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'Havoc' warning over wind lorries

Thousands of vehicles will hinder A83 travellers, warns Glenbarr resident

MANY thousands of heavy goods lorries would create 'endless havoc' on the A83 if proposed large-scale wind farm developments go ahead.

'You wouldn't be able to move for these vehicles,' warned Glenbarr resident Boyd Sneddon this week.

'This road is barely fit for purpose in parts as it is.'

'There are 10 wind farms proposed between here and Lochgilphead.'

'There would many thousands of lorries involved in the Creggan and Blary Hill applications for Barr Glen alone.'

'These lorries will arrive mostly from the Glasgow direction.'

They will bring endless havoc for travellers.'

A furious Mr Sneddon spoke out after seeing the latest plans for Creggan put on display by developer Burcote Wind in Glenbarr Village Hall last Thursday.

'These developers don't care about anyone's way of life,' he said.

'People in Kintyre have got make their voices heard in opposing all these applications.'

'Creggan and Blary Hill and other developments will impact on everyone that uses the A83.'

An estimated 1,600 lorry journeys are needed just to remove trees

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Santa brings extra cheer to switch on of lights

Santa Claus and his little helper Morgan Irwin were among the special guests for Campbeltown's Christmas Lights Switch-on last Friday evening. They were part of a parade that saw hundreds of people descend on the town centre to enjoy the lights and fun. Full story and pictures on pages 8-9. 20_c49lights06

Abbey has tourism plans

PLANS to turn Glenbarr Abbey into an important tourist attraction are revealed in this week's Courier.

However, support and funds will first have to be found to carry out extensive repair and renovation work on the building.

Full story on page 4.

Christmas tree 'scabby' says Tarbert

TARBERT residents have made it known they are less than impressed by this year's village Christmas tree.

They have branded it 'scabby', 'an insult' and a 'b****y disgrace'.

Full story on page 5.

Police make drug arrests

DRUG-related arrests have been made in Campbeltown following a week-long police operation targeting dealers.

Police will soon also launch a shop-a-dealer campaign, urging members of the public to assist in cracking down on those who sell drugs.

Full story on page 7.



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Heavy goods lorries would create 'endless havoc' on the A83

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trees prior to the 14-turbine development proposed at Blary Hill. Many more would be involved in road widening work and in erecting turbines.

At neighbouring Auchaduaie, a figure of 3,200 lorry journeys has been estimated to establish just three approved turbines.

Mr Sneddon, who said he could not sell his house because of wind farm applications, added: 'Burcote insists turbines don't affect property prices but yet is prepared to suggest confidentiality agreements to discuss offsetting our losses.'

'This company makes a big deal about the

money being put back into communities as if it is being charitable, but this is just public money being recycled.

'We are all paying for massive subsidies for wind developers through our energy bills.'

Albert Roberts, a former lorry driver from Glenbarr, said: 'A single long vehicle can have a big impact on traffic flow on many stretches of the A83.'

Fraser Campbell, Burcote's operations director, said the company had listened to local concerns about its plans and had reduced turbine numbers from 19 to 18, dropped their height from 125 metres to 110m and placed them

further away from the village.

John Seddon, who lives in Barr Glen, told Mr Campbell last week: 'If you listened, you would just clear off.'

'People, including MP Alan Reid and MSP Mike Russell, have been telling you for three years this development is in the wrong place.'

'You don't listen to anybody - you think you know best. You are playing with people's lives and I don't know how you sleep at night.'

Mr Seddon said later: 'Apart from those with a vested interest, such as landowners, no one in Glenbarr wants this.'

Mr Campbell insisted the Creggan site was a good location, and that

his company was simply responding to the Scottish Government's renewables policy.

He refused to say that Mr Russell, until last month a Scottish cabinet minister, was wrong to go against his party's renewables policy in opposing Creggan. 'That is his opinion,' said Mr Campbell.

He also claimed 40 percent support in Glenbarr for Creggan but Kintyre Turbine Watch said a village liaison group survey put the true figure at one percent.

The Burcote operations director also said his plan had 100 supporters, but was unable to tell the Courier how many were from Glenbarr.



Fraser Campbell, operations director of Burcote Wind, left, and Ian Lovelace, the company's senior project manager, talking to John Seddon from Glenbarr about their firm's plans. 08_c49wind01

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Response flags to Saltire proposal

PLANS to have the Saltire flown outside council buildings has been turned down by councillors. With no debate on the matter, Argyll and Bute administration group refused to have the national flag flying outside its buildings other than on St Andrew's Day. Names on a petition

to have the flag flown were not even looked at before the council made the decision.

The Saltire, it was hoped, could be flown as the usual flag while the Union Jack could be flown on special days.

Mid Argyll councillor Sandy Taylor said: 'I was taken aback when there was no discussion over a bid to fly the flag of our country. However, it was the end of a long council meeting.'

Call to curb drink driving

A CAMPAIGN encouraging the public to speak up about drink driving has been launched.

A Crimestoppers spokeswoman said: 'Many people may see family members or colleagues drink driving but do not want to go to the police because they fear being identified.'

'By contacting Crimestoppers you will remain completely anonymous.'

'We want to make the roads a safer place for everyone and we would urge

you to give drink-driving information to Crimestoppers and potentially help save a life.'

Those with information can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via the online secure form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Forum gets festive

THE South Kintyre Seniors Forum Christmas party will be held at 2pm, Tuesday, De-

ember 16 at the Guide Hall, Campbeltown when carols will be led by the U3A choir.

Anyone wishing to know what the forum does, or just fancies a laugh, this is a great chance to come along and meet the members.

For more information, call 01586554744 or drop in to the Argyll Voluntary Action office.

Tyres vandalised

POLICE are appealing for information after a Renault vehicle's four tyres were vandalised at Campbeltown's Witchburn Road, close to the 30mph sign, between

7pm on Thursday, November 20 and 1.30am the following morning.

Campbeltown Police can be contacted at 01586-862200.

Smashed window

A SMASHED window at the ATS garage in Burnside Street, Campbeltown, was discovered on Sunday morning. Anyone who has any information can contact Campbeltown Police, tel 01586-862200.

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Best supplier award for Wind Towers

WIND Towers Scotland Limited won the best supplier category at the Scottish Renewables' Green Energy Awards in Edinburgh last week. The Machrihanish-based company, backed by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, was described by the judges as 'a crucial part of the supply chain'.

Fayre amount of money

A TOTAL of £887 was raised from the Saddle and Carradale Guild Christmas Fayre, opened by minister Steve Fulcher last Saturday.

The money will go to chosen charities.

The guild's next date is a Christmas lunch at Dunvalanree on Tuesday, December 9.

Flooding help

THOSE affected by the recent flooding in Campbeltown can get help dealing with the aftermath, thanks to a weekly advice service from the Scottish Flood Forum.

The meetings, every Monday from 4pm-7pm at the Aqualibrium, will be hosted by Paul Hendy, operations director of the Scottish Flood Forum.

Taxis on the move

THE Campbeltown taxi rank has relocated to the bottom of Main Street to accommodate building work at the town hall which started on Monday.

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'Name and shame' the town's messy dog owners

'Dog fouling remains a serious issue across Argyll and Bute'

DOG foulers in Campbeltown should be 'named and shamed', according to Councillor Donald Kelly.

He told the Courier this week: 'Several residents in the Limecraigs Road area have been in touch to express their concerns about dog owners allowing their pets to leave a mess.'

'It is a disgusting practice and a tough line is needed. People who do not clean up after their dogs should be named and shamed.'

Mr Kelly is urging Argyll and Bute Council to step up its efforts to curb the problem.

He said: 'Firm action

is required to deal with dog fouling. Not only is it unsightly it is also a health risk, especially in areas for recreation or where children play.'

The Courier asked the council how many dog owners had been penalised for allowing their animal to foul in the past year.

A council spokesman replied: 'Dog fouling remains a serious issue across Argyll and Bute.'

'We have nine wardens carrying out enforcement patrols, with two located in the Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.'

'Joint patrols between wardens and the police



Part of Limecraigs Road in Campbeltown where residents are angry about repeated dog fouling. 20_c49dogfouling01

are ongoing.

'The difficulty is actually catching dog owners who do not clear up once their pet has fouled. However, the public can assist us by providing details such as the exact location this occurs, the approximate time the dog owner exercises their pet and a description of it.'

'This allows the council the opportunity to step up patrols at the appropriate times.'

able providing the name and address of someone failing to clean up after their dog has fouled, they can assist us by providing details such as the exact location this occurs, the approximate time the dog owner exercises their pet and a description of it.'

'This allows the council

the opportunity to step up patrols at the appropriate times.'

* What do you think should be done about dog fouling? Write to editor at Campbeltown Courier, Main and Longrow South, Campbeltown PA28 6AE or email editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

More support blows in for dialysis campaign

THE Kintyre Dialysis Campaign funds now stand at well over £85,000 thanks to a grant of £2,500 just in from the East Kintyre Wind Farm Trust.

The campaign can expect to receive another substantial boost on Sunday evening when it will be given the proceeds from Campbeltown's annual carole service at the Lorne and Lowland Church organised by the Salvation Army.

Councillor Donald Kelly, the campaign chairman, said: 'We are extremely grateful for the wind farm trust donation but also quite taken that the Salvation Army should decide to contribute the funds from the annual carol concert.'

The campaign money will help ensure the setting up of a dialysis unit at Campbeltown Hospital to end the torturous, thrice-weekly journeys to Alexandria for three Kintyre dialysis patients.

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Glenbarr Abbey tourism hopes

AMBITIOUS plans have been drawn up to develop Glenbarr Abbey as an important tourist attraction for Kintyre, creating jobs in the process.

It would involve further development of the Clan MacAlister visitor centre, the provision of bed and breakfast accommodation and refurbishing and extending the old laundry building to create a function suite suitable for weddings, conferences and meetings.

Other ideas include the restoration of the gardens and grounds, with demonstrations of traditional skills and nature or adventure activities.

Indeed, anything that would encourage visitors and make use of the Abbey all year round could be considered.

However, the Courier was told this week that the 18th century building, which has been

....but first the building would require extensive repair and renovation work

managed by the Clan MacAlister Charitable Trust since 1986, is now on the Buildings at Risk Register.

'It is badly in need of extensive repair work before we can realise our hopes of it becoming a significant tourist attraction, creating local jobs,' said Jeanne Macalister, one of the trustees, who now lives in the Coach House attached to the Abbey.

'Last year the ancient heating system gave up after struggling on for many years. This was closely followed by the electrical system, as those who visited our annual Christmas open

days would have been aware.

'Early this year a programme of rewiring was started, funded mainly by one of the American Trustees and aided by two very welcome grants from the West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust.

'This year's very wet spring saw the building suffer extensive water damage through the roof, windows and walls. These are in urgent need of repair before we begin any internal restoration.

'I feel the tourism potential of the Abbey is huge and would help draw people to explore

Kintyre's many other attractions and thereby boost the local economy.

'The trustees think that this is a project worth pursuing, but we need to know if the area's residents are with us.

'Kintyre is crammed with history, and I would respectfully suggest that we have even more to offer than Kilmartin Glen. However, we are off the beaten track and despite the best efforts of the Kintyre Trail, the Kintyre Way and other organisations, we could do better.

'The peninsula offers numerous buildings of architectural delight, especially in Campbeltown. Some privately owned, some publicly owned.

'Glenbarr Abbey is the only historic house open to the public after you leave Inveraray Castle and Dunollie House in Oban and travel south.

'The Heritage Centre in Campbeltown is an exciting museum, which records the fascinating social history of Kintyre. The Abbey is a more traditional museum which houses the usual family heirlooms and the more unusual collections of both the late laird and myself.'

Mrs Macalister personally takes guided tours around the house during the summer season, and at Christmas the house is open to visitors who delight in the live music in the dining room, the roaring log



Glenbarr Abbey and its grounds could become an important tourist attraction, but first it needs extensive repair and restoration work.



Jean Macalister will be welcoming visitors to the Abbey's traditional Christmas open days over the next two weekends. 08_c49abbey02

fire in the main hall and, in the tearoom, the renowned home baking of the Mairi Semple Fund Committee which raises money for cancer relief locally and cancer research.

The Clan MacAlister Charitable Trust will be seeking grants from Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore and renovate the buildings and grounds.

Full museum accreditation is also being sought so that the museum can be developed

to put more focus on the MacAlisters in Kintyre while still recognising the strong family links of Macalister of Glenbarr, which go back more than 200 years.

It is also intended that the Abbey should make the best use of available alternative power sources, helping both the environment and the budget.

'However, none of this will be of any use if the Abbey cannot then be utilised to its full potential to become a financially-self sustaining business,' said Mrs Macalister.

A document - A Vision for the Future Financial Self Sustainability of Glenbarr Abbey - outlines some of the ways in which the trust can develop this theme.

Mrs Macalister said the Abbey needs more voluntary help to assist with its plans, and the trustees are looking for support from anyone who has the time to donate skills in office administration and

computer technology; event management and marketing experience; landscaping and garden restoration; museum knowledge and conservation experience.

'We even need assistance with everyday chores such as cleaning, and help with the shop and tearoom when the Abbey is open to the public,' added Mrs Macalister.

'The community can also be of enormous help by simply telling the trust if it sees a need for this project to succeed, and by putting forward ideas on how they see the Abbey providing facilities for folk to enjoy all year around, be it an adventure play area or cultural events.'

'We want to hear what they would like to see happen if it was their project.'

'At this stage the project is an open book just waiting for useful ideas that will see the Abbey become financially self sustaining while being of benefit to the local community and economy.'

'Anyone visiting the Abbey this Christmas should feel free to ask questions about the project and give their opinion. There will be short questionnaires provided at the Abbey which can also be posted out.'

Anyone considering giving their time, experience or ideas, or even donations, and would like a copy of the Vision document and further information, can contact Jeanne Macalister at Glenbarr Abbey on 01583-421247/090 or alardice4@gmail.com or Linda Bryce on 01583-421358 or tgaglenbarabbey@gmail.com



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Council blames 'elf and safety' for Tarbert's 'scabby' Christmas tree

AFTER A public outcry a Christmas tree described as a 'b****y disgrace' by Tarbert residents has been removed by council officers.

The 12ft tree, standing at a slight angle in Tarbert's harbour area was described on social media as 'an insult', 'scabby' and 'like a match.' It is understood that more than 100 people made a complaint to the local authority and councilors about the tree.

Residents complained

that Inveraray and Lochgilphead always have better trees than them.

Jane Knowles stated: 'Trees must be hard to get around Tarbert... it's not like we're surrounded by forests full of lovely trees!'

Gail MacDonald said: 'As usual Tarbert gets the worst tree.'

Charlie Nicolson said: 'Perhaps we could invite the council chief executive to be the angel on top of the tree?'

Heather Bellshaw de-

manded: 'Send it back.'

Karlina Hamlin said: 'Visitors were just shaking their heads. It's an embarrassment.'

Argyll and Bute Council said it was 'logging calls' on the matter.

A council spokesman continued: 'We spend around £100,000 a year providing our communities with Christmas lights and trees.'

'This tree is smaller than some in our other towns because of the limitations of the site -

it is quite small and exposed.

'The supports for a larger tree would encroach on the car parking spaces on one side and the footpath on the other, and the tree would be at risk of blowing down in severe weather.'

'Public safety is our primary consideration when selecting and siting Christmas trees.'

As the Courier went to press, the spokesman said the tree would be replaced.



Tarbert residents lodged complaints about the village Christmas tree.
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Gigha given go ahead for change

GIGHA will now go ahead with planning its future for the next decade following backing last week for Margaret McSparran as chairwoman of the island's trust.

Ms McSparran, who has held the voluntary post for 14 months, had written to islanders seeking 'a clear vote of confidence' in her position.

She received that when membership at a meeting of Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust last week backed her by 58 votes to 28.

Afterwards, she declared: 'I'm grateful to the trust members for voting on this important matter. With the support of the members, the board will now take forward the strategic review as outlined to the members and implement the proposals for the business plan.'

This week she told the Courier: 'It was a positive meeting. The strategic plan will take us forward for the next decade and our business plan for the next three to five years will include the refinancing of our £2.7 million debt.'

'It is now up to us to

take responsibility and get on with the job in hand.'

The islanders were involved in a £4 million community buyout 12 years ago, with £1 million paid to lenders within a year.

More than £800,000 has also been raised through the trust's renewable companies, and the value of the island increased to £7.5 million.

However, a recent review commissioned by the trust warned that business changes had to be made to deal with the debt.

David Cameron, chairman of Community Land Scotland, said of events in Gigha: 'We have seen the strength of community ownership, with a community fully engaged and in democratic control of its future.'

'The consultation, debate and decisions about its direction have given strong support for the vision of its chairwoman and board on how to take the island forward to an ever stronger future.'

'This is an island community which has invested in build-

ing for that future. 'Gigha's community ownership has delivered remarkable improvements. Substantial numbers of modernised and new houses and new income streams developed through energy generation are just two examples of progress.'

'Such development requires significant investment and commercial borrowing. We don't paint household mortgage owners as people who have simply run up debts and nor should we paint community owners investing in their future in such a way.'



Fireworks bring a sparkle to Campbeltown Loch

This striking shot, showing Hall Street and New Quay lit up in dazzling colour from the other side of Campbeltown Loch, was taken by resident Fraser McNair during the town's fireworks display. The 30-minute show, largely funded by the Ardshiel Hotel and Explore Campbeltown as part of the town's Christmas Weekend, saw hundreds of people pack the seafront to watch.

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Who is listening?

IF wind developer Burcote Wind was in any doubt of opposition to its plans for 18 giant turbines in Barr Glen by Glenbarr, it should not be now after its latest exhibition in the village hall last week. Some residents made their feelings known in no uncertain terms. One pleaded, 'why don't you just go away?'

Burcote said it was there to listen and to try mitigate any concerns expressed, however, it was perfectly clear that 'listening' is very much conditional. Such firms will endeavour to make the right public relation noises, but when the chips are down they will press ahead regardless. Should a village unite to a man and woman in telling them they are not wanted, this 'listener' will adopt a particular kind of deafness.

Here is the deal - Burcote is almost certainly in this now to the bitter end. As is RES in seeking 14 turbines across the glen. Far too much time and money has been invested thus far in the planning and in staff and consultancy costs.

The financial rewards for success also far outweigh that substantial initial stake. If planning permission is refused, the companies will go to appeal. That is the reality, not the 'listening'.

Indeed, twice last week the Courier and others present were informed Burcote 'did not need to do this', referring to the charm process of exhibitions and consulting with the locals. That also applies to the substantial funds offered for community projects.

Being seen to be nice and community-friendly may be the preferable choice of such companies but it is not a prerequisite.

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SNP increased NHS spending

Sir,

If Alastair Redman intends to be taken seriously as the Tory candidate in next year's general election he is going to have to do better than simply recycling Ruth Davidson's press releases.

Mr Redman's central claim is that spending on Scotland's NHS has failed to keep pace with 'increasing' spending on the English NHS.

Unfortunately for Conservative credibility, the increased spending boast by the Tories was blown out of the water two years ago when Andy Burnham, Labour's shadow health secretary, lodged a complaint centred on David Cameron's fiddled figures, a complaint that was subsequently upheld by the UK's official statistics watchdog.

If Alastair Redman was not aware of this he ought to apologise.

Back in the real world, with a Tory-Liberal £1.72 billion cut to Scotland's overall budget, the Scottish Government's careful stewardship of the country's books has enabled John Swinney to squeeze a real terms increase for Scotland's NHS, taking the Scottish health budget beyond £12 billion for the first time and delivering on the SNP's promise to keep the NHS in public hands and protect frontline services.

That's what good government looks like. But the real worry for Scotland's NHS is the impact of the £25 billion worth of austerity cuts signed up to by the 'Three Amigos' - Conservatives, Liber-

als and Labour. However the good news is that the massive and unprecedented influx of new members, and the prospect of significant gains in the May general election, for the SNP means the SNP will have Scotland's backing to fight tooth and nail to protect our budget, demand a re-think of the austerity policies that are impoverishing our children and ensure the powers promised in the 'Vow' are delivered.

Ron Wilson
Secretary, Kintyre
branch SNP.

Flaws in capitalism

Sir,

In the aftermath of the recent by-election, the usual drivel was spouted by the leading politicians of Labour and Tories to explain their respective abysmal showing.

Do they really believe their own twaddle, or is it a sop to the now fast-dwindling band of their faithful followers?

An ebullient Farage, downing his pint like a tomcat with a tub of double cream, confidently boasted that many more seats would be won come the general election.

Thankfully, he has no chance of becoming prime minister.

The ineffectual Miliband or the woeful Cameron will lead the next government, with (as seems likely) a cobbled coalition, and that indeed is a bleak thought to ponder upon.

To make matters worse the economic future probably has an ominous black cloud looming on the horizon, if the opinions of a recent book from a well-informed author prove true. (I haven't read it -

only a lengthy review).

Martin Wolf, the chief economics editor of the Financial Times has expressed his fears for the future in *The Shifts* and the Shocks and points out that: 'Once you realise the scale of the disaster and the forces driving through the system, we've even greater imbalances now than before (the economic crash of) 2008.'

Martin Wolf dismisses the present system of neoliberalism as being no more than 'an attempt to go back to the 19th century'. In a manner reminiscent of Marx, he questions the ability of capitalism to cope with the fundamental problem of how surplus growth is to be absorbed.

The reviewer, taking up on this issue, stated that Marx adequately indicated that, 'free market economics, far from producing growth for all, would simply create a class-riven society, rampant inequality and periodic crises'.

Marx's theory of surplus value was, incidentally, brilliantly explained by Jack London in his novel, *The Iron Heel*, a powerful indictment of the capitalist system, and widely regarded as a prediction of the fascism that ravaged Germany in the 1930s, leading eventually to the Second World War.

Norrie Paton
Kilkerran
Campbeltown.

More powers needed

Sir,

I'm looking at the proposals of yet another commission to devolve powers to Scotland and wondering if any-

thing useful will be left after the 'attentions' of the House of Commons and Lords.

After all, look at those plans to devolve Crown Estates, twice now recommended, disappeared in Calman and now in Smith Commission, and no promises yet.

If island and rural areas such as Argyll and Bute are to be given a stake in how these revenues are allocated, as promised by the Scottish Government and demanded by Labour and LibDems, then surely we need more than possible proposals which can ultimately be ditched by Westminster parties as seen by LibDems backing of introducing increased fees for English students.

But never mind, I'm sure that I am not alone in getting quite excited by the proposal to devolve the power over traffic signs.

Morag Branson
Glenbarr.

Thanks for all your efforts

Sir,

What a great weekend for the Wee Toon with so many agencies and businesses contributing to its undoubted success.

The Kintyre Crafters Group would like to thank Explore Campbeltown and Springbank Distillery staff for their hard work and 'out of the box' thinking to make it happen for us.

Particular note must be made of Mairi Paterson's efforts to pull things together - always with a smile. Well done and thanks.

Marilyn Moffat
Kintyre Crafters'
Group.

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Resurfacing work will cause delays

DELAYS are to be expected on the A83 between Ardenavan and Drishaig near Loch Fyne Oysters where 1.5km of the road will be resurfaced from Monday, December 8 for two weeks.

The works will be carried out between 7am and 7pm each day from Monday to Friday with no works planned at weekends.

Convoy system

Temporary traffic lights and a 10mph convoy system will be in operation.

Traffic management will be removed outwith working hours to keep disruption to a mini-

mum, although a speed restriction of 30mph will remain in place as traffic will be running on a temporary surface.

Eddie Ross, of BEAR Scotland, said: 'These essential works will form part of the investment programme on the A83 and improve the existing road surface, benefiting road users for years to come.'

'Some delays are inevitable and we would therefore encourage motorists to plan their journey ahead.'

Real-time journey planning information can be obtained by visiting www.trafficscotland.org

Crown Estate control call

ALAN Reid MP has called for control over the Crown Estate to be devolved to Argyll and Bute.

Speaking in the House of Commons this week, Mr Reid said: 'It is important devolution does not end at Holyrood but continues to communities throughout Scotland.'

'The Crown Estate's current powers must come to Argyll and Bute.'

Arrests as police target drug dealers

ARRESTS have been made in Campbeltown as part of a week-long operation to target drug dealers.

Police warned this week that operation would continue in the run up to Christmas and involve the launch of a shop-a-dealer campaign.

Seven people in Campbeltown and Oban were charged for possession and supply charges of controlled drugs including cannabis, Diazepam, diamorphine, Ecstasy and magic mushrooms.

A further seven people were stopped and searched across the Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Oban areas and found to be in possession of controlled drugs.

The area commander, Chief Inspector Mar-

lene Baillie said: 'Drug abuse continues to be one of our priorities. It regularly features as a concern of residents and we are fully committed to tackling this issue.'

'In the run up to Christmas we will be running a number of operations across the area and launching our shop-a-dealer campaign.'

'We will be using different tactics designed to disrupt the activities of individuals thought to be involved in the sale and supply of drugs.'

'I would continue to ask the public for their help - I am grateful for their support. With further information and intelligence gleaned from our communities, I am confident we can continue to make significant inroads into addressing this issue.'



Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie is hopeful the supply of drugs can be curtailed with the public's help.

Work starts on subsea cable

SSE has started laying the replacement Jura subsea cable - a move welcomed by Michael Russell, the Argyll and Bute MSP.

He said: 'This is very good news for the communities of Islay and Jura. The failure of the cable six months ago has created real problems for the islands.'

'The continuous use of the standby diesel set in Bowmore was causing considerable inconvenience and disturbance to the local population and was costing a very large amount of money.'

'There was also a risk of outage during the winter which would have caused much hardship. Renewable generation was being badly affected by the inability to export electricity.'

'I am very pleased that concerns expressed by many people including myself have been heeded and I am relieved the company has confirmed it will be starting cable laying immediately.'



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These young Campbeltown footballers had a great time walking the length of the procession with some of their CDJFA coaches.

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It was all smiles on the Machrihanish Dunes float as it made its way through the town centre.

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Magical night for Christmas lights switch on

HUNDREDS of people packed Campbeltown's Main Street last Friday evening to watch the Wee Toon's traditional Christmas Lights Switch-on parade.

A perfectly still winter's evening saw an impressive parade of floats, led by the town's youth and adult pipe bands with bagpipes draped in tinsel and lights, make its way down Longrow, Main Street and the length of Hall Street before returning back up

Main Street to begin the lights switch-on ceremony.

The important job of switching on the lights was carried out with perfect timing by Rianne Coffield and Jessica Lang, who both won the competition to design Christmas lights.

Youth choir

Campbeltown Brass played, the Salvation Army youth choir sang and shops throughout the town centre opened late.

Around the corner in Burnside Square, an ice rink was in full swing, running from 6pm-10pm on Friday and noon till 10pm on Saturday with stalls alongside selling hot food.

Raymond Harvey, chairman of Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group, said: 'We were delighted with the strong turnout from the community once again, it was great to see.'

'This has been a year's planning, so it was fantastic to see our efforts supported and appreciated by the public in such strong numbers. Thank you to the committee and to all those who helped make it a great evening.'

An Explore Campbeltown spokesman said the ice rink, a first for the town and funded by the Royal Hotel and the TSB and Clydesdale banks, had been a massive success.



BBC reporter Jamie McIvor with Rianne Coffield, centre and Jessica Lang.



Campbeltown town centre was a hive of activity last Friday evening as the lights came on and shops opened until late in the evening.

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Parish Hall, Lochgilphead
Saturday Dec 6
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Funds to Lusaka School
(Scottish reg. charity SC038694)

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
Sunday 7th December
11am - 2.30pm
Ford Village Hall
Craft stalls, home-made preserves, cakes, puddings, tombola, soup & sandwiches, tea & coffee
Funds for Village Hall & St. Matthew's, Possilpark

BRITISH RED CROSS Christmas Coffee Morning
Saturday 6th Dec 2014
10am - 12 noon
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Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 10th December
2.30 - 4.30pm and
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Campbeltown Free Church, George Street
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in Kirk Street Hall on
Thursday 11th Dec 12-2pm
Friday 12th Dec 12-2pm
Saturday 13th Dec
Coffee Morning
10-12 noon
Lunches 12-2pm
All welcome

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COFFEE AFTERNOON
Saturday 6th December
2014
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Stronvaar Bowling Club
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Pipers

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...ras MC for the evening, and was helped to switch on the lights by Rianne Coffield and Jessica Lang. 20_c49lights07



The town's Burnside Square featured an ice rink on Friday and Saturday.



Choir group Singing Sensations were in full voice before the lights switch-on. 20_c49lights01



Campbeltown Christmas Lights Committee, from left, Mandy Robertson, Jamie McIvor, Caroline Armour, Lorraine Gillespie, Will Anderson, vice-chairman, and Raymond Harvey, chairman. 20_c49lights09

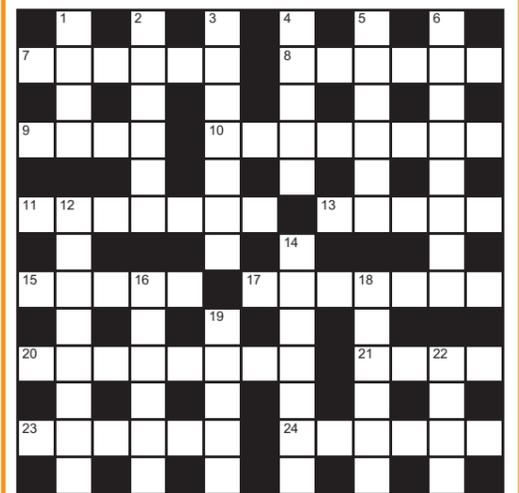


Saffron Coffield was Elsa from Disney's hit film Frozen, singing Let It Go, a song which features in the film. 20_c49lights10



Peter Robertson, left, and Douglas Haddow from the Co-operative's Campbeltown branch donned their Santa suits to take part in the procession. 20_c49lights03

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



Across

- 7 Without warning (6)
- 8 Rough texture (6)
- 9 Flavouring from plants (4)
- 10 Above (8)
- 11 Supplier of cooked goods (7)
- 13 Smudge (5)
- 15 Lively (5)
- 17 Break (7)
- 20 Border of a country (8)
- 21 Give off, as light (4)
- 23 Card carrier (6)
- 24 The number of days it took to go round the world (6)

Down

- 1 Combine (4)
- 2 Not poisonous (6)
- 3 To put in a difficult position (7)
- 4 Heron (5)
- 5 Tribal leader (6)
- 6 Something to be sniffed at (8)
- 12 About land (8)
- 14 Ask for again (7)
- 16 Badly eroded land (6)
- 18 Promise (6)
- 19 Agile (5)
- 22 Up against (4)

Last week's solution



Carole's career in nursing recognised

CAMPBELTOWN nurse Carole Harrow could not believe she was receiving a long service medal - so much so she almost threw it away.

Carole, who celebrated 40 years in nursing in September this year, received a medal and certificate from the Queen's Nursing Institute of Scotland through the post last Wednesday, but almost mistook it for junk mail.

Carole said: 'I was going through the mail and there were a number of envelopes. I knew some

were junk mail and went to bin them, but I could feel something in one of them. When I opened it up it turned out to be a medal, along with a certificate congratulating me on 40 years' service.

'I was overwhelmed, as it was totally unexpected, but at the same time very proud.'

Carole was brought up in Glasgow and began her training at the city's Victoria Infirmary in 1974, before becoming a qualified nurse five years later.

She also trained as a midwife, working at the now closed Cottage and Calton hospitals in the town before becoming Campbeltown Health Centre's first practice nurse. Carole added: 'Some of the staff members presented me with a bunch of flowers, it was a lovely gesture and I was quite emotional afterwards. It just felt nice to be recognised.'

'I have had a lot of different memories throughout my nursing career, both happy and sad, and this is definitely a happy one.'



Carole Harrow celebrated 40 years as a nurse in September and was presented with a certificate and medal. 20_c48carole01



From left: Alex Kelso, Chris Holden, Fiona McPhee, Betty McPherson, Anne Devlin, Barbara Mansell, Deirdre Henderson, Carol Young, Catherine Murray.

Cancer support bids farewell to Betty

THE MACMILLAN Cancer Information and Support Service at Campbeltown Library has said a fond farewell to one of its founder members.

Betty McPherson has been volunteering with the service since it started just over a year ago. Her fellow volunteers and library staff members arranged a special lunch to send her on her way to a new life with family in

New Zealand. Like the rest of the volunteers who offer support over a cuppa at Campbeltown Library at the Thursday drop-ins, Betty has contributed to helping with 180 enquiries from people affected by cancer.

Chris Holden, the volunteer coordinator with the service, said 'Betty has been a great asset for the service in the library.

'Her smile and personality

have really helped to create a welcoming environment at our weekly drop-ins. We wish her well.'

To find out more about the service, or if you are interested in volunteering, contact Deirdre or Chris on 01586 555932 or macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk More information can also be found at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/macmillan

Toughen up testing for young drivers

A MSP is campaigning for tougher training for young drivers.

David Stewart, Highlands and Islands Labour MSP, said it would save lives. Mr Stewart has secured a face-to-face meeting in Westminster on December 10 with junior transport minister Robert Goodwill MP to discuss his campaign to have a form of graduated licence introduced as a pilot in Scotland.

The MSP said: 'Young and new drivers have come to be over represented in road collisions by the fact that they are inexperienced and over confident.'

'It is estimated that up to 22 lives per year could be saved in Scotland alone and up to £80 million to the Scottish economy.'

'We want a 12-month learner phase for drivers at aged 17, with a requirement of 100 hours daytime and 20 hours night time driving, all recorded in a log book.'

'At 18 years and after passing the theory tests, the driver would move to a probationary licence. The driver would display a green P plate and there would be a zero drink drive limit and night time driving would be curtailed unless there was someone over 25 years of age in the car.'

'After 12 months of a probationary licence the driver would proceed, aged 19, to a full unrestricted licence.'

Maintain mail service, urges MP

ALAN Reid MP urged Prime Minister David Cameron to make sure Royal Mail maintains its commitment to rural areas, at the House of Commons last Wednesday.

The Argyll and Bute MP explained how Royal Mail's Universal Service Obligation, guaranteeing delivery of mail to every premises in the country and collection of mail from every post box six days

a week, is vital to rural communities, and asked the prime minister if he would 'give an assurance to never allow the watering down of the obligation in any way.'

Important Mr Cameron said: 'I know how important the Universal Service Obligation is, particularly in rural and island communities.'

It is very important that it is maintained.'

Speaking afterwards, Mr Reid said: 'The law requires Royal Mail to fulfil the Universal Service Obligation, and it is vitally important for Argyll and Bute, so I am pleased the prime minister agreed on its importance.'

'After all the references at Prime Minister's Questions to white van man, I am delighted to support the postal service's red van man.'

Christmas film night should be a cracker

SPRINGBANK Evangelical Church is building up to Christmas with a fun-packed series of events.

Already a Christmas Cafe in the church building in Campbeltown's Well Close has featured festive food and music and a dedicated play area for children.

Pastor Ross Ferguson said: 'Our Christmas events are catering for all members of the family, and the Christmas cafe

tied in with the other events going on around Campbeltown last weekend.'

Next Sunday at the church there will be a showing of God's Not Dead, a 2014 film depicting a debate between an American college lecturer and one of his students about the existence of God.

It has a 6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start.

Mr Ferguson said: 'We are one of the few venues kitted out for

cinema showings, with an HD projector, surround-sound and we have capacity for up to 80 people.'

'If this night is successful we will look at showing more films in the future.'

We realise many people in the town will feel a bit deprived of cinema at the moment so we would encourage people to come along.

'It is not a typical religious film with one message, it is more of a two-sided debate.'



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Farming union representatives who met to discuss the UK's dairy crisis.

UK farming unions meet over dairy crisis

NFU Scotland met with representatives from the rest of the UK's farming unions at Ingliston on Monday to tackle the crisis in the dairy sector.

Hosted by NFU Scotland, its dairy team was joined by representatives from NFU England and Wales, NFU Cymru, Ulster Farmers Union and staff from the unions' Brussels office.

There was recognition that while there may be no quick fix to the problems faced across the UK dairy industry, activity at a national, UK and European level can make a difference and drive stability and confidence.

Following the meet-

ing, it was agreed that at UK union level, work will be done to:

*Ensure any price cuts are proportionate, that when the market turns farmers quickly see the benefits;

*Encourage Europe and the UK to increase promotional activity to promote exports and generate import substitution;

*Re-assess the EU intervention price to ensure it is an effective safety net and not simply a crash mat;

*Develop financial management and insurance 'tools';

*Lobby for tax incentives to accommodate the volatile nature of farming; and,

*Wherever possible and sensible, efforts will be increased to work collaboratively together.

Gary Mitchell, NFU Scotland milk committee chairman who organised the meeting said: 'Although the markets continue to react to the global supply and demand imbalance, we will continue to ensure price cuts imposed on farmers are proportionate and properly explained by all milk purchasers.

Imperative

'It remains imperative that the dairy supply chain shares the responsibility and consequence of weak markets and works to limit

any long-term damage to our dairy sector.

'The lack of transparency in the liquid sector needs to be addressed, as does the seemingly slow response of retailers to wholesale and farmgate cuts. While the retail price of cheese and butter on shop shelves has risen year on year, wholesale prices for these staple products have crashed by 30 to 40 percent. Growing retailer margins at a time of farmgate cuts is an issue the unions will challenge.

'The issue of volatile markets must be addressed and the European Union has tools at its disposal.

'Promotion of dairy products is also key. UK ministers must tackle a dairy balance of trade deficit of £1.357 billion. Of the 732,000 tonnes of cheese we use, 432,000 is imported. In terms of butter, of the 205,000 tonnes we eat, 105,000 tonnes is imported.'

*First Milk, which produces Mull of Kintyre cheese, this week announced it will be cutting price for its manufacturing pool by 1.1 p per litre and for its liquid pool by 1p litre from January. That is on the back of cuts in recent months because of decline in global demand for dairy products.

Class acts recognised at breeders' meeting

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders' Club held its annual heifer competition last Wednesday.

Judge for the day was Kevin Lawrie, a young man well qualified for the role having enjoyed great success at the Argiscot event at Ingliston with animals from the Sanyford herd at Monkton, Ayrshire, which he farms with his parents.

The prizes for the various classes were presented at a dinner in the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown before Malcolm Ronald, the club's vice-chairman, closed

the day's business with a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those who contributed to the day's success.

Prize winners are as follows:
Team - 1 A C Millar, Ballygreggan, 2 T M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble, 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Individual Heifer - 1 A C Millar, Ballygreggan, 2 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, 3 T M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble. Mother and Daughter - 1 J and M Barr, Clochkeil, 2 A C Millar, Ballygreggan, 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Progeny Group - 1 T M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble, ED Jackpot, 2 and 3 A C Millar, Ballygreggan, Wilsboro Red Razzle and Achavilly Bolt Red. Milk Solids, 1 and 2 T M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble.

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MARKET REPORT

United Auctions - Islay

UNITED Auctions sold 497 head of cattle at Islay Auction Mart last Saturday.

Bullocks sold to average £789.55 per head or 244.56 per kilo against £742.24 and 234.61 at the corresponding sale last year while the heifers levelled out at £787.76 per head or 232.11 per kilo against £685.56 and 232.48 last year.

Uiskentuie's consignment led the top priced bullocks at £1,225 for Limousin crosses and the same breed from

Foreland Estate led the heifer prices at £1,165.

The top priced bullocks per kilo came from the Smaladh consignment when their Limousin crosses sold to 320p and Dunlossit Farms. Knocklearach led the heifer prices in this section at 285p.

Overall, an excellent show of stock sold at enhanced values and to a strong force of mainland buyers round the ringside.

Principal lots and prices

Top prices per head

Bullocks

AAx: £1,175 - Foreland Estate and Scarrabus (2), £1,125 - Uiskentuie, £1015 - Knockrome (Boyle), £955 - Scarrabus. CHARx: £1,205 - Knocklearach, £1,055 - Cladville. LIMx: £1,225 - Uiskentuie, £1,175 and £1,165(3) - Foreland Estate, £1165

- Kilchiaran, £1,125 - Uiskentuie, £1,095 - Kilchiaran(2) and Uiskentuie, £1,085 - Cladville, £1,075(3) and £1,025(4) - Uiskentuie, £1,005 - Ballychatrigan, £975 - Ballytarsin, £935(2) - Balaclava, £935 - Kintra, £925(2) - Kilchiaran, £915 - Ballytarsin(2), Uiskentuie(2) and Balaclava, £905 - Corrary. Luig: £815(8) - Kinnabus. SHx: £835 - Paire A Chlissan. BRBx: £845(4) - Knocklearach.

Heifers

AAx: £945(3) - Lorgba, £905(4) - Scarrabus. CHARx: £795(5) - Ballinaby. LIMx: £1,165(3) and £1,155(3) - Foreland Estate, £1,115, £1,095, £1,085(2), £995(12) - Uiskentuie, £965 - Foreland Estate, £935(4) and £925(2) - Kilchiaran, £915 - Balaclava(3) and Uiskentuie(5).

Top prices per kilo

Bullocks

AAx: 276p(26) - Scarrabus, 271p(2) - Kelsay, 241p(12) and 236p(12) - Scarrabus, 235p - Ballinaby, 234p(7) and 232p(9) - Kelsay, 228p(2), 227p(3) and 225p(3) - Scarrabus, 223p - Knockrome(Boyle), 223p(3) - Keppols, 221p - Uiskentuie, 220p Balinabby. CHARx: 308p(2) - Kintra, 288p(3) and 264p(2) - Balinabby, 260p - Knocklearach, 235p(2) - Balinabby, 229p and 221p - Knocklearach. LIMx: 320p(6) -

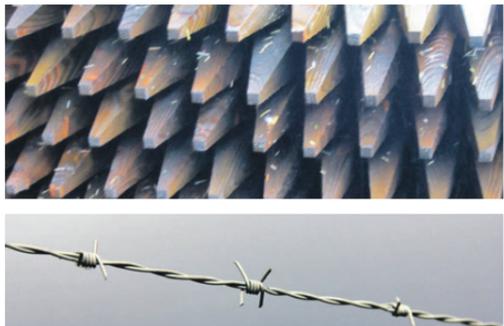
Smaladh, 313p(4) - Kintra, 306p(4) - Knocklearach, 304p(5) - Smaladh, 299p - Woodend, 297p(4) - Knocklearach, 295p(8) - Kilbride, 281p - Knocklearach (8) and Kintra(5), 280p - Kintra, 279p, 278p(4) and 277p(2) - Woodend, 275p(5) - Kintra, 273p(5) - Knocklearach, 270p(3) - Kintra, 267p(2) - Kilbride, 266p - Kintra and Knocklearach(6), 264p - Greanan, 262p - Knocklearach, 260p(7) - Smaladh, 246p - Balaclava, 242p - Kilchiaran, 240p(5) - Blackpark, 239p and 238p - Knocklearach, 237p(6) - Corrary. SHx: 231p (2), 228p and 224p - Paire A Chlissan. SIMx: 220p - Corrary. BRBx: 281p(2) and 262p - Knocklearach.

Heifers

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Work starts on new village hall

SOUTHEND villagers were out in force last Thursday to see the first step towards a new Dunaverty Village Hall becoming a reality.

David McCallum, a Southend resident and member of the Dunaverty Hall Committee for the past 26 years, cut the first sod at the site of the new facility to rapturous applause from fellow villagers.

The Courier reported back in August that the campaign for a new village hall in Southend had obtained more than 95 percent of the necessary funding to go ahead with the £520,000 project - after a 16-year

campaign for a modern, multi-purpose facility.

Susan Paterson, chairwoman of the hall committee said: 'This is the culmination of years of hard work, it has been a long story of tireless campaigning by a number of people in the Southend area.'

Different rooms
'The new hall will feature different rooms as opposed to just one space before, which allows for more than one event at a time to take place.

Also there will be changing facilities and showers, allowing sports clubs to make use of the hall when using

the sports field beside it.

'The committee will continue to organise fundraising events, such as our duck race, Christmas fair and scarecrow challenge, and we are looking forward to hosting plenty of other events in the new hall.'

The prospect of a new hall was poignant for some of the retired villagers, who remembered the old hall's role at the centre of community life.

Donald Taylor, Jane McCorkindale and Janet Ferguson told how the hall hosted events almost non-stop in years gone by.

They said: 'It was orig-



David McCallum, centre, a member of the Dunaverty Hall Committee for 26 years, is surrounded by villagers as he cuts the first sod to officially marks the start development work on a new hall.

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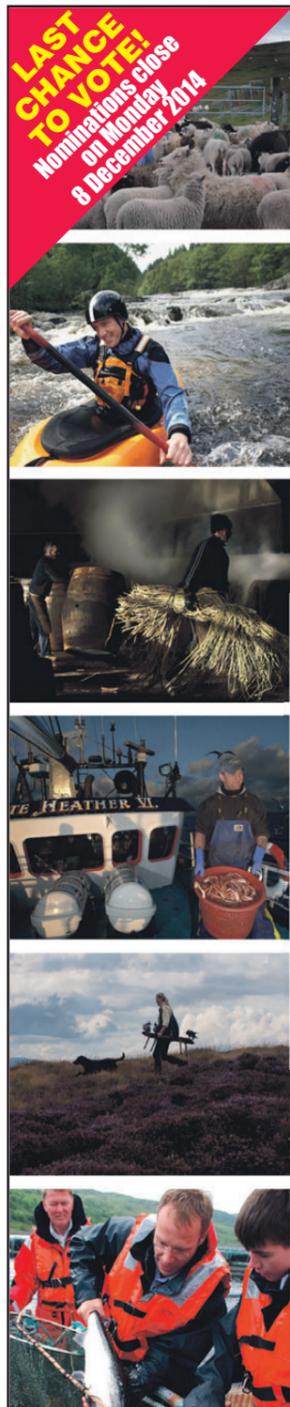
inally built as a TA hall and hosted shooting practice, but soon there were plays, pantomimes at Christmas, and dances on Friday nights that

were so packed there were bouncers to keep any latecomers from the local pub away.

'During the week there were badminton match-

es played, and drama practices - it was such a well-used facility. Hopefully the new hall will bring back similar activities, especially commu-

nity events like plays.' With work on the new hall now under way it is hoped the project will be completed by early next year.



LAST CHANCE TO VOTE!
Nominations close on Monday 8 December 2014

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Always important and popular, our hospitality industry has made great strides in recent years. Customer service is key, but so is the role that your nominee plays in the local community if they go beyond the call of duty. Are they ambassadors for local produce who care about where their food is sourced? These are important questions that you can help us to answer.

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The key to thriving in a rural business is the ability to focus, re-focus and even change tack in order to stay ahead of the competition or even the times. The winning business here will be the one that has thought outside the box not only to survive, but to succeed to the benefit of all.

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The SRA take a realistic view of what conservation means and what can be and is being achieved right now. This award will be given to the organisation, business or individual who can go beyond the norm to create, develop, innovate and succeed in enhancing the Countryside by sustainability, protection, rescue, introduction or re-organisation.

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Aiming squarely at food producers, retailers and outlets, this is all about specialists who take a pride in their work. Your nominee should be one that champions 'local food' and supports other local producers. Maybe it's someone who has saved a dying art or promoted a lost skill, but above all it'll be someone that has a story to tell.

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Christmas

A festive Christmas scene featuring a decorated tree with lights and ornaments, a glass of milk, and cookies on a table in front of a fireplace. The word "Christmas" is written in a large, glowing, golden font at the top of the image.

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Campbeltown Christmas Market



Campbeltown Christmas Market drew hundreds of visitors and showcased the very best Kintyre produce from food and drink to jewellery. 20_c49fayre07

CAMPBELTOWN Christmas Market attracted hundreds of visitors to the town's Springbank Distillery last Sunday - proving that Kintyre residents can find much of their festive shopping at home. More than 60 of the ar-

ea's businesses showed off their best products, with many ideal gifts for Christmas available to buy. From fresh local produce cooked on the spot and handmade winter clothing and jewellery, Kintyre showed how

much it can offer and proved that you do not have to travel to the city to find the perfect gift for your loved ones this Christmas. It was a beautiful festive display proudly exhibiting the very best Kintyre can offer.



OFTEN deemed the gateway to the Highlands and Islands, the royal burgh of Inveraray has plenty to offer both visitors and locals during this festive season.

Last Friday saw the official start of the season of goodwill as residents turned out to see the burgh's Christmas lights switched on, while Santa also flew in for a quick visit to find out what the children of Inveraray are wishing for this Christmas.

The event, held on Black Friday - the busiest shopping day of the year, saw businesses open late, marking the official start of the shopping season in Mid Argyll.

And despite its modest size, Inveraray is brimming with boutique shops that are packed with stocking fillers and gifts no matter a person's taste.

Naturally the first port of call for most at this time of year is Inveraray's homeware and gift stores which are filled with inspiring and thoughtful presents for loved ones this Christmas.

In an area that is full of outdoor events and adventure, there are a range of clothing shops that cater to every hiker, horse rider and adventure sport enthusi-

ast's need.

And for anyone looking to pay homage to their Scottish routes there are an array of outlets that sell clothing manufactured in Scotland. From the finest tweeds to the warmest of scarves made from luxurious materials, there is an abundance of stylish clothing to ensure Mid Argyll folk are well wrapped up this winter.

A great time of year to send flowers, the Scotch Heather Shop is the perfect place to pick up a bouquet of winter blooms. Home to a wide range of flowers and plants, the florist's staff are always on hand to give expert advice.

The royal burgh's eateries and delis are not merely a place to rest at the end of a day's shopping but are also filled with artisan produce. From west coast whiskies to fine wine, local cheeses, chutneys and cakes, the royal burgh is the perfect place for

those creating Christmas hampers as gifts, with the Eden Deli even opting to make up hampers to a customer's particular requirements

The deli on Main Street has a range of foods in stock for Christmas including mince pies, non alcoholic mulled wine, puddings Christmas cake and chocolate mints.

Indeed Inveraray offers a broad range of eateries.

The renowned George Hotel is famed for its good food and warm welcome. There is no better time to visit the hotel than in winter,

when you can relax with a hot drink by one of the many open fires in the lounge.

The Cottage Restaurant is another haven for diners. Hidden just off the main street, the restaurant serves up light lunches, modern classic or hearty Scottish fayre.

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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 is 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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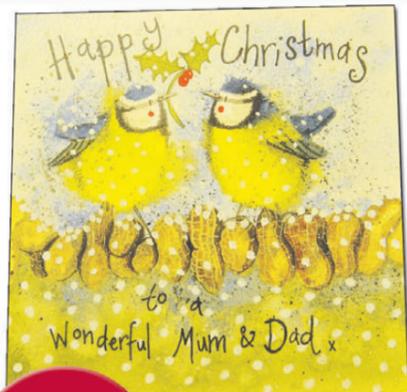


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2. Thick curtains are one of the main ways to protect a house from losing heat through the windows. Close curtains as soon as dusk falls will maximise a house's potential to retain heat.
3. It's important to try to use as much natural - and free - heat as possible, so let in the sunlight.
4. Stop heat being lost up the chimney. It's now fairly common to have fireplaces that are merely decorative. If a fireplace is not being used consider a chimney balloon.
5. Draught excluders are one lesson people can learn from previous generations. The stuffing can be almost anything from rice and lentils to gravel.
6. Clear radiators. Try and avoid placing large pieces of furniture in front of them.
7. Putting a shelf above the radiator, especially for high ceilings, this can also help channel the warmth.
8. Cover bare floorboards. Floors account for as much as 10 per cent of heat loss if they're not insulated.
9. Insulating the whole house professionally. People on certain benefits or those who privately rent a home, may be eligible for help with energy-saving home improvements under the Energy Companies Obligation (ECO) - a government energy efficiency programme.
10. Setting timers on heating is important. If it's very cold, the timer should be set to switch the heating on earlier, rather than turning the thermostat up to warm the house rapidly.

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Boathouse application

A PLANNING application to build a boathouse on land northeast of Barfad Farm, Tarbert, has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Turning a bothy into a house

A PLANNING application to alter and extend a former gardener's bothy into a house at Ardpatrik, Tarbert has been made to Argyll and Bute Council.

Wind turbine plan

A PLANNING application to install a wind turbine, 24.8 metres from ground to blade tip, on land northeast of Tarbert Lodge, Tarbert, Jura has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.



Swag Avocado, one of the Gigha Primary dodgeball teams.

Pupils show heart in dodgeball duel

GIGHA Primary School held its Ultimate Dodgeball tournament in Gigha Village Hall last month.

The children raised £130 for the British Heart Foundation, which had kitted out the pupils with dodgeball gear.

Two teams - Swag Avocado and Flying

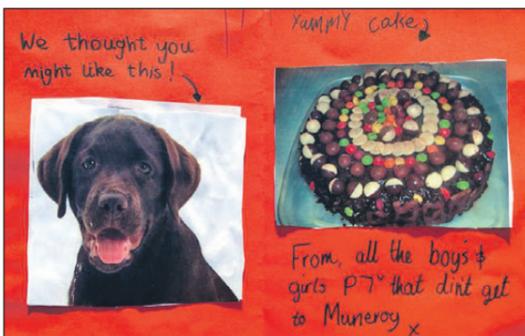
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Dodgers - battled it out in a fierce but injury-free game played out in front of staff, friends and family.

A Gigha Primary spokeswoman said: 'The school would like to thank all who participated for their fundraising effort.'



Flying Dodgers were their opponents in a fiercely-contested game.



The Castlehill primary 7s made a handmade card saying 'To the best baker in Kintyre'.

Frances grilled on life as a chef

MUNEROY Tearoom's Frances Hill played host to some special guests recently when a 15-strong party of primary 7 pupils from Castlehill school in Campbeltown arrived for a spot of lunch.

The pupils, taking part in a project about food in Kintyre called Food For Thought, were given a tour of the Southend village tearoom, most importantly the kitchen where Frances creates the amazing cakes that saw her win a prize at

the Scottish Baking Awards.

Frances, who with her husband Ian runs the tearoom and store, said: 'The children were all lovely and very polite. There were some who had never been to the tearoom before and it was a pleasure to have them visit. 'I received a beautiful bunch of flowers and a handmade card from the children, a really lovely gesture - I was a bit emotional.'

Fiona Watson,

Castlehill's Primary 7 teacher, said: 'The children had a great time at Muneroy and learned all about the history of the building and how Frances turned it into a tearoom.

'They even got to interview some customers having their morning coffee.

'Two days after our day out the pupils were sent a beautiful chocolate cake as a thank you and to share with their classmates who did not get to go to Muneroy.

'The pupils sent a card and bouquet of flowers back to Frances to show their own appreciation of the day out.'

As part of Food For Thought the rest of the primary 7 pupils will be heading to High Bellochinty Farm to see the free-range hens and the fruit and vegetables they grow and sell by the roadside.

Ms Watson added: 'The aim of these visits is to make children aware of where their food comes from.'

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WRI told of town building projects

THE NOVEMBER meeting of Largieside WRI was held in Tay-inloan Hall and welcomed guest speaker James Lafferty who is involved in the regeneration of Campbeltown town centre.

He told how there has been underinvestment in the town for many years which has resulted in a lot of work needing done to bring many buildings up to standard.

Members were shown before and after photo-

LARGIESIDE

graphs of work already done.

Work on restoring the town hall is now under way.

Funding for town centre projects come from many sources including the Lottery and Historic Scotland and from property owner forming small groups and applying for grants.

The vote of thanks was given by Jessie Main who along with Pat Rawson served a lovely tea.

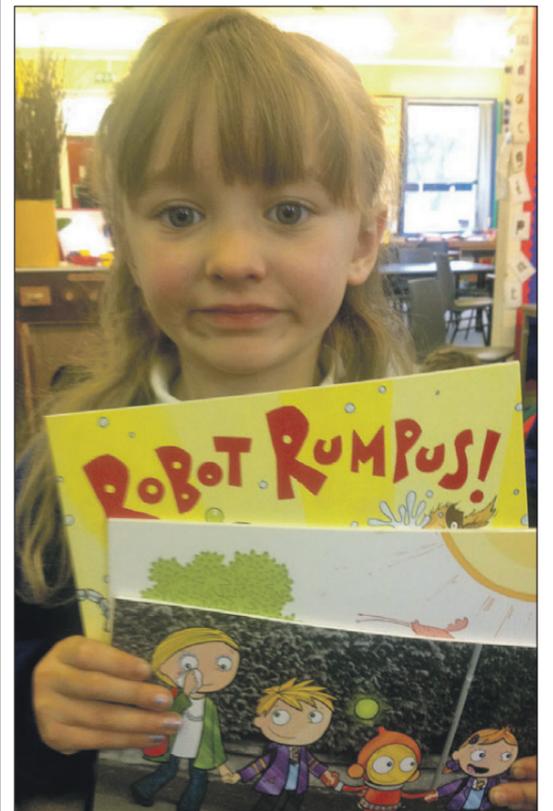
Competitions were judged and the results were: Christmas decoration - Jessie Main 5 points, Linda Hutchinson 4, Adrienne Bradley 4, Zandra Macdougall 3, Pat Rawson 3. Mince pies - Helen Steel 5 points, Pat Rawson 5.

Everyone agreed it had been a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

ISLAY

House build plan

A PLANNING application to build a house, install a septic tank and create vehicle access on land east of Cairn Cottage, Port Ellen, Islay has been made to Argyll and Bute Council.



Clachan pupil's book delight

Clachan Primary pupil Grace Norris was delighted recently to receive her free book pack from the Scottish Book Trust.

Every primary one child in Scotland has been given a special pack containing three books as well as an activity booklet. The children have to help to decide which of these books should win an award at the Scottish Children's book awards.

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PLANNING

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

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/02335/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse (house 9)	Ardpatrick House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02337/PP	Alterations and change of use from garage and 1st floor flat to two flats and erection of conservatory and associated parking (Flats 7a and 7b)	The Garage Flat Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02444/PP	Erection of boathouse	Land North East of Barfad Farm Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
14/02573/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	The Walled Garden Craignish Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8QS	Sub Post Office Ardferrn
14/02598/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land North East of Kinerarach Farm (Balmore Ruin) Isle of Gigha Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Gigha

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
14/01819/PP	Internal alterations, installation of replacement windows, replacement gutters, rooflights and formation of external ramp	Free Church Lochnell Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office
14/02336/LIB	Erection of dwellinghouse (house 9) attached to listed wall and rebuild bowed section of wall (style to match existing)	Ardpatrick House Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02338/LIB	Internal and external alterations to garage and 1st floor flat to form two flats and erection of conservatory and associated parking (Flats 7a and 7b)	The Garage Flat Ardpatrik Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02500/LIB	Erection of rear extension and access ramp and removal of existing window in church hall to provide new access door to extension	Tarbert Church of Scotland Campbeltown Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
14/02554/PP	Demolition of existing washroom facilities, removal of existing harbour master and chandlery modular buildings, erection of new washroom facilities, harbour master accommodation/chandlery unit, workshop/storage, formation of waste/recycling areas and associated works	Harbour Masters Office Garval Road Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6TR	Sub Post Office Harbour Street

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

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

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

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website.

Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION

EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980 CHOICE OF SCHOOL

It is customary for children to attend their local school; however, parents may make a written request to place their child in any school under the management of the education authority. Such a request is referred to as a placing request.

Information concerning the authority's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and at the Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708580). This information is also available for inspection or reference at public libraries. Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

Placing requests for session beginning August 2015 should be sent to the Executive Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708580) by 13 March 2015 for primary and secondary schools.

Gaelic Medium Education

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tieve Primary School, Tieve; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, By Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon. For further information on Gaelic Medium Education please contact Donald MacLeod, Education Officer, donald.macleod@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Parents who are interested in such provision are advised to register at the Gaelic Medium School in their area in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 29 December 2014.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in August 2015, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 29 December 2014.

Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director - Community Services

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS, 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that the Audited Financial Statements of Argyll and Bute Council and applicable charities for the year to 31st March 2014 together with the Audit Certificate, is available for public inspection during ordinary business hours at the undernoted main offices and libraries of the Council.

The Financial Statements can also be viewed on the Argyll & Bute Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Copies of the Financial Statements will be available to any interested persons on application to the Head of Strategic Finance, Argyll & Bute Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive

Offices of the Council:

Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead; Burnet Building, Campbeltown; Manse Brae, Lochgilphead; Hill Street, Dunoon; Albany Street, Oban; Eaglesham House, Rothesay; Scotcourt House, 45 West Princes Street, Helensburgh; Jamieson Street, Bowmore; Breadalbane Street, Tobermory; Crossapol, Tieve (restricted hours).

Libraries of the Council:

Lochgilphead Library, Manse Brae, Argyll Street, Dunoon; Aqualibrium, Campbeltown; Albany Street, Oban; Moat Centre, Rothesay; Barmore Road, Tarbert; West King Street, Helensburgh; Main Street, Cardross; Primary School, Rosneath; Highland Avenue, Sandbank.

N.B. Please check with individual libraries for opening hours



Appointment of Trustees to Board of Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority

This is a voluntary position requiring a commitment of 1- 2 days per month.

Existing Trustees are eligible for re-appointment.

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, a Trust Port, is seeking applications from candidates willing to stand for appointment to the Board of Trustees. We are looking for three high quality individuals with an interest in public service to fill forthcoming vacancies. Trust Ports differ from company or local authority-owned ports by their constitution and powers. All Port activities are funded within revenue, supplemented in some cases by commercial borrowing up to prescribed limits. The Board is made up of a number of members with local or specialised interests and appointment will be for a period of three years. Successful candidates will be appointed from 1 April 2015.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate ability and a proven track record in their chosen profession or other activities, such as community work. Commitment and experience are as valuable as qualifications, although in some areas specialist experience will be an advantage. You will be required to work with senior and professional staff, so experience of achieving results through demanding board or committee work is important, as is the ability to grasp complex issues quickly and express yourself clearly. Residence within a reasonable distance of the port and familiarity with local issues in the region surrounding the port are highly desirable. The position of Trustee is non-remunerated.

Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority is committed to the principles of public appointment on the basis of merit and aptitude with openness and transparency of process. Political activity will not be a criterion for appointment, but candidates must fully support the objectives of the Board. If you wish to be considered for appointment please write to The Harbour Master, Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, Harbour Office, Garval Road, Tarbert PA29 6TR to request an information pack.

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Application forms for area grants to third sector organisations for 2015 are now available at local area community learning offices or can be accessed using the following link: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/funding-and-support

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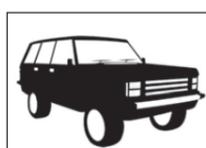
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The role of Fish Farm Technician is interesting and varied. Working outdoors as part of a small team, it is focused upon all aspects of successful trout production including feeding, grading, harvesting, net changing and other general farm maintenance tasks, including boat handling.

Previous aquaculture experience is desirable but not essential as full training and support will be provided. A full driving licence is essential.

Fish Farm Yardman/Technician - Loch Etive

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As well as carrying out various duties of a Farm Technician, the ideal candidate will also be carrying out the role of Farm Yardman. Such responsibilities include maintaining the yard area and storage facilities in a safe and orderly fashion. Also carrying out daily safety checks on the forklifts and carry out routine maintenance on forklifts and other engines. There will be offshore work when required.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT was Black Friday indeed.

I just couldn't believe what I was seeing as the news pictures unfolded across the country.

People were stampeding over one another as they screamed and pushed each other out of the way.

Their humanity was in tatters and all sense of propriety was lost in an avalanche of greed.

I was astonished by the total disregard for others and I was amazed at how quickly a group of human beings could become a reckless mob.

The object of their greed seemed mainly to be bargain TV sets.

I found it strange and disconcerting that this happened at the same time in most major cities throughout the UK.

I thought of other awful scenes that have haunted our minds and our TV screens in such different situations

I thought of the times food parcels have been distributed from lorries to those who are starving and who have absolutely nothing.

In their desperation and need, these people behave better than the rabble that brought chaos to the big stores last Friday.

It is a sad reflection on us all that in a world where there is so much poverty, so much deprivation, so much need, that here in the civilised West we have become so depraved that we fight for a TV set.

In this season of Advent surely there is even a whisper about the message of the manger; surely there is a glimmer of hope in the dark night of the soul; surely there is more to life and humanity than a TV set - surely.

Last Friday was a black day; a day when hands outstretched were outstretched for greed.

Let us try to make amends and this Advent stretch out our hands to help and heal and hold those who have nothing, yet in their quiet dignity have everything.

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Old Military Road costs £8,500 a day to run

'Options for A83 should be kept under review' says Scottish minister

THE cost of operating the Old Military Road (OMR) for seven days when a landslide closed the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful was almost £60,000.

Keith Brown, the Scottish Government's minister for infrastructure, investment and cities, confirmed the cost of running the diversion route at Glen Crow is approximately £8,500 a day, as he said the 'options for A83 should be kept under review'.

Worst

The OMR was opened on October 28 when the worst landslide recorded saw more than 2,000 tonnes of rubble fall onto

the A83 at the Rest. It took six days to reopen the road, but it was only in use for one day when it closed again because of weather warnings.

In total, the OMR was used for seven days at a cost of £59,500 to the taxpayer.

The figure does not include the cost of clearing the A83 and repairing the hillside netting designed to prevent rubble from hitting the lifeline route.

Jamie McGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, asked for the costs in a letter to the transport minister which also called on him to look again at the canopy option for the Rest.

Mr Brown replied that the

A83 Rest and Be Thankful study report did look at the possibility of an 1km avalanche shelter for the Rest, however this was estimated to cost around up to £120 million.

Options

He added: 'We did say that the options for the A83 should be kept under review.'

Mr McGrigor said: 'Those constituents and businesses in Argyll and Bute who wish to see the Scottish Government pursue the canopy option for the A83 will perhaps see the minister's reply as a glimmer of hope in that he has not comprehensively ruled out this option.'

Last week Argyll and Bute Council agreed to support the Argyll First petition to demand that the Scottish Government deliver a permanent solution to the problems that exist at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Argyll First councillor Donald Kelly said: 'We were delighted when the deputy leader of the council, Ellen Morton, asked the full council to endorse our petition.'

Important

'It is very important that the council speaks with one clear voice on this issue and keeps the pressure on the Scottish Government in an attempt to find a permanent solution.'

Seniors forum expresses its thanks

THE South Kintyre Seniors Forum held its first annual Thanksgiving Day meal last Wednesday.

Supported by Argyll Voluntary Action volunteers, and under the enthusiastic direction of chef Alison Leith, an enormous meal was destroyed by ravenous pensioners.

Michele Hodgkinson, of Argyll Voluntary Action, praised all who had helped, adding: 'This was a real team effort, and the forum just seems to go from strength to strength.'

'I'd especially like to thank Alison for her 12-hour shift in the kitchen, and the Co-op and community garden for

donating much of our meal.'

Senga McPhee was thrilled with the meal. 'Can you believe it,' she said, 'This is great, I just love what's happening now. I go out in the happy bus and things just keep getting better. Now I've got a funny wee picture to send to my grand-daughter.'

Great ways

Ian McVicar of Argyll Voluntary Action said: 'The seniors forum and the Happy Bus are great ways for older people to meet up and have a laugh.'

For further details, call Ian on 01586-554744 or pop into the Argyll Voluntary Action office in Longrow south.



Another eco success for Dalintober

DALINTOBER Primary School was delighted when an Eco-Schools Scotland assessor visited and, following inspection, awarded the school their third Green Flag.

Caroline Armour, head teacher, said: 'Obtain-

ing the flag would not have been possible without the commitment and enthusiasm of all our pupils, staff, parents and the many partner community organisations who all take such great pride in our school and its locality.'

'I am immensely pleased that this dedication has been recognised by Eco-Schools Scotland and all their efforts, time and hard work rewarded.'

Primary 7 elected class eco representatives are pictured with the flag.

Priest leaves St Kieran's after 12 years

FATHER Mushtaq Azad has left St Kieran's RC Church in Campbeltown after 12 years as its priest.

He has now been appointed to a parish in London.

One of his parishioners said: 'His Camp-

beltown parishioners wish him well. During his time at St Kieran's Fr Azad put a lot of effort into the running of the parish and the parishioners wish to express their thanks for his work.'

Fr Azad's temporary

replacement is Fr David Connor, the parish priest in Lochgilphead and Inveraray.

Due to his commitments, he will only be able to conduct St Kieran's service on Saturdays at 5pm for the foreseeable future.

MP makes a mobile call

MP Alan Reid MP has called for the speeding up of the £150 million Mobile Infrastructure Project to build mobile phone masts in areas with no mobile phone signals.

After raising the matter in the House of Com-

mons, Mr Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'I have followed up my question with a letter to the minister detailing my concerns and the need to ensure Argyll and Bute has full mobile phone coverage as soon as possible.'

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

DEATHS

HUGHES - At the Southern General Hospital, on November 29, 2014, after a brave fight, Sawyer Crawford Hughes, aged 13 days, precious daughter of David Hughes and Joanne Crawford, cherished granddaughter of Mary and the late Peter Hughes, and of Catherine and the late John Crawford. A much loved niece and cousin. Funeral service will be held at Cumlodden Parish Church, Furnace, on Saturday, 6th December 6, 2014 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery, Minard. No black ties please, pink or bright colours preferred. Donations, if desired, to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Southern General Hospital.

LIVINGSTONE - Suddenly at his home, Karratha, Western Australia, on December 2, 2014, Brian Dougal Livingstone, aged 61 years, formerly of Davanelm, Ardrishaig, son of the late Duncan and Margaret Livingstone and dear brother of Avril and Russell. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

MACLACHLAN - John (Iain) D A MacLachlan. At St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, on November 22, 2014, John (Iain) MacLachlan, of Mount Merrion Avenue, Blackrock, Dublin and latterly of Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MACLELLAN - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, with her family by her side, on November 29, 2014, Mary MacLellan, nee Hedges, aged 62 years, of 61 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of Campbell, loving mother of Lindsay and Robert, and devoted granny of Leyla and Archie. Dear sister of Anne, and loving aunt to all the family. A dear neighbour, good friend and work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, today, Friday, December 5, 2014 at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achabreac Cemetery.

MARRISON - Laura, oldest daughter of Donald and Anne Beckett, died at home in Alves, Moray, on November 29, 2014, after six years courageously living with cancer. She is so much missed by her husband, Andrew, two small sons, her sisters, Bryony and Lissa, all her extended family and a huge circle of friends. Donations, if wished, to Macmillan Cancer Support.

MENZIES - Peacefully, on November 27, 2014, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, after an illness borne bravely, Kenneth A Menzies, aged 68 years, of 13 MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead and formerly of Achahoish, much loved father of Kenny and Jamie, husband to Joy

and cherished grandpa of Calum and Kian. Dear brother of Alastair and Norma. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Monday, December 1, 2014, followed by interment at Achabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCINNES - Matt, Eileen and family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, flowers, plants and cards at this time of their very sad loss.

REID - Following the death of Elizabeth Allan Reid (Betty), the family would like to thank everyone for their support over this difficult time. In addition we would like to extend our thanks to all the carers and nurses who cared for Betty at Norwood and the Kintyre Care Home, and the doctors and nurses at Campbeltown Hospital. Our thanks are also extended to Kenneth Blair for all the help which he provided and to Agnes Stewart for a comforting service. Thank you, Donald, Peter, Jane and families.

WELSH - Catherine and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received since their sad loss of Mamie. Special thanks to Dr Rebecca Helliwell, nursing staff of Glenaray Ward, and the community nursing team for their kind care and attention to Mamie over the last few months. Our thanks are also extended to her friends and neighbours for their help and visits. Thanks to Rev Ken Ross for a lovely and comforting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements; to Morna for beautiful floral tributes and to Eileen and staff of Quarry View, Crarae for excellent catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects.

IN MEMORIAMS

BURNETT - Precious and loving memories of our dear mum and mum-in-law, Margaret, who sadly passed away December 9, 2013. Loved and thought of every day.

- Love, Annamarie, Allan, John and Linda xxxxx.
BURNETT - In loving memory of our dear granny. We miss you every day.
- Love, Jacqueline, John, Kyle, Joanna, Frazer and Jakub xxxxxx.

CAMPBELL - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007. Always in our thoughts Sadly missed.
- Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

CURRAN - Jean, passed away December 2, 2006. Sadly missed but never forgotten.

Always in our thoughts.
- Francis, Sean, Michelle and the late Patrick, grandsons, Lewis, George and Jamie, and daughter-in-law, Mina.

HALLIDAY - In loving memory of our lovely mum, granny and great granny, Margaret, died December 6, 1994.

When someone you love becomes a memory That memory becomes a treasure.
- Jean, Betty, Danny and families.

MARTIN - Precious memories of Marion, died December 2, 1997, a loved and missed mum and granny.

Forever in our hearts.
- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxxx.
MCNAUGHTON - Treasured memories of John, who died December 9, 2013, a dearly loved husband, father, granda and great granda.

Though his smile has gone forever, And his hand we cannot touch, His memory lives forever, Of the one we loved so much.

God has him in his keeping, We have him in our hearts.
- Betty, John, Elizabeth and families.

SHARP - Treasured memories of Archie, a much loved husband, dad and granda, died December 8, 1994.

Deep are the memories Precious they stay No length of time Can take them away.

- Betty, Archie, Caroline, Marie and families.

SMITH - In loving memory of Willie, died December 4, 1998. Loving husband, father and granpa. Always in our thoughts.

- Love, Jeanette, Lyndsay and Sarah xxx, Ashleigh, Kirsty and Gregor xxx.

lochgilphead baptist church
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 7th December 2014 11.00am
Tuesday at 10am mainly music
Friday from 10am Jumpstart
Scottish Charity SC015187

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

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Quarterly Prayer breakfast Saturday 6 December 2014
Breakfast: 8.00 - 8.30am
Praise & Prayer: 9.00am
Sunday 7 December 2014 11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean "Faithful in 'little' things"
Thursday 11 December 2014 7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 7 December
Bellanoch Church 11:30 am
Morning Worship
Rev. C. Acklam
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 7th December 11.00am - Worship Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
12 noon - Christmas Lunch
Every Tuesday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 7th December
Sunday Worship Kilmartin 10am
Rev. C. Acklam
Please note that the Carol Concert on Friday 12th Dec. has been cancelled.
A new loop hearing system has been installed.
All welcome
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Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 7th December
Second Sunday in Advent
Service will be led by Rev William Crossan
11.15am in Kirk Street Hall
Junior badminton club
Tuesday evening in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1 - 5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6 - 7: 7.30 - 8.30pm
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 7th December
Morning Service 11.15am
Next Generation, Triple C, Creeche
Rev P Wallace
Tuesday 9th December
Mothers and Toddlers 9.45am New Hall
Boy's Brigade
Anchor Boys 6 - 7pm
Junior Section 7.15 - 8.30pm
Church Hall
Thursday 11th December
Choir Practice

The Salvation Army Campbeltown Corps
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046
Sunday Services 10.30am Advent Morning
Worship
Army Kidz
6.00pm Town Carol Service in Lorne & Lowland Church
Offering will go to Kintyre Dialysis Campaign
Tuesday 12.15pm Lunch Club
1.30pm Home League
Wednesday 7.00pm The Make & Munch Mob
Thursday 7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Lt. Mark Scoulding

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 7th December 2014
Jesus, He's the Reason for the Season!
11.00am Family Service and Communion with crèche
God's Gifts - Part 1 - God's Gift of Love
Pastor Ross Ferguson
Wednesday 10th December
Jellytots - Toddler Group 10.00am
Bible Study and Prayer at 7.30pm
Tonight - Friday 5th December
Kintyre Christian Fellowship
Guest Speaker: Mr Nigel Kenny, The Christian Institute, UK
For details and other enquiries contact Pastor Ross Ferguson 01586 551200
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SC014646

TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 7th December 2014
Second Sunday in Advent
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Kilberry Service 2pm
Rev. Tommy Bryson
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Telephone 01880 821012
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St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 7th November
Second Sunday of Advent
10.45am Morning Prayer
Followed by Annual General Meeting
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Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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4th Sunday of the month 10am Mattins
& 11am Eucharist Service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9am Eucharist service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
Saturdays 5.30pm Eucharist Service
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
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Pupils go fourth in Scottish Cup

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils travel to Livingston to take on Craigshill Thistle of the Lothian and Edinburgh AFA in the fourth round of the Scottish Amateur Cup tomorrow (Saturday), in what promises to be a cracker of a tie.

Both sides play in the top division of their respective leagues and are on a high after fine wins in the previous round.

Campbeltown Pupils negotiated a tricky tie against Perthshire outfit Luncarty, winning 5-2, while Craigshill beat Drumchapel United 2-0 in a replay.

In the fourth round last season the Pupils hosted Carradale in a historic local derby at Kintyre Park in front of a 600-strong crowd, with the home side winning 3-1.

Hel' of a win!

HELEN McGregor of Machrihanish hit the jackpot just in time for Christmas shopping when she scooped the £600 prize in this week's Machrihanish Golf Club lottery.

Her winning numbers were 15, 18 and 19.

The pot reverts back to £100 for the next draw on Monday, December 8.

Results from Islay Golf Club

ISLAY Golf Club Winter League, Sunday November 30: 1 R Quail 40 points, 2 A Woodman 40 points, 3 D Muir 37 points. CSS 71.

Carradale depleted and defeated

Bellaire	2
Carradale	0
West of Scotland AFL	

A CARRADALE team missing nine first-team regulars travelled to Port Glasgow last Saturday to take on Bellaire - and their replacements put on an admirable show of defiance despite losing 2-0.

Two trialists were added to a stretched squad and the team's bad luck was compounded after traffic problems meant they arrived at Battery Park with little time to warm up.

The rustiness showed almost instantly when Carradale conceded in the first move of the match.

A corner was played short to the Bellaire left-back who floated a ball into the box.



Ewan McIlroy was Carradale's man of the match with a fine performance in central defence.

Carradale keeper Neil McMillan thought he had the ball in his hands but appeared to be nudged, but with no whistle from the referee forthcoming it allowed the home striker to slot the ball home, to the visitors' disbelief.

With the physical tone for the match set, largely typical of a visit to Inverclyde, Carradale soon bustled their way forward through Ryan McConnachie. His pull-back was met by Adam Graham whose shot was deflected wide.

Fired home

Bellaire doubled their lead on 12 minutes when a knock-on from a throw-in was fired home by Bellaire's number nine for his brace.

The game turned defensive after the second goal with not a lot of chances created, but the second half proved more positive for the visitors.

Carradale youngster Declan McAulay had a foray forward, showing some great skill to get to the penalty box but his shot failed to test the home keeper.

McConnachie then had a great run into the box but saw his shot blocked.



Matthew Lang scores with a header, the first of his brace in the young Pupils' 4-2 win.

Young Pupils celebrate late win

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils Youth under-13s left it late to snatch victory with two late goals against Dumbarton United Blacks last Saturday. Played at Kinloch's all-weather pitch, Dumbarton got off to the perfect start when they scored in the first minute.

However, the home side started to get themselves into the game and it soon paid off when they equal-

Campbeltown Pupils	4
Dumbarton United	2
DFDL Under 13 League	

ised two minutes before half time with a good goal from Glenn Aguta.

The home side started the second half better and took the lead from a corner routine reminiscent of Shaun Maloney's recent goal for Scotland, but this time the move finished

with a perfectly-timed header by Matthew Lang to give the pupils a 2-1 lead.

The side from West Dunbartonshire equalised shortly after when an effort to clear the ball from the Pupils defence saw a Dumbarton forward run straight on to the ball

and with a clear run at goal he slid the ball past keeper Archie McKellar.

With the game on a knife edge it was the Pupils who with only five minutes left took the lead, with a great strike from Elliot Gemmill.

The Pupils finished the game off in injury time with Lang scoring a brace with a shot from inside the box to give the Pupils a satisfying 4-2 win.

Pair dart back to form to lift doubles title

GREGOR MacGregor and Martin Coffield made an impressive comeback to win the final of the Jimmy Taylor League Doubles in The

Fiddlers on Monday. Twenty four pairs had entered the competition. Donald Stewart and Tony MacMillan started well in the final, tak-

ing the first leg, but Gregor and Martin won the next three legs to take the league doubles title.

Thanks to Jim and Carol Green for donating

the bottle prizes and for the use of the venue.

Tonight (Friday) sees the Andy Rennie Memorial Mixed Triples in the Kilbrannan at 7.45pm.



Winners Gregor MacGregor and Martin Coffield.



Runners-up Tony MacMillan and Donald Stewart.



Pupils net new matchday kit

TWO of Campbeltown Pupils AFC's youngest players, Ellis Robertson, left, and Martin McCallum, right, showed off the club's new matchday polo shirts and

jumpers before training last week.

Instrumental

The pair are pictured with Stanley Irwin, a former Pupils player and now youth coach,

who was instrumental in obtaining a generous donation of £700 from trade union Unite, which went towards new strips and training gear for the squad.

Martin and Stuart save the day as Tarbert defeat promotion rivals

TARBERT AFC secured three valuable away points against league rivals Eaglesham (B) thanks to a penalty save and late goal.

The away side welcomed back Elliott and Johnstone to the squad in what was expected to be a close fought encounter after two very tight games last season.

Eaglesham's early pressure saw them win a number of corners and force a clearance off the line from MacNaughton after five minutes.

The home side breached the Tarbert defence midway through the first half. A free kick from the left was powerfully swept past Martin in goal and into the top

Eaglesham 'B'	2
Tarbert	3
SAFL Division 1B	

corner in what was an impressive finish.

Tarbert's captain Talbot dragged his team back into the contest by showing great determination to react to a loose ball in the box and equalise - his second goal in two games.

Not cleared

Eaglesham went ahead again almost immediately when another corner was not cleared by the away defence allowing the 'Hams' striker to head home.

This Tarbert team never gives up and just be-

fore half time they were back level again when a Prentice free kick took a slight deflection off the wall taking it past the keeper and into the bottom corner.

With both teams in desperate need of three points the second period was end to end with chances aplenty.

The home side will be disappointed they could not find a way past Martin in goal, particularly when they were awarded a penalty with minutes remaining with the striker's spot kick

palmed away superbly by the Tarbert keeper.

This proved to be the turning point. In the next Tarbert attack, substitute Stuart found himself in the box with only the keeper to beat and squeezed the ball home from the tightest of angles.

The win lifts Tarbert into fourth spot in the league as they continue their quest for promotion into the Premier status. John Martin and Fraser Talbot were the team's best players.

Tarbert squad: Martin, Blair, Johnstone, Elliott, Talbot, Ronald, Guy, Johnson, MacIver, MacNaughton, Prentice, Liddell, Campbell, Stuart.



Campbeltown Grammar's under-16s rugby side are pictured with their new kits after winning a ten-a-side tournament in Rothesay.

Rugby boys 'outstanding' trophy win

CAMPBELTOWN Grammar's under-16s rugby side had the winning feeling at a ten-a-side tournament in Rothesay last Thursday.

Grant Souden capped off a fine display by winning the Player of the Tournament award.

Coach Chris Doxsey said: 'It was an excellent day and everyone really enjoyed it.

The boys were outstanding and their effort and commitment was excellent on the pitch - they should be really proud of themselves.

'Grant's individual award is also a brilliant achievement.

'This will be an annual tournament and we will hopefully take an under-16s team next year to defend our title.'



Grant Souden from Campbeltown Grammar was named player of the tournament.



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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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Elaine McGeachy puts the assault course entrants through a rigorous warm-up. 20_c49macc01

MACC-nificent!

Challenge was tough, brutal and even a little cruel - and participants loved it

WHO would have thought a muscle-aching obstacle course with plunges into chilly water could be so much fun.

Yet, that is exactly what it was as around 100 participants pushed themselves to the limit in the inaugural MACC Challenge last Saturday.

Organised in support of the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis fund, the four-mile course at Machrihanish Air Base pre-

sented a series of tough obstacles and exercises. There was plenty of pain and soaking-wet clothing - but what laughter too.

And in typical Campbeltown spirit the entrants, mostly in teams, did a fantastic job to help each other around the course.

Fully booked

The eagerly-anticipated event was fully booked within days, and it looks like there will

be no shortage of willing participants for any future events.

'That was brilliant,' said Ralphy Hill from Campbeltown. 'I do quite a bit of running to keep fit but this was something else.'

'I was tested in ways I never imagined.'

'Hopefully, the base will do more of these. I'd like to come back - but fitter.'

'It was great to do something different

like this, and everyone seemed to have fun.'

Back at the airbase, a kitchen providing soup, teas, coffees and home baking warmed up the competitors as well as the marshals who provided valuable support on the day.

Claire McFadzean, MACC marketing officer, said: 'The MACC Challenge was a huge success for a first-time event, we were simply overwhelmed.'

'Thanks must go to Elaine McGeachy and James Murdoch who planned the route and its many obstacles, and many thanks also to the marshals, the emergency services, those who baked, and to Argyll Bakeries.'

Feedback

'The feedback we received was so positive and that is something we can take encouragement from for planning similar events.'



Maryann Wylie, front, and Neil John MacPhail attempt to navigate murky, waist-deep water. 20_c49macc03



Isla Binnie fights her way up a wall as her pals find their feet in the freezing water. 20_c49macc07



These men gladly took the plunge by happily sliding down a very wet tarpaulin, the first of several tests. 20_c49macc08



Jenna McIntosh made light work of the spider's web. 20_c49macc04

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