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Carradale jeweller 'over the moon'

Silver pendants set for final frontier

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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A RECORD-BREAKING British astronaut will launch a unique piece of Kintyre cargo into space.

Timothy Peake, 43, will soon become the first ever British astronaut to live on the International Space Station.

And he will carry special silver pendants produced in Carradale by Jewellery Casting Scotland.

Timothy, set to become only the fifth ever Brit in space, and his fellow astronauts will take 20

pendants when they blast off on December 15.

Mike Hurst, co-director of Jewellery Casting Scotland alongside wife Trish, said: 'We were over the moon when we heard about this project.'

'We are good friends of Tim's wife Rebecca's aunt, who is a buyer in Glasgow. When she found out the astronauts needed silver pendants made, she immediately recommended us.'

'Traditionally astronauts always take pendants up to space with

them, often to reflect their loved ones.'

Mike revealed that they took extra special care on this unique project.

He said: 'We do not often let people make alterations after the design is in, but they could have changed it a million times and we would have been happy to do it.'

The pendant's design, originating from a Blue Peter Competition image is based on the patch of Timothy's spacesuit. It features Newton's apple and an orbiting Soyuz rocket. He picked the winner from more than 3,000 entries.

The pendants were created using high tech methods, including computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacture (CAM).

Mike, from Yorkshire, and Trish have operated Jewellery Casting Scotland for more than 40 years in Carradale, with eight current staff, most from the village.

Mike said: 'The staff are proud of what we have created, and every-

one had a hand in its production. We can be a bit blasé about these things because of how much we produce, but this really was a special project.'

Mike revealed that astronaut Tim has the mental fortitude for space living, and aims to promote science to children on his return.

He said: 'Believe it or not, Rebecca is not that worried about Tim's latest adventure. Tim was selected from 8,000 applicants to be an astronaut and was a chief helicopter test pilot. With his bravery and scientific knowledge he will be fine.'

Tim, from Salisbury in Wiltshire, gained his wings in 1994 with the Army.

In a 3,000 flying hours military career he flew more than 30 types of helicopter and fixed wing aircraft, including the Hawk, Dakota and Mi-17.

He was awarded the Commander-in-Chief's Certificate for Meritorious Service in 2006.

At the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan he is ready for launch.



Timothy Peake set for space.

The Expedition 46 crew are NASA astronaut Tim Kopra, and Roscosmos' Yuri Malenchenko, commander of their Russian Soyuz spacecraft.

The trio will spend al-

most six months in space on weightless experiments, research projects and maintaining the station orbiting 400 km above Earth.

Despite his extensive

flying history, it is safe to say that neither Tim nor Carradale Jewellery have ever flown quite so high as they will come lift off on December 15.



The special space pendant. 25_c49pendant01

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New Campbeltown Grammar School gets the green light

DEPUTY First Minister John Swinney has announced that the proposed new Campbeltown Grammar School can now proceed as planned.

The new school is worth an estimated £55 million in investment in Argyll and Bute, alongside a new High School in Oban.

The two were part of 10 new schools and two new health projects that were put on hold earlier this year while advice was sought from the Office of National Statistics (ONS), on the impact of a change to the European accounting guide.

With the ONS review now carried out, John Swinney has advised the Scottish Parliament that the projects can proceed to financial close as soon as possible, the sum of which will deliver an estimated capital investment of around £330 million.

Mr Swinney said: 'The Scottish Government has always prioritised public infrastructure projects as a critical tool for growing our economic recovery.'

'I am pleased to be able to announce Campbeltown Grammar and Oban High School, part of our Scotland's Schools for the Future

programme, can now begin to be delivered.

'This new school will provide a modern environment for children to learn in and will be a fantastic facility for the whole community to enjoy for generations to come.'

Policy Lead for Education, Councillor Rory Colville, said: 'The council is committed to building new, modern high schools in Campbeltown and Oban which will ensure a positive learning environment for our pupils.'

'We welcome the news that the issue with EU classification guidelines has been resolved,

which will allow these projects to progress.

'We are currently working with our project partner hubNorth to reach a 'financial close' position on the contracts for both schools, allowing these to move forward to construction as early as possible.'

Mike Mackenzie, MSP

for the Highlands and Islands, said: 'I am delighted that the Deputy First Minister has advised that these projects should proceed as soon as possible.'

'Nationally, the 12 projects given the go ahead today will represent £330 million capital investment across

Scotland, £55 million of which will be concentrated in Argyll and Bute.'

'This investment will make an enormous difference here, not just in the jobs that construction will bring but in the education benefits the schools will provide to local people.'



The youngsters in action. 04_c49pipe03

Pipers raise cash to fund future travels

KINTYRE Schools Pipe Band treated Campbeltownians to traditional highland music and piping hot coffee recently.

The novice players the band, ranging from ages 10 to 17, played the Victoria Hall to raise money towards next year's competitive trips.

The well-attended event raised £918.55, despite the adverse weather on the day.

The band has several big competitions next year, including the British Championships in Paisley, the World Championships in Glasgow and the UK Championships in Belfast.

Band outings

All proceeds of the event will go towards the band's outings, with money also raised from coffee sales and a raffle with prizes provided by parents of the musicians.

Beware of wrongly addressing Rotary post

THE Rotary Club of Campbeltown are hoping that this Christmas people using their popular Kintyre Post will address cards correctly.

A spokesperson said: 'Cards addressed to 'Auntie Jean, Southend,' or 'Uncle Jim, Tayinloan' are rather difficult to deliver.'

The special service

only covers Kintyre as far north as Tayinloan and Carradale.

After Christmas and New Year, rotarian Ann Gallacher will be collecting old cards.

Police files:

Assault on Main Street

POLICE arrested a 46-year-old for an alleged assault on Main Street.

He was held in custody over the weekend following the incident on Saturday November 21.

A report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

Hillside Road burglary

POLICE are appealing for information after a property on Hillside Road, Campbeltown, was broken into.

The incident happened in the late evening on Friday November 25.

Police have some positive leads and have appealed for anyone with further information to call 101 and speak to PC Kurt Robertson.

Carradale breach of peace

A MAN was arrested for an alleged breach of the peace in Carradale on Sunday evening.

A report was sent to the procurator fiscal after the incident on November 29.

Severe weather sees spate of emergency calls

SNOW and flood water saw a number of emergency vehicles called out on Sunday evening (November 29) after storm 'Clodagh' caused disruption to traffic.

Suspicious person prowling Witchburn area

POLICE are appealing for information after a person wearing dark clothing and acting suspiciously was reported in the area round the Creamery in Witchburn Road in the early hours of Tuesday December 1.

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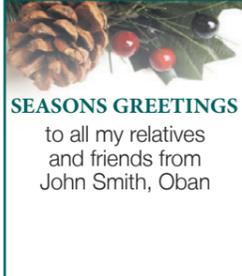
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Conservationist's counter claims in battle for the Clyde

by **MARK DAVEY**
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AN ARRAN based conservation trust has hit out at the Clyde Fishermen's Association's (CFA) public meetings saying they are 'misleading'.

Despite the CFA meetings being widely advertised, groups including The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) and the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust did not attend to state their case.

COAST, the organisation responsible for the establishment of Scotland's first No Take Zone in Lamash Bay in 2008 and the designation of South Arran Marine Protection Area in 2014, claimed the CFA had attempted to alarm communities with misleading information.

COAST issued a statement which said: 'MPAs are not No Take Zones, they protect marine species, habitats and, by default, fish nursery grounds, while allowing nearly all of the marine activities which occur in these areas to continue.'

'The Upper Loch Fyne MPA will still allow bottom trawling in 51 per cent of the zone and in South Arran 36 per cent of the area will still be available to prawn trawling. 'These MPAs cannot be described as overly ambitious, as prawn fishermen are claiming. 'Far from harming communities, they have potential to give a new lease of life to Clyde coastal towns and ports.'

COAST chairman, Howard Wood OBE put

it this way: 'The Clyde belongs to everyone and must be managed for all.' CFA added an independent socio-economic consultant said if the MPAs in their current form proceeded, in Kintyre 140 fishing jobs could be lost, equating to a loss of £5.4 million in gross value added (GVA).

COAST said a speech, supporting its case, was made by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon speaking at the World Forum on Natural Capital held last week in Edinburgh. She said: 'Economic growth cannot be sustained if it comes at a continuing and unsustainable cost to our natural resources...We should not reduce natural capital for our own temporary benefit, at the expense of future generations.'

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Pauline Flett.

Fraudster wanted - reward offered

IN A bid to capture a prolific fraudster, charity Crimestoppers has offered a reward of up to £2,000.

Pauline Flett, 31, has committed a string of crimes across Scotland in the last nine years that have seen individuals scammed out of large sums of money.

Flett is believed to avoid detection by altering her appearance and travelling around Scotland.

She is described as around 5ft 6 with a medium build, blonde hair and a bat tattoo on her left arm. She has also been known to use the alias Pauline Campbell.

To qualify for the re-

ward anyone with information should contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through its anonymous online form at crimestoppers-uk.org/give-info.

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Helen Pickering calls out raffle numbers. 20_c49raffle01

Band belts out tunes for coffee morning

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Santa arrives on his sleigh. 04_c49parade01



Campbeltown's Young footballers on parade. 25_c49parade12



Kintyre Young Farmers get into the festive spirit. 25_c49parade14



Pipers in festive outfits on Main Street. 25_c49parade07

Crowds line the streets for the big Christmas lights switch on

CHEERFUL festive visitors from across Kintyre joined Campbeltown folk to line the streets and witness the big Christmas lights switch-on.

Despite the cold and intermittent hailstorms, the spectators saw an array of floats parade down Longrow, along Hall Street and up Main Street.

The Wee Toon went pitch black after the street lights were switched off. Moments later Santa's sleigh arrived with Isla McKinven from Dalintober P5 and Emma Mill-

er from Castlehill P3, who, helped by special guest Gru and two of his Minions, pressed a plunger to illuminate the Christmas lights.

A combination of the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and Sound of Kintyre Pipe Band marched ahead of the floats, wrapped in fairy lights. There were some dazzling floats on display, with the Minions at Play, complete with playground swings and Star Wars being particularly well received by the crowds.

Burnside Square was transformed

into a miniature theme park, with an ice rink, teacups and rock climbing.

Excited youngsters visited Santa in his grotto, which was set up in Food for Thought, while the Salvation Army warmed cold hands with soup, coffee and fresh mince pies.

The 2015 Christmas lights committee thanked Springbank for stepping in and replacing Burnside Square lights which were vandalised during this year's MOKFest.

For further Winter Festival pictures see pages 12 and 22.



Salvation Army Kids Choir entertain the crowds in Main Street. 25_c49parade03



The Star Wars float. 25_c49parade18



The Minions at play. 25_c49parade13



Pipers on Main Street. 25_c49parade21

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The Ugadale and Royal Hotel's float. 25_c49parade11

Main Street was packed for the parade. 25_c49parade04



A light erected in memory of Mairi Kennedy. 25_c49parade24

Master of Ceremonies Grace Wylie who has a show on 'Your Radio.' 25_c49parade23

Isla McKinven and Emma Miller press the plunger. 25_c49parade05



The Christmas lights in Longrow. 25_c49parade17



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Cottage industry's silver secures star ship trip

SPACE travel is the ultimate journey and this week a Carradale firm, literally located in a cottage, has added some romance.

In a giant leap, Jewellery Casting Scotland's silver pendants will break the bounds of earth and head for the stars, becoming part of a tradition among astronauts that pendants reflect their loved ones on Terra Firma.

Astronauts, who should be ice cool in a crisis, are a far step from the macho man who might wear a medallion.

People are surprised that it is possible to take anything on a space flight that is not absolutely essential to survival. It will be a revelation to many that a small item of jewellery is one such item.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) sells a long list of merchandise through its website. Most of the jewellery is made in the United States but nowhere in its description do the pieces give any clue that they are anything other than a souvenir.

It is particularly human and touching to imagine a person of the stars, wrapped up in a bulky spacesuit, feeling a piece of metal on a chain round their necks and relating it to someone left behind.

Young welder sparks a light for the girls

SCOTTISH apprentice of the year Laura Black has beaten the boys at their own game and according to BAE Systems is a great role model.

Laura has broken the mould; when her great grandfather was a Clyde apprentice in 1928 it would have been virtually impossible for a girl to follow the same trade. Women were pressed into service during wartime when the men were away fighting but often returned to more traditional roles afterwards.

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Kintyre Recycling Limited closure plan is crazy

Sir,
Thank you to the Courier for its excellent front page article (November 20) highlighting the crazy decision by Argyll and Bute Council to consider closing down Kintyre Recycling Limited (KRL) centre as it presently exists. I sincerely hope that Campbeltown and the rest of Kintyre will not allow this to happen.

Personally I would like to keep a Toon, with its rich mixture of abilities and backgrounds, where everybody contributes to its well being. Or at least where everybody gets the chance to contribute.

KRL, as well as doing its primary job well with creative plans in place for the future, plays a massive role in helping that to happen. The cost of losing this resource, if we are going to talk about costs, is immense.

Good luck to everybody at KRL and thank you for your hard work. I believe the whole of Campbeltown is behind you.

David Fee,
West Witchburn,
Witchburn Road,
Campbeltown.

ACHA steps up to the mark

Sir,
Since writing to you about the damage to my property, (Courier last week) I am pleased to report that a repair has been done to my satisfaction.

The work was authorised by Argyll Community Housing Association and carried out by the contractors on site.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Mrs M Smith,
3 Tormhor,
Carradale.

Great to see such community spirit

Sir,
Following the recent flash floods at Clachan, the West Kintyre Community Council would like to extend its thanks to the Campbeltown and Tarbert firefighters, Police Scotland, SSE, the coastguard, Charles Reppke, Jolyon Gritten, Ian Smith and his trusty chain saw, MacLeod, MacFadyen, G McNaughton and Son, Argyll and Bute Council, the ladies who manned the school phones and made endless cups of tea, plus all the villagers for their help and patience during the hours of work it took to deal with the consequences of yet another flash flood in the village.

Following possible damage to the bridge, we now await the report of the structural engineer and trust it can be opened again to traffic in the very near future.

Margaret Pratt
Convener WKCC.

Guy Fawkes night thanks

Sir,
I would like on behalf of myself and all members of Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association to thank everybody who was involved in organising the fantastic Guy Fawkes event.

A great night was had by all and it was very enjoyable working alongside the

fire service, who were all so helpful.

We would like to say a special thank you to Jamie G for playing the background music; it made a great difference and wonderful atmosphere with everyone dancing.

We would also like to thank Buildbase, the rotary club and Campbeltown Community Council, which contributed towards funding for the night, also to Graham, who takes the time to go up the road to Glasgow and collect the fireworks and set them off in such a beautiful display.

Well done to all tenants, members and friends who helped at the soup and hot dog stall. Lastly, a big thanks to all members of the community who came out to support the night; it was wonderful to see such a turnout which makes the night so worthwhile.

Cathie Duncan,
Chairperson,
Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association.

Fewer deprived youngsters getting higher education

Sir,
A range of respected organisations within the further and higher education sector have produced submissions which show it is getting more difficult for young people from the most deprived areas to complete further education.

Colleges Scotland has told MSPs on the education committee that the average grant and bursary pay-out fell from £1,860 to £1,220 between 2013/14 and 2014/15.

The number of students receiving support fell by two

per cent, despite Scottish Government pledges to get more disadvantaged students into college and university

Other countries, including England, are making much better progress when it comes to funding grants and bursaries for poorer students and reducing the inequalities across different student groups.

The SNP is failing the poorest in our society; more should be done to help students seeking better education and more opportunities.

Alastair Redman,
Islay.

Cuts might have been drastic in an independent Scotland

Sir,
Last week, the Chancellor presented his Autumn Statement. This showed what a narrow escape Scotland had from economic disaster last year.

If we had voted 'Yes' in the Referendum, John Swinney would be about to deliver the first budget for an independent Scotland. Because of the collapse in oil revenues, more than £7 billion less in tax would be available for him to spend.

Vital spending on pensions, NHS and schools would be decimated. Unbelievably some people still think that Independence would be a good idea.

I would be interested to know what cuts they would make in order to balance the budget after Independence.

Alan Reid,
Lib Dem candidate for Argyll and Bute.

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Council abolish proposed Additional Support Needs cuts

ARGYLL and Bute Council has removed a proposed controversial cut to Additional Support Needs (ASN) services from its service choices consultation.

The cut, originally outlined in the council's service choices consultation, proposed dropping ASN assistant levels by 45 per cent and laying off 72 full-time staff.

It caused two Argyll First councillors, Donald Kelly and Dougie Philand, to resign from the administration.

As at the start of academic year 2015/16,

a total of 1,931 pupils in Argyll and Bute had been identified as having an additional support need equating to 18.4 per cent of pupils.

The cuts were disputed on legal and moral grounds by MSPs and councillors alike.

Correct decision

Speaking after last week's meeting, Donald Kelly said: 'The correct decision was taken to remove the proposed cut. Argyll First is unanimous in the view this should have never been part of the services choices.'

Policy lead for educa-

tion and lifelong learning Councillor Rory Colville said: 'Additional support is provided to every child or young person who may not otherwise benefit fully from school education, although not every pupil with an additional support need requires a support plan or ASN assistant support.'

'The overwhelming majority of views expressed on-line to date disagreed with the option to reduce the Additional Support Needs provision.'

Michael Russell, SNP MSP for Argyll and

Bute, said: 'Many families were deeply worried about the effects that these cuts would have on their children so they will be pleased.'

'They should never have been put in this position as much of what was suggested was illegal and could not have been implemented without challenge in the courts.'

'The opposition parties need to work together to make a radical and imaginative set of alternative proposals which must include cuts to senior staff and to councillors' costs.'



The Heroes themselves - Volunteers Linda McLean, Ailsa Clark, Katherine Wilson, Jamie Robertson and Paul Russell. 04_c49zerowaste02

Zero Waste opens with a bang

ZERO Waste Heroes opened its new Campbeltown shop as it looks to spread its message of 'sexy' recycling.

The day entailed Love Food Hate Waste tasters, festive food that had a waste-reducing twist, a quiz about food waste and a name the Hero challenge.

Trevor Oxborrow took home a festive hamper prize, while Teigan Read-Edwards, five, won the hero naming competition with the excellent suggestion 'Skip', standing for South Kintyre important person. They won a £20 gift voucher.

Catherine Wilson, Zero Waste volunteer coordinator, said: 'For

too long people have thought that recycling is boring and a bit uncool.

'We want to show people that recycling can be fun, to try and make it a bit more sexy.'

Kate MacDonald, a textile artist from Lochgilphead, demonstrated some simple textile upcycling techniques and displayed some of her work, including an excellent tweed jacket turned bodywarmer.

Kate said: 'This was my dad's favourite jacket. It doesn't fit him any more, and it is such beautiful material I thought I would upcycle it and make it into something I could wear myself.'

'Reusing second hand

fabric is so simple but can create really wonderful products.'

The Zero Waste Heroes shop is now open on Longrow, Monday to Saturday from 9am to 1.30pm.



Kate MacDonald wearing her father's upcycled jacket. 04_c49zerowaste01

Welder Laura is apprentice of the year

A WELDER who has joined the family tradition of working on the Clyde has been named Scottish Level Three Apprentice of the Year.

Former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil Laura Black, 21, was one of 10 candidates in the running for the accolade at the annual Edinburgh ceremony.

The awards, organised by Skills Development Scotland (SDS), are held every year to recognise the commitment to training shown by employers and employees across the country.

Laura, who was always keen on technical subjects at school followed in her family's footsteps, dad Lachie was a welder in Campbeltown Shipyard and her great-grandfather was an apprentice on the Clyde in 1928.

Laura was described as having 'high potential' by her bosses at BAE Systems Naval Ships where she completed her three-year appren-

ticeship ahead of time in August.

Her bosses say Laura has learned to fabricate, assemble and weld pipe-work to an exceptional standard and while working towards her apprenticeship goals she completed a HNC in her own time.

BAE Systems HR services apprentice and skills training manager Charlie Murphy said: 'Laura is now able to read and understand complex drawing and is a multi-skilled employee who, because of her drive, commitment and performance, has been identified as high potential by the company.'

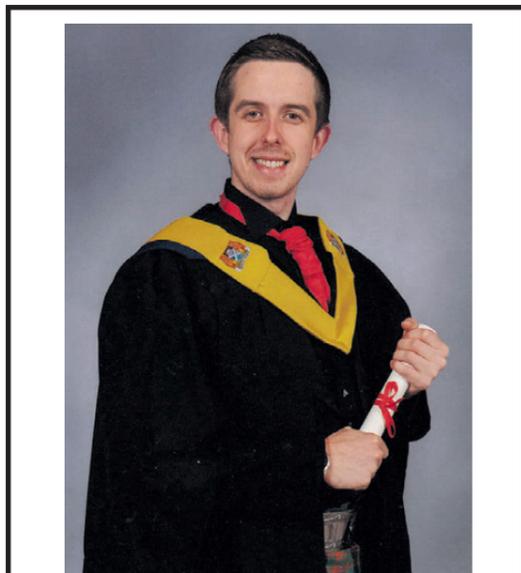
'She is a great role model and a valuable asset to the company.'

'Laura's attitude and outlook has served to improve morale in certain areas and her innovative thinking and thirst for knowledge has challenged colleagues to change and improve conventional ways of doing things.'



Laura Black with her award.

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Christmas gifts from Pilates practitioner

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The special charity classes, at the Free Church, George Street, Campbeltown, on December 11 - Pilates by Candlelight - are open to anyone who is or has attended LST Pilates classes.

Entry is by donation with the suggested amount being £8, which is what one of Leonie's classes usually cost.

Classes will be held at 3.45pm or 5.15pm. Relax, release and recharge, flex, extend, rotate and lengthen all in soothing candlelight and in the knowledge that all money raised will fund gifts for Shopper Aide.

For further information contact Leonie through Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/leonie.shawtulloch>

Former notorious Nepalese gangster swaps guns for God

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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IT IS not every day a formerly notorious gangster and drug dealer comes to the Wee Toon.

At the Free Church this weekend, Suraj Kasula will tell the amazing story of how his life of crime changed when he found Christianity.

Suraj was born into an Orthodox Hindu family in Bhaktapur, just down the valley from the Nepalese Kathmandu.

It was here, 12 years ago, aged 16, that Suraj became a notorious thug, first forming a knife gang. This moved on to demanding protection money, buying large quantities of marijuana and becoming ostracised from his family.

Prayed

In an online interview last year, he said that there were times when the whole village prayed to their gods that he might be killed in a knife battle.

The gang stored weapons with a local shop-

keeper whose wife eventually informed the police. Suraj was arrested, beaten and tortured before his family bought his freedom.

After a further arrest it began to dawn on him that there could only be one end to his violent life and after finding Christianity he returned to school. He was good at studying and wanted to study theology in America but was denied a visa.

Studied

His request was accepted by the United Kingdom and for the past four years he has studied at Edinburgh Theological Seminary, bringing his wife Roshani to Scotland.

He has recently completed his training and in February the pair hope to return home to Nepal where Suraj will begin his work as pastor of his home church.

The couple are also returning to continue the



Suraj and Roshani Kasula.

relief work which has been ongoing since a devastating earthquake hit Nepal in June this year. More than 10,000 people lost their lives, while thousands more were injured and a

countless number were made homeless.

They will give a powerful first-hand account of their recent journey home in the aftermath of the earthquake, and of the ongoing relief effort.

On finding his faith, Suraj said: 'I had heard of many gods who love righteous people but never had I heard of a God who loves sinners and says 'Love your enemies and pray for those

who persecute you'. Suraj and Roshani will be speaking at the Free Church, George Street, Sunday December 6 at 3pm. A collection will be taken for the ongoing relief work in Nepal.

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Soprano and pianist to perform at Lorne and Lowland Church

KINTYRE Music Club will reverberate to the sound of opera and musicals when a talented vocalist and pianist visit.

Soprano Aimee Toshney accompanied by pianist Ewan Gifford will entertain at the Lorne

and Lowland Church Hall on Friday December 4 at 7.30pm.

The programme will include music from the operas Carmen, Cosi fan tutte, Don Giovanni, the Marriage of Figaro, the Barber of Seville, Madame Butterfly and Julius

Caesar, as well as music from Peer Gynt, Porgy and Bess, The Mikado, Showboat, Carousel, the Merry Widow and Flanders and Swann.

Aimee, a recent graduate of English National Opera's young artist training programme, also studied at the University of Glasgow and the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM).

Her operatic roles have included Susanna in The Marriage of Figaro, Carmen in Carmen, Annina in La Traviata and Romilda in Serse.

Oratorio experience includes Handel's Messiah, Mendelssohn's Elijah, Brahms Requiem, Haydn and Mozart's Coronation Mass.

Her native repertoire remains close to her heart and as a performer of Scots song she has sung around the world, performed for Burns Night at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum and appeared for

Homecoming Scotland 2014.

When not performing Aimee can often be found sharing her love of music through outreach work, including working as a staff member at the RSNO Junior Chorus. Accompanying Aimee on the piano will be Ewan Gifford, who grew up in Sheffield.

He trained at the Leeds College of Music and then at the Royal Northern College of Music where he received the RNCM Schubert Prize and RNCM Lieder Prize before graduating with Distinction.

In 2015, he was invited to be the RNCM Sir John Fisher Foundation Répétiteur (accompanist) for the college's production of Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream. He has also performed across the UK and Ireland as a vocal accompanist and since graduating in 2012 he has worked as an ac-

companist in the Vocal department of RNCM, as well as with the Hallé Youth Choirs and Orchestra.

Musical Director

He has worked with opera companies across the north of England and is currently musical director for Sheffield based opera company, Opera On Location.

Everyone is welcome, with tickets at £10 on the door; children and students free.

If this was not enough, Kintyre Music Club will be putting on its annual Christmas Concert on Friday December 11 showcasing lots of Kintyre's musically talented youngsters, all under the musical direction of David McEwan.

There will be refreshments, including mince pies, after the concert.

Go along and get into the Christmas spirit. Tickets £5 on the door at the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall at 7.30pm.



Ewan Gifford.



Aimee Toshney.

What's On in Campbeltown

Christmas lunches and coffee morning

FESTIVE fare will be on offer at Highland Parish Church's Christmas lunch today and tomorrow (Saturday) in Kirk Street Hall between noon and 2pm.

In addition, tomorrow there are coffees, home baking and a work stall from 10am. Admission is £5.

Santa visits

Girl Guiding Kintyre fayre

SANTA will relocate his grotto to Kinloch Hall tomorrow (Saturday) between 2pm and 4pm for the Girl Guiding Kintyre Christmas fayre.

In addition there will be baking, bottle, craft, sweetie stalls and tea and coffee on offer. Admission for adults is £1.50 and children 50 pence.

Dancers strut their stuff at lunchtime show

McCORKINDALE Dancers will provide entertainment at a soup and sandwich lunch in Stronvaar Bowling Club tomorrow (Saturday).

The show, at a charge of £3.50, starts at 1pm and runs until 3pm.

Singers on song for Christmas concert

AUCHINLEE Even-tide Home will benefit from a Kintyre Chorale Christmas concert in the Lorne and Lowland church on Saturday December 12.

Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7.30pm. Entry is by donation.

'Crafternoon'

SUPPORT Shopper Aide by attending Kintyre Crafters' Christmas gift 'Crafter-

noon', with a chance to buy some end-of-season crafty bargains.

The event starts at noon at the Seafield Hotel, finishing at 4pm.

With tea, coffee and shortbread, tickets are £2 and are available from Shopper Aide, Made in Kintyre or you can pay at the door.

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PANTO season comes to the Wee Toon as Campbeltown Grammar School brings the classic 'Aladdin' to life.

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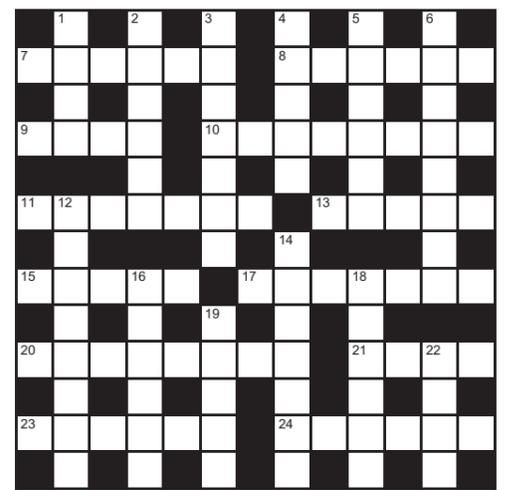
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Last week's solution



GLENBARR

Christmas open days at Glenbarr Abbey

SANTA will drop into Glenbarr Abbey on Sunday December 6 and 13 to warm his toes by the roaring log fire in the great hall.

The Abbey comes to life at Christmas and

Santa will welcome all children, plus there will be live music in the dining room.

Surprise

This year there is an additional surprise, upstairs, so be sure to find

out what it is.

There will be a tombola in the gift shop and tickets are being sold for a prize draw to be held in May 2016 with many great prizes donated by local businesses.

CARRADALE

Carradale Guild Christmas fayre

THE Gemmill family had a successful outing to Carradale Guild's Christmas Fayre last Saturday.

Monica Gemmill successfully guessed the weight of the cake at 8lb 11oz and her daughter Anna selected 56 as the number of items in the hamper. Mary McMillan guessed there were 139 sweets in the jar.

The Guild raised £942.03 at the event which will benefit charities including the Fishermen's Mission and Macmillan Cancer Support.



Alasdair Bennett tries to guess the weight of the cake. 25_c49guild01



Carradale minister Steve Fulcher and Iain MacDougall at the fair. 25_c49guild02

SOUTHEND

Santa drops in to St Blaas's

DUNAVERTY Hall fundraisers welcomed Santa to their Christmas fayre in St Blaas's hall on Saturday morning.

David McCallum, who has been a committee member for 26 years, brought some special table decorations he had made just three days before and fayre goers enjoyed some homemade mince pies with tea and coffee.

Including selling raffle tickets last Friday in the Co-op, the event raised £861.93 for hall funds.



David McCallum and his Christmas logs. 25_c49southend03



Ruairi Barber, 11, and his sister Emma Barbour, 8 meet Santa. 25_c49southend01

CLACHAN

Clachan will have a reel good ceilidh night

CHORA Lark will play the music for a stomping good evening to raise funds for the Clachan Hall appeal.

Tonight (Friday) Chora Lark and a second band raise the roof before the grand Christmas raffle is drawn for cash winners plus wine, spirits and vouchers. Tickets are available on the night.

There will be a finger food buffet and a licensed bar.

The fun starts at 7.30pm and tickets on the door are £6 for adults and £3 for youngsters under 16.

An appeal spokesperson said: 'Clachan Village Hall is an essential social hub but was built in 1956 and is in dire need of total

refurbishment or a rebuild.

'The Village Hall Committee has launched an appeal to raise funds. About £7,000 has been raised. Cheque donations to the Clachan Village Hall Development Fund can be sent to the treasurer Susan Ward, Battery House, Clachan by Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6XW.'

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Campbeltown farmers sprout new produce

by BEN RAMAGE
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THE FARMERS behind Kintyre Eggs have sprouted a timely new delicacy.

And while the vegetable splits opinions over dinner tables nationwide this month, the High Bellochinty farmers are just glad they have finally been able to grow them.

Hannah and Will Jones moved to Kintyre 10 years ago, and started growing vegetables for their honesty box four years ago, before opening their Farm Stall shop in Bellochinty in June this year.

They had not managed to get sprouts to take to their high and windy patch of farmland, but this year has seen an upturn in their Brussels fortune.

Hannah said: 'We have tried growing sprouts for a number of years



Charlie, 4, checking the size of the leeks while Will cuts the sprout plants.

but the plants have never thrived. Winter vegetables that grow above ground, as opposed to root vegetables, are always going to be vulnerable to the weather and wind here. This

year we tried the sprouts in a different field that has a heavier soil, further from the shore line, and covered them in Enviromesh, a thin net that acts as a windbreak and protects the crop. The

sprouts are fantastic this year and very tasty. We sell them in bags but also on the stem with the sprout tops still on. The tops are also edible, and in our family are the favourite part.'

Hannah and Will moved to Kintyre from south west England, and admit it took time to get used to the different landscape and weather.

They are glad they have persevered and are now reaping the tasty benefits. Hannah said: 'When we saw the farm

I loved everything about it, but asked Will if we moved could we have two things; heating in the house and a garden, of which their were neither.

'Will built a walled garden from beach stones and we began to grow our own vegetables.

'This was a steep learning curve, as the weather and growing conditions are very different to Gloucestershire where we had moved from. We started selling eggs on our stall and we thought we'd try putting on some carrots and tatties as we had grown too many for ourselves. We soon sold out and realised there was a local demand for local fresh farm vegetables.

'The majority of vegetables are grown in the south of England and then go through a number of pack houses and distribution centres, before reaching Glasgow and finally here.

'We grow everything for our farm stall ourselves and pick everything fresh each day, which makes a massive difference to the taste and quality of all the vegetables.'



James Lawrie and an individual heifer at Machribeg Farm in Southend. 25_c49lawrie01

Fife judge journeys to Kintyre

AN AYRSHIRE cattle breeder from Fife, who recently won the senior rascal category at Agri-scot with Miss Blonde Two EX 94 (2), cast his practised eye over Kintyre stock last Tuesday.

James Lawrie from Cuthill Towers, Milnathort visited Clochkeil, Drumlemble, Ormsary, Gartvaigh and Machribeg before making his selections in the annual Kintyre Ayrshire Breeders competition.

The full results are as follows: team: 1 and Parkers Cup: Mal-

colm Ronald, Ormsary; 2 J and M Barr, Clochkeil and 3 Thos M Ralston and Sons, East Drumlemble; individual heifer: 1 and KF Cup: Malcolm Ronald; 2 J and M Barr and 3 Thos M Ralston and Sons; mother and daughter: 1 and Quaich: Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh; 2 Malcolm Ronald and 3 James Barbour, Machribeg; milk solids: 1st and John Barr Memorial Tray: Thos M Ralston and sons; 2 Thos M Ralston and Sons and 3 J and M Barr.

Charities swarm together to ban harming pesticides in Scotland

FOLLOWING the Courier's report last week on neonicotinoids affecting butterflies in the UK, the Scottish Wildlife Trust and Buglife have joined forces to call on the pesticides to be banned from Scotland forever amidst growing evidence of their adverse affect on bees.

The environmental charities have written to Richard Lochhead, the cabinet secretary for rural affairs, food and environment, calling on the Scottish Government to permanently ban the use of these three neonicotinoids on outdoor crops.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland and Butterfly Conservation Scotland have also signed the letter.

The EU introduced a ban in December 2013 restricting the use of three types of neonicotinoid insecticides due to the 'high acute risks' to bees.

There has been considerable research activity since the ban's imposition. A growing body of evidence shows that neonicotinoids damage bee brains, reduce bumblebee queen production and reduce wild bee density.

Pollinators provide an essential ecosystem service to farmers and fruit growers, worth at least £43 million per year to Scotland's economy.

Dr Maggie Keegan, head of policy for the Scottish Wildlife Trust, said: 'Since the EU ban came into force, restricting the use of cer-

tain neonicotinoids because of the high risk to bees, a huge amount of evidence has emerged which shows this was the right decision.

'This is why the Scottish Wildlife Trust is now asking the Scottish Government to show leadership and protect Scotland's bees and other wildlife by permanently banning those neonicotinoids that do the most harm.

'These toxic chemicals not only harm bees, they also persist in the agricultural landscape and contaminate soils, potentially harming invertebrates such as earthworms. They are picked up by wildflowers, get into the watercourse and are linked to a decline in birds and butterflies in farmed systems.'

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Menzies to take over Oban Express

AN ARGYLL and Bute family run parcel firm will roll on under a new owner.

Oban Express, whose trucks are seen in Campbeltown daily and transports 450,000 packages a year on 45 vehicles and will become part of Menzies Distribution's national network.

The takeover strengthens Menzies' move into rural and specialist hard-to-reach areas, having previously taken over AJG Parcels of Inverness in June this year in similar fashion.

Oban Express's company directors will remain with the business to help smoothly integrate the routes within Menzies Distribution's other networks.

Forsyth Black, managing director of Menzies Distribution, said: 'We have strengthened the geographical reach of our specialist parcel consolidation service, which dramatically cuts the cost of delivery to isolated areas for national carriers.'

Springbank malt barns are transformed into winter wonderland

FOR FIVE frantic hours a Campbeltown industrial building became a festive paradise as traders, caterers and charities created a Dickensian scene.

The effect was completed with the addition of Christmas carol tunes from Campbeltown Brass and a choir, all together under one roof, last Sunday at the annual Christmas Market.

Organised by Explore

Campbeltown, 60 stalls covered two floors of Springbank's malt barns offering a wide variety of products to fill Christmas stockings and stomachs alike.

Gifts ranged from carved wooden sculptures to whisky glasses.

Sellers reported brisk trade although many seemed content to bletcher in the festive atmosphere.

Children had the opportunity to visit Santa's grotto, as well as enjoy face painting.

The Campbeltown Courier, also in the merry mood, provided hundreds of free Santa hats to youngsters, with some making their way reluctantly onto adult heads as well.

Food was provided by the Ardshiel Hotel, Argyll Bakeries, Food for Thought, Harle-



On Bellochantuy Farm Stall are, from left, Sebastian Dhiel, Lisa Stupacher, Hannah Jones, Heather McCue, Gavin McCue, Cameron Macalister and Iona Reid. 25_c49stalls01

quin Tearoom and Bellochantuy Farm Stall,

while Springbank's hot toddies and mulled wine

helped adults embrace the Christmas spirit.



Campbeltown Courier reporters Ben Ramage and Mark Davey. 04_c49stalls03



Wearing their Santa hats Charlie, 7, Alfie, 5 and Harvey, 6. 25_c49stalls06



Four-and-a-half-year-old Jake Rowan and two-year-old Hollie McLean enjoyed meeting Santa and his elves in the grotto. 25_c49stalls08



Members of Campbeltown Brass playing at the market. 04_c49stalls02



Campbeltown Grammar School choir singing carols. 25_c49stalls07



Gillian and Kelly Broderick tend a chocolate fountain on the Food for Thought stall. 25_c49stalls11



James Graham cannot keep his eyes off the Minions and Mr Gru seen here with his sister Louisa and mum Susan. 25_c49stalls09



Marjorie Brown from Main Street's D M Brown. 25_c49stalls05



Lolita Lavery on the Harlequin Tearoom stall. 25_c49stalls10

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The proposed Creggan Wind Farm, located to north-east of Glenbarr on the Kintyre Peninsula within the Argyll and Bute Council area (central grid reference NR 693 381), is subject to assessment under the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended).

Notice is hereby given that additional information in relation to an environmental statement has been submitted to Scottish Ministers by Creggan Wind Farm Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Burcote Wind Limited) relating to the application for consent in respect of the Creggan Wind Farm at Glenbarr, comprising 18 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 110m and with an installed capacity of around 54 MW. The additional information is lodged under the terms of The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (as amended).

A copy of the additional information together with the environmental statement, the associated application and other documents submitted with the application may be inspected during normal office opening hours during the consultation period specified in this notice at:

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Campbeltown Library
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Copies of the additional information may be purchased from Burcote Wind Ltd (tel: 01383 749645) at a cost of £300 for the colour figures and £20 for the written statement in hard copy. Electronic copies are available on CD at a cost of £10.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Scottish Ministers about the additional information should make them in writing on or prior to 13 January 2016 (quoting reference WIN-130-1) to:

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/02438/PP	Extension to existing boiler house to accommodate hot water storage tank	Boiler House Ross Crescent Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8ZS	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/03161/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, garden shed, installation of septic tank and formation of new access.	Plot A Land West of Corranmor Farm Ardfern Lochgilphead PA31 8QN	Sub Post Office Ardfern
15/03209/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle 12/02559/PPP (Site for the erection of 1 no. dwellinghouse and installation of a septic tank/biodisc treatment plant)	Plot 2 Torran Farm Ford Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

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CIH Scotland comments on updated housing statistics



Quarterly housing statistics for Scotland provide an update on new home starts and completions for the third quarter of 2015 for the social sector and for the second quarter of 2015 for the private sector.

Commenting on the figures, Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland director Annie Mauger said: 'We welcome the rise in affordable and social rented homes built over the 12 months to September 2015. However, these figures also show that the total number of homes built across all tenures has fallen in recent years - and the scale of the challenge we face to build the new housing we need to help the growing number of people who are struggling to access a decent home at a price they can afford. Our research with Shelter Scotland and the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations has shown that we need to build at least 12,000 affordable homes a year for the next five years - today's figures show that just less than 7,000 were built in the year to the end of September.'

'Given current budget constraints, delivering the number of new homes that are needed will require some genuinely bold new thinking. We also need to ensure that we are building homes of all tenures (to buy, to rent and for shared ownership) that are truly affordable for people on all incomes. Ahead of next year's election, we look forward to working with politicians from all parties to share the knowledge and experience of Scotland's housing professionals so we can develop solutions that will work in practice on the ground.'

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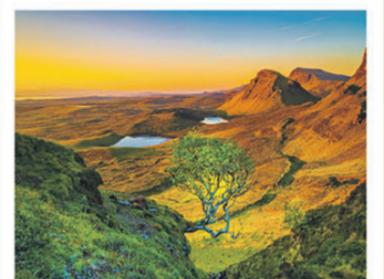
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West coast

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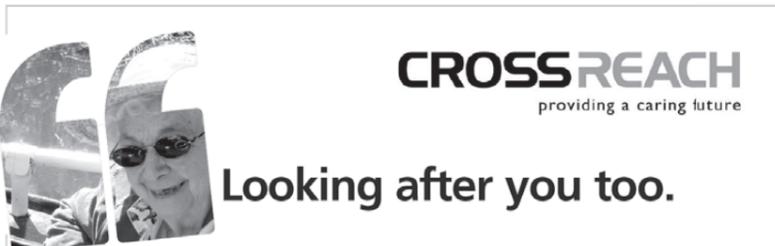
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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THE weather threw its worst at us, but it did not deter us. Amidst the torrential rain, hail and gale force winds, we gathered at the Christmas Market at Springbank in Campbeltown.

We gathered in cheerfulness, with good humour and resilience. The rewards far outweighed the challenge of the weather.

What a wonderful feeling of community and cheerfulness emanated from all the stall-holders. I loved the fact that the whole family of community gathered and helped.

All of God's family played their part. The young folk from the grammar school welcomed us as we entered with carols and songs.

Iona with her great people skills, sold us our Christmas tree.

Our even younger folk like Gavin, told us of the 'awesome' cakes on Hannah's stall, and so now we can't wait to taste them.

Music and laughter and happy conversations permeated the day. Paintings by local artists reminded us of the talents in this wee community.

We bought wonderful Christmas chutney, peach and amaretto jam with Christmas biscuits from Pat, and lovely quiche from Dalnaspidal.

Beautiful crafts of needlework and skills of such variety reminded me of all God's gifts to us.

Santa and the Minions mingled to welcome and amuse, and provided us with laughter.

Yes, they are part of the secular world, but they do have their place in our celebrations.

Where there is love and kindness, we can find God. Advent reminds us of the coming of God in human form.

Often we miss Jesus amidst all the commercialisation of Christmas. Yet if we look beyond the tinsel we do find the truth.

On Sunday in Campbeltown I felt that God was very much evident in the friendship and the fun we shared together.

Where people gather and share and care, there is much that reflects the vision of God's dream for his people.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

December 7 1990

Region proposes to close special school

STRATHCLYDE Regional Council took a decision last week to issue a consultation document with a view to closing Meadows School, Campbeltown.

The document proposes that Meadows School should close in June 1991 and the possibilities of its use as a community nursery be explored.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 2 1965

Co-ownership scheme examined by council

CAMPBELTOWN Town Council Housing Committee considered on Monday night the purchase of a site at Ballyreggan which may be the first in this area on which houses will be built by a

group of private individuals under the Government's co-ownership scheme.

The scheme is to help people, who for one reason or another may not qualify for a local authority house, to build their own homes. By forming themselves into a co-ownership society, they can borrow money from the Government for the erection of their own houses at a reduced interest rate, repayable over 40 years. Advice would also be readily available.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

December 4 1915

Sudden Death of Mr Alexander M'Lean

THE DEATH took place under unknown circumstances, on Monday forenoon, regarding

well-known district farmer - Mr Alex M'Lean, Kilmaho.

Mr M'Lean was apparently in his usual good health and was in highest of spirits at breakfast time, and after the morning meal he went out along with his son Duncan to remove some hogs.

While crossing a ploughed field adjoining the house on his return he sank to the ground, and as he did not rise his son went forward to him, only to find that he had suddenly expired.

Monday being the regular market day, large numbers of farmers from all parts of the district were in Campbeltown, and, in common with the whole community, they were shocked by the news of Mr M'Lean's sudden death.

The deceased spent all his years at Kilmaho.



Dalintober's ELCC and P1s get messy together

COOKING with shaving foam was all part of the 'Messy Play' for children from Dalintober Early Learning Child Care and P1 pupils.

Last week the special session, also including cooked spaghetti, gave

the children from both age groups a chance to 'cook' together.

Relationships

The emphasis was on co-operative learning, helping the children to foster relationships with children from different ages and stages.

The success of the day has led to Dalintober making 'Messy Play' a monthly event until the end of the year.

Kids enjoy getting messy without getting told off.

USA to top outbound Christmas mail

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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BIRTHS

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RAMSAY - JONES - Rhys and Morag are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Sheena Alyson Jones, on November 24, 2015. Mother and baby are doing well. First grandchild for Matthew and Sheena, Carradale, and new grandchild for family in Wales. All so happy!

DEATHS

AITKEN - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on November 28, 2015, Janet (Nettie) Aitken, née Thomson, of 2 Dewar Avenue, Lochgilphead, aged 90 years, beloved wife of the late William Aitken, much loved and loving mum of Andrew and Ruth, adored gran of Robin, Andrew and Catriona and a much respected mother-in-law of Paul. A cherished sister, aunt and cousin to all the family and a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Baptist Church, today Friday, December 4, at 1.00pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to Dochas Centre and Marie Curie Mid Argyll.

MACDONALD - On November 27, 2015, at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Dr Neil Macdonald (Scourie), in his 80th year, beloved husband of Hilary, much loved by Kirsteen, Jamie and Nikki, and a dearly loved grampa. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, on Friday, December 4 at 10.15am, thereafter to a memorial service at Tarbert Parish Church at 1.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Tarbert Nursing Aid and Tarbert Senior Citizen's Annual Dinner.

MCNAIR - Peacefully, on Friday, November 27, 2015, in Struan Lodge, James (Jimmy), beloved husband of the late Margaret, loving father to Gordon, Mairi, Jim and Robin and a much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Sadly missed and dearly loved by all his family and friends. The funeral service will be held on Friday, December 4, in Strachur Parish Church at 11.00am, and thereafter to Strathlachlan Cemetery, to which all are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to Struan Lodge.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACCALLUM - The family of the late Malcolm MacCallum wishes to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy. Sincere gratitude to Dr Mark Simpson and all the staff of Lochgilphead Medical Centre for the care and support shown to Malcolm over many years. Special thanks to Collete Morgan, Macmillan nurse, community nurses, extended community care team and Marie Curie nurse for their skill and care, which enabled Malcolm to stay at home during his

final illness. Thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for a comforting service, to Fiona and Roddy of D MacDonald for professional services, to Alistair MacLean for piping tribute, and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Thank you to all who attended at the church and graveside. The retail collection for Erskine amounted to £275. Malcolm was a true gentleman who served Lochgilphead in the Army Cadet Force, Fire Brigade and Community Council. He leaves many treasured memories and will be sadly missed.

SOUDEN - The family of the late Isobel McLean would like to thank family and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the sad loss of Isobel. Thanks to Alasdair Blair and son for caring and efficient arrangements, to Rev Crossan for a personal service, to the Argyll Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for RNID raised £392.32.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - Hugh, who passed away December 2, 2007. Always in our thoughts. Sadly missed.

- Ivor, Christine, Shauna, Robert and great grandchildren.

MARTIN - Loving memories of Marion, a much loved mum and granny, died December 2, 1997. Forever in our thoughts.

- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew xxxx.

MCNAUGHTON - Treasured memories of my husband, John, who died December 9, 2013. A devoted father, father-in-law, granda and great granda. It broke our hearts to lose you But you did not go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God called you home.

- Betty and family.

CHURCH NOTICES

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 6th December 2015
Skipness Service 10.00am
Mr John Morrison
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Rev Walter Ritchie
Guild Meets Monday 7th December
Church Hall 2.30pm
For all church enquiries and pastoral care

Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry: SC002622
Skipness: SC004280

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
Minister: Rev. Robert Macleod
Prayer Time
Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Soup lunches last Thursday of the month - 12.00 - 1.30.
All welcome.

Lochgilphead Baptist Church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 6th December 2015
Morning Worship 11am
Tuesday mainly music at 10.15am
Friday Jumpstart From 10am
Scottish Charity SC015187

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 6 December
Inverlussa Church 10 am
Morning Worship
Rev. C. Acklam
followed by Christmas Fayre in Achnamara Hall
Monday 7 December
Prayer meeting 10 am
Tayvallich Church
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

SATURDAY 5th December 2015
PRAYER GATHERING
9.15 for 9.30am Finish approx. 12 noon
SUNDAY 6th December 2015
11.00 am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
SPEAKER: Graham McLean
'Knowing the Time'
THURSDAY 10th December 2015
10.00 am (Please note change of time) Prayer, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"It is good to sing praises to our God"
Sunday 6th December
The Annunciation Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm (including the Lord's Supper)

Scottish Episcopal Churches

Everyone Welcome
Christ Church
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC031377)
Sundays 11.00 am
Eucharist service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)
1st Sunday of the month 9.00am Eucharist Service
3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm Evensong
Scottish Prayer Book
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)
Saturdays
Eucharist Service
Sunday 6th December
Carol Service at 5pm
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 6th December 2015
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 6th December 2015
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Services conducted by Rev. Dr. Robin Mackenzie, Interim Moderator
All Welcome
Note: Induction of Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell, Cumloddan Church, Saturday 12th December, 2 pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday in Advent Worship
Ford 11.45 am
Rev C Acklam - All welcome
SC0 02121



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church:
Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer 10.45am
Followed by AGM
Details of services are on the church door.
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion



George Street, Campbeltown
Friday 4th December
7.30pm Kintyre Christian Fellowship
Saturday 5th December
9.00am Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 6th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Suraj Kasula
2.00pm Explorers Club for all Primary school children
3.00pm 'After the Earthquake' Suraj and Roshani Kasula
Wednesday 9th December
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
2.00pm Water of Life Cafe
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service
11.00 am with Sunday School followed by refreshments
Pastor Chris Holden
mainly music
10.00 - 11.30 am every Thursday (term time only) Registration required
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meeting to be held on Friday 4th December at 7.30pm in the Free Church, Campbeltown
Panel Night - "Any Questions"
Questions can be submitted before or at the door on the 4th December
Panel members - Mrs Felicity Kelly, Pastor Chris Holden, Rev Jeremy Middleton & Rev Findlay McKenzie
Tea/coffee served after meeting
Everyone most welcome.

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

LOCHGILPHEAD
Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SC0002876)

Highland Parish Church

SC002493
Sunday 6th December 2015
The service will be held in Kirk Street Hall at 11.15am and will be conducted by Rev G Middleton
3rd, 4th & 5th December
Christmas Lunches in Kirk Street Hall
Badminton Club meets on Tuesday evenings in Kirk Street Hall
Primary 1-5: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Saturday 5th December
BB Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon
Church Hall
Sunday 6th December
Service 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Wallace
Town Carol Service 6.00pm
Monday 7th December
Guild New Hall 7.30pm
Tuesday 8th December
Tiny Tots New Hall 9.45am
Boys' Brigade Church Hall
Anchor Boys 6.00pm
Junior Section 7.15pm
Thursday 10th December
Choir 7.30pm



Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre

Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
Army Kidz
6.00pm Town Carol Service
Lorne & Lowland Church
Tuesday
Lunch Club - 12.15pm
Home League - 1.30pm
Wednesday
Make and Munch Mob - 7.00pm
Thursday
7.30pm Bible Study
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 6 December 2015
11.00am
Family Communion Service
Mr John Ives
Thursday 10 December
No Bible Study this week
Cup of Peace - Coffee Afternoon
CLOSED until after Christmas
TONIGHT - Friday 4 December
7.30pm in the FREE CHURCH
Kintyre Christian Fellowship
Panel Night
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Shopper Aide raffle in the bag for Christmas

FRESH from their Herald Society Awards win, Shopper Aide are now preparing for Christmas celebrations.

The charity have set up a Christmas raffle, with a tremendous festive hamper and a painting by local artist John Coffield just two prospective prizes. The raffle will be drawn on Friday December 11.

For those not sending Christmas cards but who still wants to wish their friends and family a merry Christmas, a board will be set up in the shop window where they can display a festive card until January 4.

There are also quality canvas shopping bags for sale, as well as fresh Bellochantuy eggs.

The charity also ask clients to let it know if they will be away over the festive holidays.

Primary pupils have a blast at Machrihanish as rockets lift off



The winning rockets and their designers with business manager Malcolm McMillan.

SPACE engineers of the future saw their rockets blast into the sky above the potential space port at Machrihanish.

It took more than three weeks' design work for pupils from Drumlemble and Carradale primary schools to create rockets they thought were good enough to put to the ultimate test.

Space port

Business manager Malcolm McMillan welcomed the youngsters to MACC Business Park, which is one of the preferred locations for a UK space port, and judged their creations.

The pupils watched MACC's video and were split into three groups. Pupils learned a bit about the first moon



Pupils at MACC business park.

landing and different types of rockets that had been used.

Mr McMillan spoke to them about the space port bid before helping each pupil launch their rocket.

Each group had a winning rocket which travelled the furthest distance, with one rocket travelling 14 metres.

Launch

After the successful rocket launch, pupils

were given a tour round MACC Business Park.

Both schools said that they would like to thank MACC Business Park and Mr McMillan for helping give their project a real-life scenario.



Argyll College's Elf school on Main Street. 25_c49parade08

Elf and good cheer at this time of year

FESTIVE fun flooded Campbeltown last weekend and there was nothing the weather could do to halt it.

Friday night's parade saw starlit

skies interspersed with heavy hail, rain and drizzle. Below the Courier has a further selection of pictures from the evening.



Little Santas enjoy the parade. 25_c49parade09



The Minions and Mr Gru on Main Street. 25_c49parade20



A group of elves escort a float. 25_c49parade10



Jemma, Gregor and Robbie in the teacups ride. 25_c49parade15



Young Santas in a Fire Tender during the parade. 25_c49parade22



Jenny Souden has 'Frozen' face painting applied in Numero Dix Hair Salon. 25_c49parade16

Young Pupils show steely determination on icy weekend

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils U14s battled their way to Glasgow and took three points, while the Pupils fixture in Inverclyde succumbed to wintry conditions.

The 2002s Pupils youth side won 3-0 away to Drumchapel Utd in Glasgow, with two first-half goals by Matthew Lang and a late strike from Fraser McBrayne, which was enough to secure three points and head back to Kintyre completing a 260-mile round trip.

The Pupils senior team were forced to turn back at Inveraray en route to their SAFL Premier division away tie against Inverclyde AFC, which was cancelled due to hail and ice on a plastic all-weather pitch. The Pupils have a 360-mile round trip to Fife this Saturday to play Kettle United in the fourth round of the Scottish Amateur cup.

The furthest the Pupils have progressed in the Scottish Amateur cup is the quarter finals, in 1983, when they lost to the eventual winners, Newarthill Hearts from Lanarkshire.

Christmas sweater scramble

GOLFERS swapped their regular knitwear for whacky Christmas sweaters during a Taxas scramble at Machrihanish.

The Ken Campbell, PGA Professional, sponsored event on Saturday November 14 at Machrihanish Golf Club's Pans course attracted 21 players split into teams of three.

Each competitor had to wear a Christmas sweater and a prize was awarded to the best dressed who was Sally McDougall.

The winners with a team score of 33.1 were

Maggie McArthur, Mary McIntyre and Catherine Armour. Runners up were Helen Bapty, Linda Wallace and Jennifer Gilchrist with 34 and in third place were the team of Ann Gallacher, Sheona Martin and Margaret Robertson.

Entertained

During the prize giving, Margaret Campbell entertained the competitors with her own rendition of 'A Winter Wonderland on the links at Machrihanish'.

The proceeds for the competition, £275, goes to CLIC Sargent, cancer support for the young.



Maggie McArthur, Mary McIntyre and Catherine Armour.



Sally McDougall in the winning sweater.



Ann Gallacher dressed for the occasion.

SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Premier Division - Inverclyde v Campbeltown Pupils, postponed; Oban Saints 2, Finnart 0; Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Motherwell Thistle, postponed; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v FC Clydebank, postponed. Division One - Dunoon Athletic v Carlton YM, postponed; Centenary Cup - Dunoon v Ferguslie Star, postponed.

This Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Amateur Cup fourth Round - Kettle United v Campbeltown Pupils; New Cumnock Afton v Dunoon; Postal United v Oban Saints. Premier Division One - Ferguslie Star v Lochgilphead Red Star; Division One - Carlton YM v Dunoon Athletic; Tarbert no game.

Machrihanish lotto winner

A WINNER picked 1, 10 and 19 in Machrihanish Golf Club's lottery which was drawn on Monday.

Lynette McMillan won £500. The jackpot for the next draw on Monday December 7 will be £100.

Kilbrannan A take Captain's Cup

THE Kilbrannan A team were top of the board when they lifted the Campbeltown District Darts Association's Captain's Cup.

In the final of Monday's match, at the Burnside, the team of Alan Duncan and Richard Tavendale beat the Fiddlers team of Stephen Jordan and Tony MacMillan.

The final was the best of five legs 701 and with the score at 2-2 the Kilbrannan A took the last leg to win the trophy. The Association thanked the Burnside for the use of the venue and donating the bottle prizes.



From left: Winners Alan Duncan and Richard Tavendale.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £950

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Chequered flag as Mach 1 returns

IN July 2016, for the third year, roaring rally roadsters should race round Machrihanish's former airbase.

As this year's Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship (STRC) raced to a thrilling finale, on another airfield circuit at the Kingdom stages in Crail, news came that provisionally, on the weekend of July 2 and 3 next year, Kintyre should resound with revving engines.

In 2015 The Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship has experienced one of its most exciting seasons ever.

The final event, organised by Glenrothes Motor Sport Club, with the support of sponsors Curvy Kit, saw John Rintoul and Ross Hynd win the ultimate race to the podium on the 60-mile Crail route.

Bruce Edwards and Jim Smith came in second and Gary and Gordon Adam third.

The season's overall champions had already been decided going into Crail, with John Marshall and Scott Crawford taking the prestigious title as 2015 STRC cham-

pions in their Mk2 Escort.

Second and third places, however, went to the wire, with Nigel Feeney in his class 5 Subaru Impreza securing second place honours in front of Ross Carby in his class 1 Vauxhall Corsa.

Rounding off the 2015's events will be the awards ceremony



Lochgilhead's Ally MacArthur in the pits at Machrihanish. 25_c29loch01

ny. This year the prestigious black-tie event and prize giving is being held at the Lovat Hotel in Perth on Saturday, December 5.

However, with engines barely cooled and excitement still revving in the air, there will be no time lost in look-

ing ahead to next year's championship. And, if anything, 2016 promises to be even bigger and better.

Dunfermline Car Club committee member, David Hatrick, said: '2015 has been an exciting year to be involved in this sport. There were many highlights, especially only the sec-

a family, we will continue to make this sport seriously good fun – and, just as importantly, strive to ensure it is safer than ever.

'On behalf of all the clubs involved in the Blackwood Plant Hire Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to 2015's sponsors Blackwood Plant Hire.'

Blackwood has decided to continue its support throughout 2016 and Tom Blackwood brings his own passion, enthusiasm and energy to the events.

Mr Blackwood, a self-confessed Ford fanatic, is no stranger to the rallying circuit himself.

He said: 'There are many highs and lows in motorsport but it's been an immense privilege to have been able to sponsor this amazing championship.'

'Looking ahead to the next season, everyone at Blackwood Plant is just as excited to be involved – if anything, 2016 promises to attract even more talented rallying stars and great-



This year's Mach 1 winners Alistair and Colin Inglis. 25_c29machrally02

er numbers of dedicated fans.'

The following dates are for reference only and have yet to be confirmed by the organising committees.

Please refer to the relevant organising clubs for confirmation when available.

Provisional Calendar of events 2016: Sunday January 10 Grant Construction Knock-

hill Stages organised by www.borderecossecarclub.com; Saturday April 2 DCC Stages, Ingleston organised by www.dunfermline.co.uk; Saturday June 18.

Summer Stages, Crail organised by www.glenrothes-msc.com; July 2 and 3 Mach 1 Stages Machrihanish organised by www.dunfermline.co.uk; Saturday August 6 Used-CarParts Solway Coast

Rally, Dundrennan organised by www.solwaycarclub.co.uk; Sunday August 7 Tyneside Stages Rally organised by www.alnwickmotorclub.co.uk; Sunday August 28 Pendragon Stages, Warcop organised by www.pendragonstages.co.uk; October, 7, 8 and 9 Mull Rally organised by www.mullrally.org; Saturday November 5 Kingdom Stages, Crail organised by www.glenrothes-msc.com.



Kintyre's John Kean and Malcolm McDonald in action this year. 25_c29machrally07



David Coulthard's nephew Murray and co-driver John Frew put their Citroën C2 through its paces at Machrihanish. 25_c29machrally08



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