure of rural schools and imposing a five-year moratorium on shutting down a school that has already survived a closure process.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute and cabinet secretary for education, said: 'I am absolutely determined that educational benefit should remain an important part of any proposal - and I am convinced these amendments we will bring forward will ensure this remains central to the decision-making process.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



TARBERT was bathed in perfection.

The wee boats were motionless on the calmest of seas and the hills shimmered gold across the bay.

Rae and Steve of the Loch Fyne Gallery had organised a wonderful Book Festival and Tarbert was alive with stories and poetry.

We were headed to the Anchor Hotel to hear Mairi Hedderwick tell stories of the Scottish islands and tales of Katie Morag.

There was a lovely atmosphere and as we met up with friends from across Argyll, we knew it was going to be a good afternoon.

Mairi sat herself down beside us, propped her glasses on her head, and launched into her stories.

She enchanted us with tales from days gone by and people she had met along the way.

Apart from a few slides, Mairi simply told her stories - a real gift.

In this day of the most amazing technology and entertainment, it's not often we get the chance to listen to a real 'seanchai' or 'storyteller'.

There is something special about someone reading to us.

Perhaps it takes us back to our childhood when our parents read us a bedtime story and we felt warm and secure.

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Interesting insight for guild members

SADDELL and Carradale Parish Guild members were given an interesting insight into the work of Befrienders for Children when Cathi Bertin, project coordinator for Argyll and Bute, talked to them.

On Saturday, November 30 the guild held its Christmas fayre which was opened by the minister Steve Fulcher. The £788.33 raised will go towards various chosen charities.

The guild's next date is a Christmas lunch at Dunvalanree on Tuesday, December 10.

Dash along to Aqualibrium to catch Santas

HO ho ho! This should be fun - 100 Santas of all ages taking to the streets of Campbeltown on Sunday morning, December 8.

For the first time, the Santa Dash has sold out with all spaces taken.

Go along and show your support for the Santas who will be starting at Aqualibrium and taking part in one-mile, three-mile and six-mile dashes.

The races start at 11am.

Argyll artist unveils 30 paintings in new exhibition

Splash of bright colour marks slight departure in style

ONE OF Argyll's most renowned artists launched a winter-themed exhibition last week, marking the culmination of several years of work.

Stuart Herd has more than 30 paintings on show at The Harbour Gallery, Tarbert, as part of his solo exhibition Winters Calling - Across Scotland.

Locations

The artist has captured snowy scenes from across the country which include Edinburgh, the South of Uist and various locations around Loch Fyne.

Stuart has added a splash of red to each of

the paintings, focusing on the post boxes and telephone boxes that are dotted across rural landscapes.

Speaking at the opening of the exhibition on Saturday, Stuart said: 'The colour red just really attracts me and the phone boxes, post boxes and the poppies added colour.'

'My pallet is normally quite dark with greys and dark blues when I draw landscapes. This allowed me to add a focal point to the paintings. It allowed me to brighten everything up.'

The artist, who creates his pieces at the Art Studio in Tarbert, is known

for his stunning landscape paintings that often capture Mid Argyll at its finest.

Success

The man behind The Harbour Gallery, added: 'The gallery has now been open a couple of years and this is my first exhibition I have had in it. So far it seems to have been a success,' he said. 'I have been working on it for a number of years and it all seemed to come together. With it being winter now it was the perfect time to host the exhibition.'

The exhibition will be open for the next two weeks and be open daily from 10am-6pm.



Stuart Herd has a collection of more than 30 paintings on display at The Harbour Gallery, Tarbert, as part of his Winter Calling - Across Scotland exhibition. 06_a49staurt02

Three Wee Crows Theatre Company land in Carradale

THE first Kings of Scotland, clan warfare in Dunaverty, the cattle thief of Ardnamurchan, and a grey-eyed stranger who appeared mysteriously on the shores of Southend, Kintyre in 563AD...

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Four herds vie for heifer competition

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Cup held its annual heifer competition last Wednesday when animals from four herds were well presented for

the judge, Andrew Millar, of Newlands Farm, Uddingston.

Prizes

A good turnout of spectators followed the event during the day and

in the evening 27 members and friends enjoyed dinner in Ugadale Hotel when Mrs Janice Millar presented the prizes as follows.

Parker Cup for heifer team: 1 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, 2 TM Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble, 3 J and M Barr, Clochkiel.

Kintyre Farmers Cup for individual heifer: 1 J and M Barr with Calderglen Silverbell by Calderglen Super Match, 2 Thomas Cameron, 3 TM Ralston and Sons.

James and Sons Quaich for progeny group: 1 TM

Ralston and Sons, heifers by East Drumlemble Trinity, 2 Thomas Cameron, heifers by West Mossiel Athos, J and M Barr, heifers by Calderglen Super Match.

Mother and Daughter Quaich: 1 TM Ralston and Sons, 2 Thomas Cameron, 3 J Barbour and Co, Machrebeg.

John Barr Memorial Tray for butterfat and protein: 1 Archie Millar with Ballyreggan Nicola 4 by McCormick Navigator, 2 TM Ralston and Sons with East Drumlemble Violet 5 by KC Roses Chatter.



Judge Andrew Miller assesses the heifers at East Drumlemble. 20_c49comp01



East Drumlemble was the first farm visited during last Wednesday's competition. 20_c49comp02

Kintyre farmers meet with NFU Scotland

THE issues affecting dairy farmers in more remote areas of Argyll and Bute have been at the forefront of discussions this week.

NFU Scotland met with farmers in Campbeltown and Bute last week to discuss how the current climate is affecting them and how they can work together to take the dairy sector in their area forward.

They also talked about wider issues like land tenancy.

NFU Scotland milk board chairman Gary Mitchell and George Jamieson, policy director for dairy at NFU Scotland, met with some of the dairy contingent to hear concerns, as well as to update them on the work NFU Scotland has been doing recently.

There was a good attendance at both meetings with enthusiasm to move the sector forward. Topics discussed included the CAP Reform, voluntary code of practice and dairy strategy review.

Beyond that the visits were about encouraging farmers to look to the future and what they can do together, includ-

ing increasing production through efficiency and supply chain working.

With dairy farmers from Bute and Campbeltown making up five per cent of the Scottish producers, NFU Scotland was keen to meet with as many farmers as possible.

Both groups of farmers were motivated and enthusiastic and keen to make progress.

This was part of a tour to the more remote areas of Scotland, to look at the challenges facing the dairy sector and to try to mitigate problems faced by these areas.

Mr Mitchell said: 'We have been very pleased with the turnout at our meetings in both Kintyre and Bute. We wanted to visit these areas as we have concerns about the critical mass.'

'This visit has changed

my whole perception of this market.

'Although the farmers feel like they are at a disadvantage at the moment, with restricted links to the mainland, they can just as much get things to go in their favour.'

'The farmers are keen to develop their unique products, like Mull of Kintyre cheese, and make Kintyre a sustainable dairy region.'

CAP Reform meeting

NFU Scotland is holding a CAP Reform consultation meeting in Tarbert Village Hall on Friday, December 13, from 1pm.

Jonnie Hall, NFU Scotland's director of policy, said: 'It is vital that all members have an opportunity to hear the details and have their say.'

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Thursday 12th December 2013

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ISLAY

Royal backing for Islay abattoir

ISLAY'S abattoir is set to benefit from a new project inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales to improve its economic viability and business resilience.

The small facility at Avonvogie is one of six island abattoirs which will receive funding and support from The Prince's Countryside Fund and the Scottish Government for the Sustaining Island Abattoirs in Scotland project.

The three-year project will provide funds for improvements, specialist business mentoring support, development of market opportunities, support for staff training and apprenticeships and marketing initiatives.

Increasing costs and regulation have threat-

ened abattoirs' existence, but it is hoped the project will be a way of securing their futures.

As well as the benefits to abattoirs, an estimated 20 per cent of all the farm businesses, 2,162 holdings on Islay, Mull, Lewis, North Uist, Orkney and Shetland, will benefit directly from the project.

Fifteen young people will be offered improved skills and job opportunities and environmental impacts and animal welfare will also see improvements.

His Royal Highness said: 'I have always passionately believed in the importance of sustaining our rural communities and these facilities are vital for the local agricultural businesses and

economy.

'It allows farmers and crofters to add value to their produce, tourism providers to promote local provenance and local people to have local food. It is my strong belief that with the generous assistance of the Scottish Government, these businesses can not only have a sustainable future, but can at last help capture the increased consumer demand for traceable, authentic and quality UK meat.

'I am delighted that two of my charities, The Countryside Fund and Scottish Business in the Community, have been able to support this project and I look forward to seeing a real, lasting difference.'

SOUTHEND



Caroline Corr, right, accepts the new puppet from the boys.

Southend primary donates puppet to library

SOUTHEND pupils in primary 2 to 4 enjoyed a recent visit from Caroline Corr of Campbeltown Library.

The children have recently completed a series of visits to the library and Caroline introduced them

to a puppet called Sage. They were so taken with Sage, they thought it would be nice for him to have a friend, so donated another puppet, called Onion, to the library to keep him company.

Sage and Onion can both be seen at the library.

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Southend SWRI has visit from Royal British Legion

REPRESENTATIVES from the Royal British Legion Scotland Campbeltown branch (RBL) spoke to the members of Southend SWRI about Remembrance Day.

President Jen Ronald welcomed all members old and new to St Blaans Hall.

Geoff Spree, secretary of the Royal British Legion Campbeltown, and vice chairman Mark Pickering gave an interesting and informative talk about the Campbeltown branch, explaining the history, involvement and how money is raised for one of the largest ex-service charities in Scotland.

The Campbeltown branch, a registered charity, has been running for four years with 50 members and an enthusiastic committee holding fundraising events. The Campbeltown branch also visits and helps at Erskine Hospital, which provides first class nursing, respite

and short break care, dementia and palliative care, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy. Together with the Erskine Cottages, workshops, garden centre and cafe they raise money which is put to good use.

Mr Spree and Mr Pickering also told of the RBL's part in Remembrance Day, laying poppy crosses on war graves at Kilkerran Cemetery and taking part in Campbeltown's annual service and parade. Southend SWRI vice president Inez Ronald said it would mean so much to many people and families to hear of their good work.

Competition results: poppy seed cake: gold: Jen Ronald, Fiona Rowland, Elizabeth Semple; silver: Elsie Hone, Margaret Penman; red: Jean Ives, Margaret Mclean; blue: Margaret Bakes. Card featuring poppy (any craft): gold: Margaret McDowall; silver: Trish Pearson, Fiona Rowland; blue: Jen Ronald; green: Margaret Penman, Margaret Russell. One item of wartime memorabilia: gold: Margaret Bakes, Inez Ronald; silver: Maureen Docherty, Jean Ives; red: Janet Ferguson, Margaret Penman; red: Jen Ronald, Margaret Russell; blue: Margaret McDowall; green: Elizabeth Semple.

TARBERT

Plans submitted

A GALLERY in Tarbert could become holiday accommodation if a recently submitted planning application is approved.

The owners of the Artisan Studio, Cragfoot, Harbour Street in Tarbert have applied for planning permission to change the use of the gallery to a one bedroom self catering short term holiday let.

The application is still under consideration by Argyll and Bute Council.

LARGIESIDE

WRI members learn about Red Cross

LARGIESIDE WRI members were treated to a talk about the Red Cross at a meeting in Tayinloan Village Hall.

Karl Hurd explained how the Red Cross was started in 1863 by Henry Durant from Switzerland. Members were told about its history and the Red Cross as it is today.

Linda Hutchinson gave

the vote of thanks.

Competition results: apple jelly: Zandra Macdougall five points, Linda Hutchinson three points. Prettier earrings: Patricia Johnstone three points, Linda Hutchinson three points, Helen Steel three points, Mary McDonald five points, Ann Clark four points, Adrienne Bradley four points, Zandra Macdougall five points.

JURA

Plans for golf course on Jura

PLANNING permission is being sought to build an 18-hole golf course on Jura as part of the Ardfin Sporting Estate.

Plans for the golf course have been circulating for some time, but were put on hold earlier this year.

An application has now been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council which would see an 18-hole golf course and additional practice hole created on the estate in southern Jura.

The 14,000-acre estate is owned by millionaire Australian financier Greg Coffrey who bought it in 2010.

It is not clear whether the golf course would be open to the public.

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The conventional route for most pensioners is to take out an annuity - but there can be downsides to being stuck with one source of income that is paying out a fixed amount, the main one being the effects of inflation.

Annuity rates have been historically low in recent years, and although they are starting to pick up many people still feel they need to make more out of their nest egg to be able

to afford a higher standard of living at retirement. Argyll & Bute Consultants Limited specialise in this advice area for clients who are approaching retirement and are able to offer a wide variety of solutions to meet client needs.

Consumer awareness has led to more retirees taking time to consider more alternatives at retirement such as looking at the Open Market Option, which is the process of shopping around for the most suitable annuity for your circumstances. In addition a high percentage of clients will be able to access an enhanced annuity due to health related issues.

Iain Reid, Director at Argyll and Bute Consultants Limited sees from his experience that most people with a personal pension arrangement that do not take advice, will simply opt to take the benefits from their existing pension provider. Conversely, advised clients will be unlikely to do so after being made aware of what the whole of the market has to offer.

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You need to look at how best to deal with your pension, what you're going to do with all your free time and, most importantly, where you'll take your first holiday.

When people hit retirement many start to think about updating wills, it is vital these are kept current as situations change over the years.

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Making a Will is the only way to ensure your loved ones are provided for after you die. It ensures your estate and assets are dealt with as you wish and ensures your instructions as to who receives them is respected.

While you're dealing with financial issues you should ensure you're looked after for the whole of your retirement.

Putting in place a plan for your pension and other financial interests is vital and there are many good advisors in the Argyll area that can help you with that.

Keeping healthy into your old age is also important and it is never too late to get fit. There are a variety of classes and programmes aimed at the older generation.

Of course you could stay healthy on the golf course or while busy in your garden, just a couple of ideas that will also help you fill up all the spare hours.

But if you do find the days dragging unexpectedly then you might want to consider volunteering. You could either give a few hours over to a charity shop or perhaps organising fundraising events or providing companionship for others in the community.

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Willie Wonka (Craig Brown) and his Oompa Loompas, 15-year-old Tanya McDonald, left, and Hannah Young. 08_c49parade02



Snowman Pipe Major Peter Ferguson of Kintyre Schools Novice Pipe Band. 08_c49parade012



Imogen, 6, Jordan, 8, and Robert Todd, 11, were delighted to meet Santa in his town hall grotto. 08_c49parade01



Santa Claus and his little helper (Ann-Marie McKinven). 08_c49parade11.



Tesco's very own Santa's helpers, Mhairi Hendrie, right, and Krystal McLean. 08_c49parade09



The Wind Towers (Scotland) float during the parade. 08_c49parade06

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Peninver's Jamie McLean was in good spirits driving his trusty tractor 'Drum' which towed the Tesco float. 08_c49parade13



Part of a packed crowd moments after the switch on of the Christmas lights. 08_c49parade05

Campbeltown lights up in style

CAMPBELTOWN was in sparkling form last Friday evening when many hundreds of residents turned out for the town's traditional Christmas Lights Switch-On parade.

Enthusiasm

A few brief flurries of rain were never going to dampen the enthusiasm of participants and spectators as the parade of floats - featuring Santa and his special guests - and the youngsters' lantern procession

followed the lead of the festively bedecked Kintyre Schools Pipe Band along Longrow, Main Street, Hall Street and back up Main Street to the town hall for the switch on of the Christmas Lights.

Honour

The honour of switching on the lights went to Kirstie Renton, 6, and Robert Todd, 11, who were the competition winners for designing the Christmas lights.

They were ably assisted by an im-

pressive Willie Wonka, aka Craig Brown, 21.

During the evening, spectators were able to enjoy performances from Campbeltown Brass and pop into the many shops offering late night opening.

Much to the delight of the younger ones soaking up the magical atmosphere, Santa had also installed his grotto in the town hall so that he could receive guests and hear their Christmas wishes.



Tesco staff reckoned 'every little helps' as its float members collected for the firm's chosen charity. 08_c49parade14

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tra effort into a present for someone and giving them something they will truly enjoy.

While it may sound incredibly daunting, especially when there are a million and one other things to do at this time of year, it is amazing how easy it is to find a unique gift, even in your local area.

Presents can be anything these days, whether it's a framed photo or painting, a voucher for a local salon or beautician to give someone a well-deserved pampering or some driving lessons for those desperate to learn or needing to brush up on their skills.

There really is a wealth of choice out there when it comes to Christmas presents and shopping around or doing an internet search can bring up all sorts of ideas and suggestions you may not have thought of.

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A copy of the proposed Order and of the accompanying plan showing the lengths of road to be stopped up, together with a statement of reasons for making the Order have been deposited at the Offices of:

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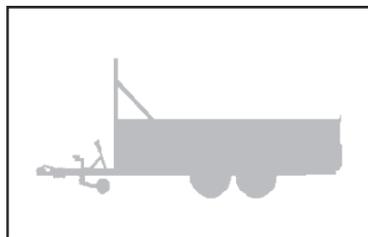
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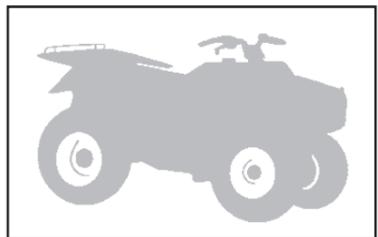
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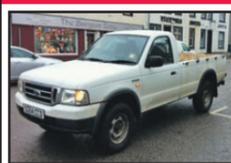
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She is looking for someone who is a good communicator, easy to talk to, good with others and can offer reassurance and make sure everything is ok. She would like someone who is fun or funny with a good personality who likes to make people happy. You should also be a good listener who takes on board what people say and be good at dealing with difficult situations.

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Gail and Tony would like to thank local darts players, Tarbert Lodge, local firemen, all the pubs and shops and the general public who raised funds for the boys and families of the of the Andy Rennie minibus accident. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

DOUG & PEARL MCEACHRAN

Would like to thank everyone for lovely cards and gifts received on the occasion of their golden wedding. All monies donated to charity went to the Andy Rennie minibus fund, for all the boys in the accident.

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Self-assessment deadline approaching for the self-employed

ARGYLL and Bute Council's Business Gateway is reminding anyone in self-employment that the deadline for self-assessment online submissions is midnight on January 31, 2014.

Normally anyone registered as self-employed with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) will need to complete a tax return to tell HMRC about their income and capital gains or to claim tax allowances or reliefs.

'The local Business Gateway team is on hand to offer advice on completing self-assessment,' explained Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council policy lead for European affairs, sustainable economic growth and strategic transportation.

'Anyone looking for support should get in touch now to make sure they give themselves plenty of time to prepare.'

To help those filing returns, HMRC has produced a set of free online seminars - 'webinars' - both live and pre-recorded, to help customers to understand a variety of tax systems and learn what obligations they need to meet. The webinars include topics such as 'Business expenses for the self-employed', 'Capital allowances for the self-employed' and 'How to complete your first online tax return'.

To find out more about HMRC's range of webinars visit www.hmrc.gov.uk/webinars/index.htm

Positive views on running a hotel



Ian Cuthbert, left, and Nick Fletcher outside the entrance to the Argyll Hotel in Bellochantuy. 08_c45hotel02

NEW hotel owners Nick Fletcher and Ian Cuthbert reckon they have one of the most stunning outlooks in Scotland.

The Atlantic Ocean views from the dining conservatory looking across to Islay, Jura and Gigha were clinching factors when they committed to the Argyll Hotel in Bellochantuy earlier this year.

That plus the immediate access onto the beau-

tiful beach at Bellochantuy Bay.

Despite having little hotel experience, they had to literally hit the ground running when they took it over at the height of the tourist season.

'We have been putting in 18-hour days,' Nick, 47, told the *Courier*.

'But we know that is what you have to be prepared to do, and we are happy to do that. The

hotel has tremendous potential.'

The eight-bedroom hotel, built in 1750, began as a coaching inn for the Duke of Argyll, and Nick and Ian knew it was just what they wanted after a year-long search for a place in the West of Scotland.

Nick had been a policy and public affairs manager for the Chartered Institute of Scotland before running his own

dog-walking business around Edinburgh.

Ian, 45, had spent his previous 15 years helping run a chain of hair-dressing salons around the capital.

Decided

'We had always talked about running our own hotel,' said Nick. 'We decided we were not getting any younger and it was time to take the plunge.'

'We believe we can make it work - we both have a passion for good customer service and delivering excellence.'

'We have invested everything we have into this.'

The pair see the hotel as a long-term project - 'it is going to take a long time to bring up to the high standard we want' - but they have already redecorated some areas and introduced new bits of furniture.

'Our priority is to rebuild the local trade,' said Nick. 'We have to establish it as a place where you can get good

food at reasonable prices all the year round.'

'The hotel previously closed for lunch between October and March - we will be serving lunch and dinner all the year round.'

As well as cutting meal prices, Nick and Ian have also given chef Scott Elliot more say in creating the menu.

'It has given him a new lease of life,' said Nick. 'He enjoyed doing specials of sea bass and locally-caught scallops and halibut in the summer and will begin that again early next year.'

Already the pair are happy they have made the right move.

'We think we have picked the right time to come here,' said Nick. 'Kintyre is a beautiful place to live and work in or for an active holiday and we believe there is a real upswing in Campbeltown with the likes of Explore Campbeltown, the new ferry service and extra Sunday flights.'

Small business seasonal checklist

AS well as preparing to submit a self-assessment tax return if you are a sole trader or a partnership, there are other things that a small business should be thinking about at this time of year.

Is your business ready for winter conditions? Making contingency plans for bad weather is a sound idea. A recovery plan prepared in advance can help minimise the impact on your business. A Business Gateway adviser can help create a practical plan and suggest useful guides and information.

Could a seasonal promotion help boost your business? A well-timed offer could encourage existing customers to buy more or tempt new customers to try out product or services for the first time. Meeting with a Business Gateway adviser could help develop a tailored marketing plan to grow sales.

If winter is the quiet season, the down time could be used for routine maintenance or improvements, developing marketing plans, or perhaps reviewing suppliers or securing funding. Ideas can be discussed with one of Business Gateway's experienced business advisers.

Donald Melville is the lead Business Gateway adviser providing support to the Kintyre area, including Islay. He is usually based in Campbeltown at least once a fortnight and can also travel to business premises. To set up free and confidential meeting with Donald contact 01546 605 459 or email business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk



Nick Fletcher, left, and Ian Cuthbert in the Argyll's dining conservatory with its stunning views across to Islay, Jura and Gigha. 08_c45hotel01

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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).

ENGAGEMENTS



REID - HARDIE

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, on December 1, 2013, of Anita, eldest daughter of Verona and the late John Reid, Lochgilphead, to George, son of George and Hannah Hardie, Elderslie.

DEATHS

CALLAN - Peacefully, on November 28, 2013, after a long illness, at Bury Hospice, Lancs, Michael, beloved husband of the late Susan, much loved dad of Katie and David, dear brother of Veronica and loving son of the late Willie and Ethel. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends, but never forgotten. Funeral service to be held on December 6 at East Lancs Crematorium.

CAMPBELL - On November 29, 2013, peacefully at home, Jean Hall Campbell, née McDonald, in her 82nd year, beloved wife of the late Ian Campbell, much loved mother of Jim and John, dear mother-in-law of Margaret, dearly loved gran of Margaret, Emma, Craig and Ross and a loved great gran. Funeral service was held at Cumlodden Church, on December 5, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery. With thanks to nurses and home carers for kind attention, Rev Louis Bezuidenhout and Dr Roddy MacLeod for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Quarry View Tearoom for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside.

CRYANS - Peacefully in the early hours of St. Andrew's Day, in his 79th year, George Cryans, late of Furnace, beloved husband to Catherine, a father of 7 and grandfather of 12. Interment at Kileven Cemetery, Furnace on Tuesday December 10, 2013. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MACKINNON - Peacefully, after a short illness, on November 27, 2013, Catherine MacKinnon, aged 84 years, of 19 Dewar Avenue, Lochgilphead, beloved daughter of the late Robert and Jean MacKinnon, dear sister of Willie, Donald Mary and the late Jimmy, Robert, Isabella and Jean, a dear sister-in-law, aunt and great aunt to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private family funeral service was held in Lochgilphead, followed by interment at Achhabreac Cemetery.

MCLEAN - Suddenly, but peacefully, with family at his side, at Islay Hospital, on November 26, 2013, Donald Milloy MacLean (Don), aged 67 years, loving husband of Margaret (née Fletcher), younger son of the late Duncan (Pate) and Jeannie McLean of Campbeltown. Sorely missed.

NELSON - On December 3, 2013, peacefully at home, May Nelson, née Buntain, in her 85th year, beloved wife of the late George Nelson, much loved mum of William and Fiona, dear gran of Iain and Finlay. Funeral service at Inveraray Parish Church, on Thursday, December 12, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Flowers welcome.

NELSON - Peacefully, at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on November 30, 2013, Morag Ann MacInnes Nelson, in her 77th year, formerly of West Linton, Scottish Borders, dearly beloved mother of Stuart, Mari and Graeme and a loving granny and great granny. A cremation service will be held in Cardross Crematorium, on Monday, December 9 at 11.15am, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

SINCLAIR - Suddenly at her home, 19 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, with her family by her side, (Margaret) Louisa Sinclair, née MacAulay, aged 48 years, loving wife of Ross, much loved and adored mum of Adele and Scott, cherished daughter of John and the late Ann and beloved sister of Sheena and Hector. A much loved daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and much admired work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achhabreac Cemetery. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Ardrishaig Church Funds and local ambulance service.

THOMSON - Suddenly, at the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank, on December 2, 2013, Margaret McLellan Thomson, in her 75th year, Rhudal House, Machrihanish, dearly beloved wife of Hector Thomson, much loved mother of Kate and Revie, a loving and much loved gran and a dearly loved sister-in-law. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, December 7 at 1.00pm, 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 British Heart Foundation.

YOUNG - Suddenly at her home, Killearn Street, Glasgow, on November 26, 2013, Shona Young, aged 51 years, formerly of 33 Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead and of Kimichael Glassary, loving daughter of Alison and the late Billy, much loved mum of Megan and Ewan, cherished sister of Campbell and Mhairi, a dear sister-in-law of Kathleen and Jess and much loved aunt of Genna, Lorna, Craig and Jack. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held today, Friday, December 6 at Kilmartin Parish Church, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Kilmartin Churchyard. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be offered at the church service.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

BAXTER - The family of the late Barbara Baxter would like to express their thanks to all family and friends for their support and cards at this sad time. Thank you to St Kieran's RC Church and congregation, also Alasdair and Kenneth Blair and the Ardshiel Hotel for their help and professional service. The retiring collection raised the sum of £477.98 for Cancer Research UK.

MACNICOL - Hamish and family would like to thank all family, friends, neighbours and colleagues for their overwhelming kind expressions of sympathy and support following the recent sad loss of Ishbel. Heartfelt thanks to Dr A Ward and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, ambulance men and all at ICU, Royal Alexandra Hospital for excellent care and attention, to D MacDonald and staff for funeral arrangements, to The Smiddy for catering and to Rev Dr Ken Ross and Rev Roddy MacLeod for spiritual comfort and uplifting service.

MCISAAC - Mary, Ian and family would like to thank all who sent flowers, cards and calls following the loss of Duncan. Grateful thanks to the staff of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital who tended him with such care and ensured his final days were peaceful, also thanks to the staff of Wards A and B of the hospital in Oban, the doctors and staff of Muasdale Medical Practice and the community nurses, who deserve special thanks for being so attentive over the years. Also Hazel MacIntyre who was, and is, always there to help and advise and to Alistair Blair for professional services.

MITCHELL - The family of the late Dougie Mitchell would like to thank all relatives and friends for the cards, flowers and phone calls received following their sad loss. Thanks to Rev Burroughs for a comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their professionalism and the Ardshiel Hotel for

the funeral tea. Special thanks to all the staff of the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital for their care. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended the service and gave so generously to the collection for The Sunshine Room, the total raised was £596.

NISBET - Kirsten. The family thank all the many friends who sent cards or letters of condolence and those who attended the funeral. We thank the doctors and NHS nurses whose care made Kirsten's passing a peaceful one at home, and who had for over 17 years, supported her in her battle with cancer. We thank the Rev Cliff Acklam for memorable services at Glassary and Cardross; Donald MacDonald for kind and considerate undertaking; The Horseshoe and Coachhouse Inns for excellent purvey and to the Marie Curie Nurses for the support they gave Kirsten's family in her last days. £700 was donated for use in Mid Argyll.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007.

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MARTIN - In loving memory of Marion (Stewart), died December 2, 1997.

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- Mum and family, at home and away.

ROBB - In loving memory of our dear dad, Duncan, who died December 7, 2012.

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7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
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Sunday 8th December 2013
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Morning Worship 11.15 am
(Creche, Triple C, Next Generation)
BB Parade
Rev. P Burroughs

Monday 9th December
Messy Church 3.45 - 5.30pm
Church Hall

Tuesday 10th December
Parents and Toddlers
9.45am - New Hall
BB Anchor Section
6 - 7pm in Church Hall
BB Junior Section
7.15 - 8.30pm in Church Hall

Thursday 12th December
Choir Practice 7.30pm

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Saturday 7 December 2013
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Breakfast: 8.00-8.30am
Praise & Prayer: 9.00am

Sunday 8 December 2013
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages
followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"The increase of HIS Government"

Thursday 12 December 2013
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

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Young pupils reel off eight against Drumchapel



Pupils Under 13s who won 8-1 on Sunday in the DF DL.



Cameron Reid attacking down the right wing.

THE YOUNG Pupils Under 13s team travelled to Lochgilhead last Sunday and put on a gutsy performance against Drumchapel Young Stars at Rope-work Park.

The Pupils dominated from the start and created numerous early chances and Calum McKillop opened the Pupils account in the 12th minute with a well-placed shot from the edge of the box.

After spending a few sessions on the training

Pupils Youths U13s	8
Drumchapel Young Stars	1
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ground practising corners the players were well rehearsed for taking short corners and this resulted in the next two goals.

The first came from team captain Ross Souden who found space in the box to slot a side-footed volley past the Drumchapel keeper followed by a rear post tap in from Miller Irwin

to make it 3-0.

Calum McKillop rounded off the first-half scoring with a great individual goal which saw him use his pace to progress down the left wing and blast the ball past the keeper from what looked like an impossible angle.

Overhead kick

A fifth goal came from Rhuaridh Wallace ear-

ly in the second half before a Fraser MacBrayne overhead kick.

Drumchapel got a goal back from a well struck free kick that the Pupils keeper Archie McKellar was unable to stop.

The final quarter of the game saw Drumchapel issued three yellow cards and have a man sent off. Despite the rough treatment Evan Robertson and Ryan McGrory added to the tally to finish the game with a very convincing 8-1 scoreline.

Carradale ladies announce prize winners

CARRADALE Golf Club Ladies Section recently held their AGM and prizegiving for 2013 in Carradale Hotel.

The results are: club champion winning the Chris Campbell Memorial Trophy - Laura McGeachy, runner up (scratch) - Marlene Walker.

Club champion (handicap) - Fiona Rattray, runner up (handicap) - Anne Storm.

Silver Medal, SLGA Thistle Brooch, Mel-fort Quaich, Senior Sal-ver, September Medal/ LGU Brooch - Margaret Campbell.

July Shield, Ladies Open (scratch), July Medal - Laura MacGeachy.

Captain's Prize, Silver Division Trophy - Marlene Walker.

July Cup, Girls' Cup, RNLI Shield - Fiona Rattray.

Matchplay Cup, SLGA Flag Brooch,

Bronze Medal - Lynsay McGeachy.

Morton Trophy, Winter Eclectic - Sylvia Irvine.

Ladies Open (handicap trophy) - Laura Finlayson.

Matchplay Cup runner up - Anne Storm.

Morton Trophy runner up - Margaret Walsh.

April Medal - Sue Harris, June Medal - Margaret Richardson, August Medal - Isabel White, October Medal - Emma Borthwick, Summer Eclectic - Eilidh Neilson.

Ladies Greensome - Gail McIntosh/Janice Hanning.

Neilson Rosebowl - Jamie Campbell/Rennie Robertson.

McMillan Salver - John Rattray/Isabel White.

RNLI Shield (Greensome) - Angus Neilson/Margaret Richardson.

Bryson Trophy - Jean Henderson/Dorothy MacCormick.



Campbeltown Pupils Youth (under 15s) side before their entertaining friendly match against Lochgilhead Red Star on Sunday.

Move fast for a MOKRUN entry

A RECORD number of places are being made available for this year's MOKRUN.

That's the good news. The bad news is that there will be little time for dithering by potential entrants.

Although there are 1,000 places instead of last year's 900 for the half marathon and 10k on Sunday, May 25, they are still expected to be snapped up within a week - such is the incred-

ible renown of the event across the UK.

Organiser Elaine McGeachy said: 'Our committee is already busy preparing for the ninth MOKRUN, and we will again have junior races on Saturday, May 24.'

Entries open

'Entries for adults and juniors will open on www.q-buster.co.uk on January 2 and are likely to sell out fast.

'Even though we are delighted to be able to offer 100 more places than last year, we estimate these will all sell out within the week.'

Last year clusters of entries were taken up by runners from London, Brighton, Bristol, Manchester, Inverness, Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Runners World magazine named the Campbeltown half marathon the UK's best experience.

Youngsters given a taste of rugby

ACTIVE Schools in partnership with Allan Wright, Scottish Rugby Union development officer, ran a three-week block of tag rugby in all primary schools in South Kintyre.

P5 pupils in town schools and P4 - P7 pupils in rural schools were given the opportunity to learn more about the game and were given a chance to play at a recent festival held at Campbeltown's all-weather pitch.

More than 90 pupils enjoyed a cold but fun-filled day.

Links have also been made with Kintyre Rugby Club who are encouraging pupils to go along to the Meadows Playing Field on a Saturday morning at 11am.

Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club Result December Medal, played Sunday: 1 J. Docherty 85-19=66, 2 K. Johnston 76-9=67, 3 C. Holyoake 73-5=68.

New player wins Dunaverty's December Medal

A MILD breezy day greeted the players in Dunaverty's December medal competition.

Continuing his recent good form, John Dreghorn returned a nett score of 63 and held the lead over the morning competitors.

He was followed by Robert Irvine on 64. The afternoon brought a slightly stronger wind but this did not deter the relatively new player Christian Ivan from posting a nett 61 to take the honours on the day. Campbell McCallum's front nine score of 32 helped him to the day's best scratch score of 69.

CSS for the day was 64.

Result: 1 Christian Ivan 78-17-61, 2 John Dreghorn 79-16-63, 3 Robert Irvine (bih) 71-7-64, 4 Bill Brannigan 73-9-64, 5 Campbell McCallum 69-4-65, 6 Brian Hone 79-13-66.

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Tennents' Pairs finalists, from left: Neil Maguire, Ria Johnston, Archie Johnston and Elma McLean.

Archie and Ria Johnston lift Tennents' Pairs

CAMPBELTOWN Bowling Club's Stronvaar clubhouse held its best supported Tennents' Pairs for some years despite losing some of the farming members because of work commitments.

The pairs of Neil Maguire

and Elma McLean and Archie Johnston and Ria Johnston were the eventual finalists and an opening five shots in the first end looked to have put Neil and Elma firmly in the driving seat.

Not to be outdone, Archie

and Ria countered with a six and two in consecutive ends to take control of the five end final.

They still held a single shot advantage entering the last end where Archie drew two excellent bowls to the jack to

cement a deserved win.

President Robert MacCallum presented the trophy and prizes to the two pairs and also losing semi finalists Roberta Robertson and John McLean and Steven Dickson and Alan McSparran.

Scottish Amateur League results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Fosters Scottish Amateur Cup 4th Round - Campbeltown Pupils 3, Carradale 1; Oban Saints 6, Ellon 0; Premier Division One - Dunoon 2, Paisley 1; Premier Division Two - Lochgilhead Red Star 5, Dunoon Athletic 2; Division 1A - Tarbert 1, Inverkip Thistle 2.

This weekend's fixtures: West of Scotland Cup 3rd round - Oban Saints v Glasgow Harp; Premier Division One - Paisley v Campbeltown Pupils; Premier Division Two - Port Glasgow United v Dunoon Athletic; Division 1A - Tarbert v Drumchapel Amateur Colts

Audrey is a lottery winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Audrey Dickie of Gigha who chose the winning numbers in Dunaverty Golf Club three number lottery to win the £100 jackpot.

The winning numbers were 1, 7 and 14.

The next draw will take place on Sunday, December 8 with a jackpot of £100.



WIN £2450 JACKPOT

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We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

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Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown,

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Grumoli's game

Pupils striker Gary makes a dramatic return from injury to clinch cup tie

Campbeltown Pupils	3
Carradale	1
Scottish Amateur Cup - 4th Round	

THREE ruthless touches by Gary Grumoli defined the much-anticipated Scottish Cup clash between Campbeltown Pupils and Carradale AFC in front of an estimated crowd of 550 at Kintyre Park.

Six weeks ago, the Pupils striker limped painfully off the pitch with a serious thigh injury.

Determined to be fit again to play in last Saturday's historic fourth round match - the first meeting of the two sides in the Scottish Cup - he showed the enforced break had only served to bring his hunger to score to a peak.

He could not have been sharper on the ball as he killed the game with three extremely well-taken first-half goals.

Excellent chances

Carradale will look back with frustration on the opening 15 minutes and two excellent chances to open the scoring.

Dale captain Ewan McIlroy was denied by a fine save from Craig Lamont before Mark Davis had a glorious chance in front of goal but hit the ball high over the bar.

Gradually the Pupils, the Scottish Amateur Football Premier League Division One leaders, took the game by the scruff of the neck. A break down the right hand side by the speedy John McCallum saw him deliver a great low cross into the Carradale penalty box where it was met by Gary Grumoli who

neatly slid the ball into the goal to make it 1-0.

Minutes later a long kick out of goal by Lamont looked destined for Reid Anderson, his opposite number for Carradale, but the razor-sharp Gary Grumoli pounced on a moment's hesitation in the Dale defence to nip in and flick the ball past Anderson for his second goal.

With Pupils captain Paul Grumoli dominating in the centre of mid-field, the pressure paid off with eight minutes of the half remaining.

Gary Grumoli broke free on to a through ball to calmly slot the ball past the onrushing Anderson to make it 3-0.

Soon after Paul Grumoli sent a thunderous shot off the underside of the bar but the ball rebounded into the arms of Anderson.

Carradale, to their credit, came out fighting in the second half.

Adam Graham, who had come on as a substitute, pulled one back with 30 minutes remaining when he found space in the Pupils penalty box to send a fine header past Lamont.

The visitors pushed for another and it was the same player Graham who was unlucky not to score with a volley which brought a first-class fingertip save from Lamont.

A Craig Morris header then beat the keeper but went just over.

The remainder of the

match raced from end to end, but the next goal never arrived and the Pupils progressed to the fifth round of the Scottish Cup on an afternoon where Kintyre can be proud of the efforts of both sides.

Praise should also go to Pupils' Campbell Robertson for his efforts to ensure the game went ahead with Kintyre park looking pristine before kick off.

The match ball was sponsored by Andrew Charwood.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Pupils are away in the league to Paisley.



Gary Grumoli beats a diving Reid Anderson for his opening goal.
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Carradale manager proud of his players

CARRADALE AFC manager Nonnie MacAlister said he was proud of his players for not letting their heads drop after going 3-0 down at half time.

'Adam Graham, our man of the match, was inspirational when he came on in the second half, he made all the difference,' he said.

'The club was delighted to play in a historical match which saw both teams playing good competitive football in a very sporting manner.'

'It was tremendous to see so many spectators of all ages turn out for the occasion.'

'Our congratulations go to the Pupils and our best wishes for the fifth round. Here's hoping they can keep the flag flying for Kintyre.'

Carradale have no match this weekend, but there will be a fundraising race night in the Kilbrannan Bar, Campbeltown from 8pm tomorrow (Saturday).



A large crowd of around 550 turned out to catch a historic Scottish Cup tie for Kintyre.



Gary Grumoli turns away having just slotted the ball past Reid Anderson for his hat-trick. 08_c49pupils02

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