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Electric gates may be a 'risk to life'

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ELECTRIC gates proposed for a Clachan country hotel could be a 'risk to life'.

The owner of Balinakill Country House Hotel in Clachan has submitted planning permission to the council to build electric gates at the end of its drive, which would cause 10 families to be cut off from the rest of the village.

A number of people have commented on the planning application and according to Lorraine MacPhail, chairwoman of the West Kintyre Community Council, their main concern is over access of emergency service vehicles.

'These gates will cut people off from the community and emergency services will be delayed,' she said. Dennis Burk, a resident who lives on the other side of the gates, said the local surgery has written a letter highlighting the impact on elderly and ill residents.

Concerns

He said: 'We would have to suffer any breakdowns [of the gate] and emergency services being delayed.'

'It is a risk to life.' Capability Scotland, which has been consulted about the gates, said it shares concerns about the accessibility of doc-

tors and family members.

According to Lorraine, the owner had been planning on leaving a key next to the gates for people to use, which raises questions over the purpose of the gate.

'If the gates are for security then it would be more appropriate to build them at the house. The key defeats the purpose other than delaying everybody.'

Argyll and Bute Council told *The Courier* the matter would be discussed at the next Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee on December 19.

The owners of Balinakill were unavailable for comment as *The Courier* went to press.



All I want for Christmas . . . !

Two-year-old Marc Davis tells Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas.

Glenbarr Abbey was stowed on Sunday for the second of its Christmas openings.

Folk from across Mid Argyll and Kintyre were welcomed to the beautiful abbey in Glenbarr which was decorated from floor to ceiling with Christmas decorations.

The opening was in aid of Glenbarr Abbey Charitable Trust with Mairi Semple Fund providing teas and coffees over the two weekends.

The Abbey has been holding the Christmas openings for around 15 years and year on year Jeanne MacAlister has been expanding her Christmas decorations. For more photographs see page 11. 20_c50abbey01

Sentence deferred on knifepoint robber

AN ATTEMPT to rob a shop in Campbeltown at knifepoint backfired on a 38-year-old man after the shop assistant confronted him.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Friday Francis Smith had his sentence deferred after he admitted threatening a 23-year-old man with an eight-inch knife and attempting to rob a Longrow grocery store on March 18.

Procurator fiscal John Service told the court Smith, of 344 Paisley Road, Glasgow, was captured on closed circuit television in the store.

He said he first entered the store with a balaclava on top of his head, only pulling it down over his face once inside.

On seeing the accused entering and attempting to access the area behind the till, a 23-year-old shop assistant approached him. Smith pulled a knife from his pocket and held it to the throat of the assistant.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred sentence until December 20 and remanded Smith in custody.

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Man faces jail after breaking his friend's jaw

'That's what he gets for getting in about my girlfriend'

A CAMPBELTOWN man who broke his friend's jaw in two places after catching him kissing his girlfriend is facing jail.

A jury at the town's sheriff court unanimously found George McAllister, of 21 John Street, guilty of assault to severe injury after a two-day trial last week.

Giving evidence, the victim said the 31-year-old residential landlord attacked him after catching McAllister's girlfriend kissing him.

'He came over and punched me on the face,' he said.

McAllister punched

him a number of times before kicking him in the face and ribs.

'Light headed'
The man said he felt 'light headed' then felt his whole jaw 'go'.

The jury heard the victim received extensive bruising, two black eyes, bleeding to his left ear and had his jaw fractured in two places, as well as losing a tooth.

He was thrown out of the house and found his way to his sister a short distance away, who didn't recognise him initially, so bad were the injuries.

She told the court she contacted McAl-

lister to find out what had happened to him. She claimed he he said: 'That's what he gets for getting in about my girlfriend'.

McAllister, who was on bail at the time of the assault, was remanded in custody with his sentence deferred until December 20 for reports.

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Maryanne McMillan, bar supervisor at The Old Clubhouse, Machrihanish, with Keith Martin, owner's representative at Machrihanish Dunes with a cheque for £800. Half of the money will go to the Ciara Caskie Allan Appeal on Islay and the other half to the Highland Parish Church. The money was raised throughout the year at various events in the clubhouse including quiz nights. They also collected money during the parade at the Christmas Lights switch on event recently. 08_c50machrihanish01

Campbeltown Fire and Rescue offer motorists free winter check

MOTORISTS are being offered a free winter check on their vehicles this weekend.

Taking place in Tesco's car park from noon to 2pm tomorrow (Saturday), it is being organised by Campbeltown Fire and Rescue working in partnership with Strathclyde Police and the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel.

It is a winter amnesty project and allows people in the area to get their vehicles checked by traffic police officers with no fines or tickets handed out on the day.

'The event was carried out last year and was very successful,' said Jamie Conley of Campbeltown Fire Station's cadet unit who helps to organise the event.

'It is open to any drivers, but our aim is to particularly target younger, less experienced ones, and allow people to get free advice to make their vehicles safer.'

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A POLICY change will mean patients will no longer be provided with transportation to Glasgow Airport to fly home to Campbeltown.

This will mean most patients will have to return to Campbeltown via road ambulance unless a family member is present in Glasgow to transport them to the airport.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, and South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly have joined forces to express concern about the NHS policy change.

Councillor Kelly said

this new policy has meant people staying in hospital waiting for the next ambulance to take them home, sometimes for two or three days more than is necessary.

Concerned

'I am also very concerned that this new system will affect the vitality of the lifeline Campbeltown air service due to falling numbers using the plane.'

Jamie McGrigor MSP will be taking this matter up with both the chief executive of NHS Highland and the cabinet secretary for health Alex Neil.

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Police files

Imitation firearm:

A REPORT has been sent to the procurator fiscal after a man was arrested for allegedly possessing an imitation firearm on Monday afternoon in Campbeltown.

Police arrested the 31-year-old near Main Street in the town at around 4pm.

Drink driving:

TWO people were arrested over the weekend for allegedly drink-driving in Campbeltown in the early hours of Sunday morning.

A 52-year-old woman and a 33-year-old man were both arrested in separate incidents.

A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Noisy cars:

POLICE are continuing to receive a number of reports of cars revving and being noisy in the town centre.

Officers are to focus on the issue in the coming weeks.

Dog fouling:

THERE have been a number of complaints about dog fouling in Campbeltown.

Police said all information they receive about this would be gathered and sent to the dog warden.

Stop and search:

POLICE in Campbeltown are continuing their stop and searches of individuals who use drugs.

They have been acting on intelligence to try to catch drug users in the town.



Margaret Nimmo receiving her basket of flowers from the U3A Choir at their first ever public performance. 08_c50choir01

First performance of U3A Choir

THE U3A Kintyre Choir held its first ever performance last Thursday at the Argyll Hotel in Campbeltown.

The choir, who has only been singing together for six months, performed a range of Christmas songs and a few pieces from their repertoire.

They received a standing ovation and a call for an encore after finishing with *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

At the end of the performance conductor Margaret Nimmo was presented with a basket of flowers to thank her for her hard work.

Christine Duncan, one of the choir members, said: 'She has been very good. When we started we couldn't sing.'

The choir's next performance will be at Auchinlee next Tuesday.

New hospital heating systems

HOSPITALS across Argyll and Bute are among those to have new biomass heating systems installed as part of a £5.5million programme by NHS Highland.

Benefit

Hospitals in Oban, Islay, Campbeltown, Du-noon and Lochgilphead and the Jeanie Deans In-

tegrated Care Centre in Helensburgh are set to benefit from the investment as the health board attempts to reduce its carbon footprint.

New energy-efficient lighting is also to be installed and there will be some investment in solar power.

Gordon Macdonald,

NHS Highland's energy and sustainability manager said: 'Our carbon emissions will drop by about 30 per cent and our use of oil for heating will go down by more than 80 per cent.'

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Lottery funding turned down

ONE of Scotland's oldest continuously run cinemas could be in peril after its board had an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) rejected.

The board of The Wee Pictures on Campbeltown's Shore Street have been fighting endlessly to keep the cinema open over the years. The refusal is seen as and this is the biggest knock back to having the building refurbished for the centenary year.

'We are hugely disappointed and feel that our precious building and business is now in peril,' said chairwoman of the board Jane Mayo.

She said they were excited by the plan they had put forward, and genuinely felt it provided a sustainable future for both the historic cinema and its business.

'We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received over the past few months and hope that both Historic Scotland and Creative Scotland will continue with their generous commitment towards our endeavours,' explained Jane.

One of the deficiencies in the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund was the funding shortfall.

'We are urging every-

one to keep helping us and join in the various fundraising initiatives which we shall be continuing,' Jane told *The Courier*. 'We are urgently seeking a solution to keep the project alive and all monies raised are being put safely away into an interest bearing account.'

The centenary of the cinema will take place on May 26 next year, with a 3D digital projector being installed early in the New Year.

The board now has a meeting before Christmas with HLF and plans to have a new route ahead to take the project forward.

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Keep safe around water in winter

PEOPLE in Kintyre are being reminded of the importance of playing safe over the winter period.

Scottish Water is advising their customers to remain extra vigilant and not take risks around freezing cold watercourses.

Jane McKenzie, Scottish Water's regional community manager for the area, said they don't want to spoil anyone's fun but reminded parents to keep their children safe.

Fall

'Don't wander too near the edge because you could slip and fall in. Dogs also need to be kept on a lead if they are being walked near reservoirs and other bodies of open water.'

For more information on keeping you and others safe visit www.scottishwater.co.uk/takecare.



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ACHA house repair concerns

RESIDENTS of Argyll Community Housing Association who have had work carried out by its sub contractors have raised concerns with *The Courier*.

A number of complaints have been raised in recent weeks, among those is from resident sat Crosshill Avenue and another in Tayinloan.

Houses on Crosshill Avenue have had windows replaced with new ones, despite the

windows being less than 10 years old.

According to David Card, who lives on the street, the replacement windows are much smaller than the originals.

He said: 'To say I am shocked is a bit of an understatement.

'It is a disturbing thought that not only has ACHA squandered a considerable sum upgrading perfectly good windows, they want to reduce the size of the window and let in

less light.'

He believes the new windows are around a third smaller and he will have to turn his lights on at lunchtime.

Colin McCrae, of Cara View, Tayinloan saw work start to re-carpet his house - workmen would come and then disappear for weeks.

He said: 'The main problem was the workmen were passing the buck to one another. They would put carpet down

then go away. They told me I would have to put the hall and bathroom carpets down myself.'

Chief executive of ACHA Alastair MacGregor told *The Courier* Mr Card's home is being upgraded externally to improve the thermal efficiency of his home.

He said: 'Due to the specification of the new external render, smaller windows have to be installed to tie in

with the new envelope for the building. If it had been possible to do this work keeping the old windows the association would have done it but this is not possible.'

With regard to Colin's home, she said: 'I understand that a piece of underlay was torn when Mr McCrae's new heating was being installed. The association has made arrangements for a carpet fitter to re-lay new underlay.'



Some of the members of staff taking part in the cycle to Lapland on December 6. 08_c50tesco01

Supermarket staff work up a sweat for charity

STAFF at one of Campbeltown's supermarkets were working up a sweat last Thursday for charity.

Tesco stores across the country are aiming to raise a million pounds for the company's official charity Cancer Research UK.

Members of staff from all departments in Campbeltown Store took turns either cycling to Lapland or collecting money at the door.

They cycled continuously all day from 9am to 7pm and raised £781.89.



Bright new litterbin for nursery

A bright new litterbin has taken pride of place in the garden of Campbeltown Nursery. The nursery held a jogathon to raise money for the bin, which is helping them to work towards their green flag for Eco Schools.



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Plans underway to celebrate anniversary of St Columba

PLANS are underway for Iona 2013, the celebration of the 1,450-year anniversary of St Columba's arrival in Scotland.

Argyll and Bute Council is putting together a series of events both on Iona and the mainland.

The organisers of the event have applied to Creative Scotland for £60,000 of funding; Event Scotland for £25,000 and the council will contribute £10,000.

The future of Creative Scotland remains unknown after the head of the body stepped down last week, meaning there is doubt as to whether the funding will come through.

Speaking at the Mid

Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area Committee meeting, Kevin Baker, one of the organisers, said there were worries about Creative Scotland.

He added: 'If we don't meet our target income from our potential funding streams, the activities can be scaled back.'

In Southend there will be events on June 15, the week after Columba's Day.

These will involve re-enactments of Columba's landing, a historic and cultural trail for visitors, a craft village and theatre and musical performances from Three Wee Crows Theatre Company and the Dunaverty Players.

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Shop search for charity partner

THE ORIGINAL Factory Shop in Campbeltown is looking for a local cause to be its charity partner in 2013.

Once a charity has been selected, the shop plans to run a fundraising programme with a minimum target of £500.

Store manager Michael Smith said: 'We've been raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support this year and with the partnership due to end on December 31, we're now searching for a local charity to team up with in 2013.'

'We're dedicated to making a difference to our local community and are all really looking forward to next year's campaign.'

Any organisation wishing to apply to receive support from the store must fill in the form available on the Make a Difference tab on The Original Factory Shop's Facebook page before January 11.

Guarantee given over Kintyre and Mid Argyll care packages



Left to right, back row: Olwen Ford, Liz Ferguson and Amanda Ellila; front row: Leonie Moller, Doreen Webb and Margaret Mathieson.
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Church ladies get sewing for charity

A GROUP of women at Campbeltown Free Church have been showing off their sewing skills to make dresses for children in Uganda.

The project, Dress a Girl Around the World, invites people to make dresses out of pillowcases for girls in poorer countries.

In the town's Free Church, seven women got their sewing machines out and used donated material and pillowcases to make the dresses, which will be sent to Kampala in Uganda.

Liz Ferguson, one of the organisers of the event, said the idea came from an article they had read in the church magazine about Olwen Ford, who had been part of a sewing project in Colombia.

Help

Knowing she had the right skills, they asked her to come and help them with the project.

Liz said: 'In Campbeltown, there are women who worked for Jaeger and can sew. Some of us can't sew at all but we're doing our best.'

MSP backs Book Week Scotland

BOOK Week Scotland has received the backing of a local MSP.

The event recently included Book Bug reading sessions at Campbeltown Library.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP, spoke at last Friday's debate in Parliament on St Andrew's Day which marked the start of Scot-

land's winter festival programme, which runs until Burns Night.

'I am pleased to welcome this year's focus on Scotland's internationally renowned reputation for literature through Book Week Scotland which I again hope many of my constituents will take part in,' said Mr McGrigor.

A SENIOR adult care manager at Argyll and Bute Council has promised nobody in Kintyre will be waiting for care packages from this week.

Members of the public have been contacting councillors to complain about the lack of supply of carers in Kintyre, causing patients to stay in hospital longer than they need to.

Care packages are given to people who have been in hospital or have an illness such as dementia which requires care in their home. To deal with the increasing elderly population, the emphasis on care has changed so people stay in their homes for long-

er.

Speaking at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area Committee, the council's adult care manager, Alison Hunter, reassured councillors and officials that as well as guaranteeing care packages would be put in place, there would be an increase in capacity in the independent sector as well.

Action plan

Councillor John McAlpine questioned how someone who has been released from hospital is supposed to find a carer when the hospital can't find one.

Ms Hunter said that they would be looking to recruit from schools and colleges and will be

putting an action plan together.

'This problem is an area wide one,' she said. 'We are trying to make sure we have capacity within the volunteering sector.'

Campbeltown Community Council raised concerns with council locality manager Christina West after a man who was medically fit for discharge was kept in hospital longer as no care was available in the community.

In her reply, Christina said they have recently encountered some delays in discharging patients from hospital once they were identified as medically fit for discharge.

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Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden



THE frost curled round every blade of grass and shimmered like a million white stalagmites in the morning sun as we approached Loch Awe.

The Cruachan Ridge was covered with a blanket of snow, and Kilchurn Castle looked as if it was floating on the still waters of the loch.

The bracken glowed as if on fire and Nature seemed to be relishing this most perfect morning.

The bushes were ablaze with light, and it reminded me of the burning bush story when God speaks to Moses from the depths of the flames.

God speaking to people was a recurring thread woven into the stories of the Old Testament and as we read them, we can see a wee bit of the tapestry of God's plan emerging.

Yet we sometimes wonder why we don't hear of God having conversations with his people today. We may wish that he would speak and give a definitive answer to some of the many issues that concern and perplex us today.

We feel that there are so many loose ends in the story that need to be tied up.

People may say that God is silent because he just doesn't exist.

But is God silent?

Does God not speak to us through the kindness of others when we need comfort?

Does he not speak to us in the beauty of nature and the wonders of the universe?

Does he not speak to us in the joy of human love, or the things that are beyond our comprehension?

Is God silent, or is it just that we're not very good at stopping to listen?

God has tried throughout time to get our attention: in creation, by word of the prophets, by his word in scripture – but he kept the best till last.

A baby cried - and God came himself.



Down Memory Lane

OUTRAGED fishermen from Campbeltown, Carradale and Tarbert were part of a mass demonstration in Edinburgh protesting against the government's controversial Sea Fish (Conservation) Bill 20 years ago.

It was feared the reverberations from the Bill will be 'catastrophic' for Kintyre.

The huge turn-out of over 6,000 – including around 140 from the area – left the Government in no doubt about the strength of opposition to the Bill,

which forced massive restrictions onto the Scottish fishing fleet.

Vital

The demonstration was made all the more vital in the light of news that the EC has tabled their own massive tie-up proposals which, if they take a grip, could sink the Scottish fleet.

Coachloads of incensed Kintyre fishermen made the trip to the Capital on Friday, December 11, with around 50 from each of the three main fishing communities on board.

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Never be trusted again

Sir,
Alan Reid's letter last week, in which he trumpeted his opposition to the odious 'bedroom tax', illustrates exactly why the Liberal Democrats will never be trusted again.

Alan Reid seems to have forgotten that it is his own Tory/Liberal government in London that has railroaded through the changes to the benefits system that are hitting some of the most vulnerable Scots, including thousands of disabled people. How dare Mr Reid now try to duck his culpability.

Alan Reid's rehashed

claims on additional funding to Scotland are just as threadbare. Only last May the *Wall Street Journal* pointed out that it is 'objectively the case that Scotland pays more in taxes to the UK Treasury than it receives in expenditure' whilst the UK debt - £1.5 trillion by 2016 - is growing violently threatening jobs, pensions and a decent future for families across Scotland.

This is what Scotland gets from leaving our powers in the control of others. A high risk economy, an eroding social fabric and politicians focused on London rather than Scottish interests.

It is time for something different. There is a better way forward for

Scotland.

By stepping up a gear and utilizing the full range of economic levers to support growth, boost revenues and deliver public services we can build a welfare system built on shared values and deliver the fairer nation we all know, in our hearts and in our minds, that Scotland should be.

Ron Wilson
Secretary, Kintyre
SNP

Christmas lights thanks

Sir,
We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas lights switch on event such a success.

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COMMUNITY spirit is evident in Kintyre, particularly at this time of year when there are so many events.

Well before the Christmas season has even begun we are out snapping Santa Clauses and Christmas parties.

Campbeltown and the surrounding areas are renowned for supporting charities and no matter big or small they always come up trumps.

On Sunday at Glenbarr Abbey it was great to see Jeanne Macalister opening up her home to raise money for not only the abbey's trust, but also Mairi Semple Fund.

There was a real sense of excitement as children raced about the rooms looking at all the different decorations, and adults searching for new ones.

It is nice to see families getting together at these events before the busy festive period gets into full swing.

It is warming to see the community coming together, at the hardest time of year financially, to give to good causes.

This is the first year we, as a new committee, have organised the event and we are hoping to build it year on year.

The weather couldn't have been better for us and it was helped with so many of the public from across Kintyre and Mid Argyll turning out to support the event.

We would like to thank everyone from the special guests to those who donated money to allow the event to go ahead.

We are already planning next year and welcome any advice, or people willing to give up their time to be on the committee with fresh, new ideas to contact us.

Thank you once again,
The Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group

Rest and Be Thankful - stop the dithering

Sir,
Last week's mini-budget brought good news for Argyll and Bute.

The January fuel duty increase has been scrapped and the Scottish Government has been given an extra £394 million for capital

investment in Scotland.

This is more money than the Scottish Government asked for in the Spring, so there is now no excuse for the SNP Government not going ahead with projects in Argyll and Bute such as a permanent solution to the landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful.

I say to the SNP, you've got the money, stop the dithering, get on with the job of at the Rest and Be Thankful.

Alan Reid MP
95 Alexandra Parade,
Dunoon.

Correction

LAST week's report on expenses claimed by Argyll and Bute based MSPs erroneously stated Michael Russell's total claim included claims for the party's office in Oban.

Mr Russell did claim £1,564.27 in office cost provision for furnishings and decorations. This included £527.60 for carpets, £187 for blinds, £480 for internal office decoration and £234 for external office decoration. This was not on the party's Oban office, however.

We apologise for the error.

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Kintyre workers get the festive spirit



Campbeltown Running Club.

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Organisations and clubs were getting into the festive spirit over the weekend as they held their work nights out



C&D Mactaggart law firm in Campbeltown. 20_c50xmas03



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The last of the runners reach the finish line. 08_c49santadash05

Campbeltown Santa Dash

SANTA Clauses were singing all over Campbeltown as people took part in the annual Campbeltown Santa Dash.

More than 80 people of all ages and abilities turned out for the three kilometre fun run around Campbeltown sporting Santa suits and beards.

Active Schools

They ran around the town, starting and finishing at the Aqualibrium, with marshals on bikes and a tractor from Campbeltown Young

Farmers bringing up the rear. It was organised by Active Schools in partnership with Aqualibrium.

Members of Campbeltown Running Club and

Jog Scotland helped out on the day.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who turned out to take part and marshal at the event.



The Santas line up ready to go. 08_c49santadash01



It's a sea of red as the Santas start their run. 08_c49santadash02



A younger runner gets a tow down Main Street. 08_c49santadash03



One of the groups of runners head for the finish. 08_c49santadash04

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Bob Akroyd is guest speaker at this Sunday's Free Church event in Campbeltown.

Jesus - Light of the World

THE theme of this Sunday's Free Church event in Campbeltown is Jesus - Light of the World.

Bob Akroyd from Edinburgh returns this year to the church on George Street as the guest speaker and he will introduce the programme of Christmas Carols and bible readings and re-tell the amazing story of Jesus coming into the world and its relevance for us today.

Bob, who hails from New Jersey USA, was for several years a minister in one of the city centre churches in Edinburgh until taking up a post as a professor in the Free Church College three months ago.

The congregation extend a very warm welcome to all to join with them this Sunday.

Volunteers recognised

THOSE who give up their time to help others were recognised at an afternoon held by Argyll Voluntary Action on Saturday.

Awards were presented to Aaron Donnachy, Cathie Duncan and the Bonnie Babies for work they have carried out to help others.

Money raised from the community shop, opened by AVA earlier this year, was also given to organisations in Campbeltown.

South Kintyre Sports Council, the local Boys Brigade unit, Friends of the Beatson and the Monday Club in Carradale all benefited.



Pictured from left to right are volunteer Cathie Duncan, Alistair Nimmo of the Boys Brigade and Wilma Campbell of Bonnie Babies. 20_c50ava01



Christie Croft, Becky Robertson and Chloe Croft, who were helping out at a stall at the event in the Kinloch Guide Hall on Saturday. 20_c50ava03

Wilma Campbell, Elizabeth Morran, Liz Croft and Lesley Mitchell, were also thanked for the time they give up to volunteer in the community shop.

Claire Mead of AVA. 'We would like to thank everyone for the time they give up to help others and to the businesses who donated to allow us to give gifts to those who were recognised through the awards.'



Ladies who give up their time to volunteer in the community shop on Longrow: Wilma Campbell, Elizabeth Morran, Liz Croft and Lesley Mitchell. 20_c50ava02



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Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Down with something (4)
- 3 The absolute (8)
- 9 School (7)
- 10 Harder to find (5)
- 11 Frowning upon (12)
- 13 Split (6)
- 15 Higher than a bracelet (6)
- 17 Encompassed by kin? (6,6)
- 20 Bring up (5)
- 21 Carrion feeder (7)
- 22 Guiding (8)
- 23 An object here (4)

Down

- 1 Looks out for (6,2)
- 2 Boorish (5)
- 4 Sheets or folds (6)
- 5 Unable to take it back (12)
- 6 Kind of gland (7)
- 7 Nobleman (4)
- 8 In order given (12)
- 12 Gradually goes up (8)
- 14 From Zanzibar (7)
- 16 From wood (6)
- 18 Pulverise (5)
- 19 "How ___!" (4)

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JURA

Ballot on who will run Jura Stores

JURACHS went to the polls to decide whether islanders will take over the running of Jura Stores.

The ballot is being carried out by Islay-based members of the Islay and Jura Council of Voluntary Services (IJCVS) to ensure a fair result.

Previously a privately run business, the future of Jura Stores may hang on whether the community is willing to take it over, through the Isle of Jura Development Trust.

The business is currently valued at £95,000.

The ballot question reads: 'Do you support the purchase of the land and building of Jura Stores by Isle of Jura Development Trust on behalf of the commu-

nity, in order to run the store as a community shop?'

If purchased, an independent Community Interest Company made up of islanders will run a general store from the building.

Funding has been secured for professionals to design, plan and cost a full shop refit.

Funding applications for the purchase of the land and building of Jura Stores and to refurbish the shop are in progress and the purchase is subject to this funding being secured.

ISLAY

Work on Islay High School well under way

REFURBISHMENT work at Islay High School is well under way, although areas of asbestos have yet to be cleared.

After a new build of the school fell through a few years ago, it was decided the building would be upgraded both to make it more watertight and energy efficient. Speaking at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands Area Committee meeting last week, Stephen Harrison, deputy head teacher of the school said: 'A significant amount of asbestos has been removed but some areas have not been completely cleared.'

Windows in the school have been replaced and emergency lighting has been rewired.

According to the Mr Harrison, more money is to be made available to complete the refurbishment.

CARRADALE

Christmas card delivery

PATERSON'S Bakery in Carradale will be work-

ing alongside Campbeltown Rotary Club once again this year to deliver Christmas cards as far as Grogport.

The bakery has run this over the last few years and will also this year be doing a Christmas greetings window.

They will be raising funds for the Sunroom at Campbeltown Hospital and the Fisherman's Mission.

A piper and drummer will be playing at Paterson's Bakery in Carradale at 10am tomorrow.

MACHRIHANISH

Christmas Fayre

A SUCCESSFUL Christmas Fayre was held at Machrihanish Village Hall on Sunday afternoon.

There were lots of craft and other stalls and everyone was given afternoon tea with delicious home-baking.

A total of £433 was raised for hall funds to which Howdens have donated added a further £120.

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended, also those who gave donations of baking and gifts for the raffles, the craft stall holders and also to Santa who found time to drop in.

TAYINLOAN



Some of those who took part in the Christmas Messy Church.

Fun and frolics at the Messy Church

FRIENDS and families from Killean and Kilcalmonell churches enjoyed a very exuberant and fun filled time at their Christmas Messy Church.

The evening at Tayinloan Village Hall started by sharing a meal together, and then a time of creative and artistic expression on a Christmas theme took place.

After all the activity, the group stopped



Two-year-old Charlie Jones had more paint on his face than he did on his picture!

to reflect on the real meaning of this special season, as they shared in a time of participative worship.

There were 19 chil-

dren and 17 adults from the church and community and everyone took part with great enthusiasm to make the evening a success.

CLACHAN

Christmas concert

CLACHAN Primary School Christmas Concert will take place on December 19.

All the children are participating in the story of Baboushka. The concert starts at 7pm.

SOUTHEND

Induction service

A NEW minister to link parishes in Kintyre takes up charge tomorrow (Saturday).

Reverend Steve Fulcher will be the minister for the new linked parish of Saddell and Carradale and linked with Southend.

His induction service will take place at Southend Church at 1pm on December 15 followed by a social in St Blaas's hall.

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SOME of the children from Clachan Primary School on the spelling trail in the village during Scottish Book Week.

Sharing lunch

PUPILS at Clachan Primary School will be sharing lunch with various members of the community as part of a fortnightly event.

In partnership with Kilcalmonell Parish Church, elders are inviting two members of the community to share lunch at the school with the children every Wednesday, with guests

leaving comments about the lunch on post-it notes. Catherine Black, the school's head teacher, said: 'We thoroughly enjoy sharing our lunch and chatting to new people.'



Billy Currie and Jeanne Macalister open up Glenbarr Abbey to the public and spend a lot of time decorating the various rooms. 20_c50abbey06

Christmas at Glenbarr Abbey

FOR a number of years now Glenbarr Abbey has been opening its doors not just over the summer season but also for two weekends over Christmas. The Abbey is flooded with Christmas decorations and with the fire roaring and Santa visiting it is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Teas and coffees
The Mairi Semple Fund also put on teas and coffees to raise funds, and a band played a variety of tunes.



James Mclean and Rosie Brodrick next to one of the many Christmas decorations. 20_c50abbey04



Christmas decorations from within the house. 20_c50abbey07



Ken Bryce did the dishes on Sunday for the Mairi Semple Fund. 20_c50abbey05



Gus and Ian McAllister and Roger Gillespie provided the music throughout the afternoons. 20_c50abbey02

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Holstein heifer competition

Exhibitors praised by judges at show dinner

EIGHT teams were presented at the annual heifer competition for Kintyre Holstein Breeders on Wednesday. Judge for the day,

Gavin Baillie of Crumhaugh, Stonehouse of Dalserf Holsteins, to inspect and placed the beasts.

With 90 animals on view the large following of spectators throughout the day had plenty to see and be impressed with.

Complimented

The judge complimented all exhibitors at the dinner and prize-giving at the Ardshiel Hotel in the evening.

Gavin Baillie's placings are as follows: White Hart Trophy (team): 1 W Armour, West Trodugal, 2 P Littleton, Killegruer, 3 T Ralston, Dhurrie.

P McKerral and Co Ltd Trophy (individual): 1 S Pirie, Machrihanish, 2 P Littleton, 3 D Graham, West Backs. Same Tractors Trophy (moth-



Winner of the Genus Semen prize at the Holstein Breeders Club Competition prize-giving, William Armour, with the presenter of the prizes, Christine Foster, competition judge Gavin Baillie, winner of the Same Tractors Trophy, Gavin Semple, and winner of the P McKerral and Co Ltd Trophy, Sandy Pirie.

er and daughter class): 1 G Semple, Kilkeddan, 2 J Ralston, Kilkivan, 3 W Armour. Genus Semen prize (best team and most points overall): 1 W Armour, West Trodugal, 2 P Littleton, Killegruer.

Gavin's girlfriend, Christine Foster, presented the trophies at the prize-giving.



CLYDESDALES Poacher and Tommy from Skerish, Glenbarr, made an appearance at the Christmas lights switch on in Campbeltown. The horses, owned by the MacPhails, took part in the parade and brought special guest Merida from Disney Pixar's Brave and competition winners Mary Thomson and Jane Scott to Main Street to switch on the lights. 20_c49lights02

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Dianne Manning, Elizabeth Mactaggart and Mary Milloy of Kintyre Writer's Circle at the launch of *Memories*. 20_50writers01

Memories launched in Campbeltown

MEMORIES, a book produced by the local writing group, is now on sale in Campbeltown. *Memories* is a selection from writing done over the year and includes poems, short stories, articles and some photographs. The Kintyre Writer's Circle met in Campbeltown Library for the book's official launch and to hear some of the articles in the book. The 'new look' collection was made possible thanks to a small grant from Argyll and Bute Council.

Kintyre Express sees rise of 1,000 in passenger numbers

A RISE in passenger numbers sailing on the *Kintyre Express* has been experienced during the summer season. West Coast Motors, the operators of the fast passenger ferry service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle are 'very satisfied' with the season. Comparing like for like sailings with 2011 they saw an eight per cent rise in passenger numbers. When the additional sailings operated this year in July and August, and taking into consideration extra charter bookings, the total number of passengers rose from just over 2,000 to almost 3,000, an overall increase of around 45 per cent for the year. Managing director of West Coast Motors, Colin Craig said he was very pleased with the continued growth in what has been a very challenging summer for most tourism related businesses. 'The growth in private charters was particularly pleasing, stimulated by the opening of the Ugadale and Royal Hotels earlier in the year,' explained Colin. 'There was new demand for charters out of Ballycastle to Islay and other Hebridean islands.' This was the first summer the operation was based entirely out of Campbeltown as opposed to Troon. 'Two seasons on, I think we can say with confidence and a degree of authority, demand does exist for a ferry service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle that does not require millions of pounds in public subsidy and can be sustained commercially by integrating it into a flexible business model that can be scaled up and down to meet demand,' said Colin. A new 11-metre, *Kintyre Express IV*, has already been built for the 2013 season and will replace the original *Kintyre Express* boat that started it all off in 2006. 'With a fleet of almost brand new boats we are committed to play our part in establishing Campbeltown, Kintyre and Argyll as holiday destinations that can be easily accessed by quality road and sea services our company provides.'

West Kintyre Stargazers hold talks on ancient Egypt

THE mythology and kingship of Ancient Egypt and the role observational astronomy played in society will be illustrated in a talk on Sunday night by Chris O'Kane. Chris, who is the vice president of the Astronomical Society of Glasgow, has been studying Ancient Egyptian culture and astronomy for the past 15 years. The Ancient Egyptian civilisation began around 3,000BC and continued until the Roman era. From the foundation of their society the king was the key person who unified the country and kept the divine order. The Pharaoh got his authority from the gods and he was deemed to be the Earthly representative of the god Horus, son of Osiris. But who were the Gods? Who was Horus? The sole God who gave the Pharaoh the right to reign was a God called Horakhti (Horus of the Horizon). The role of this God in kingship was vital, without it there would be no king and no Egypt. But who or what is Horakhti? This talk will reveal an important aspect of the subject that Egyptologists have completely overlooked and open the door to a new understanding of their mythology, kingship and religion, with major implications for us today. Chris is an audio/visual technician based in Glasgow and will be delivering the talk to the West Kintyre Stargazers at Putechan.

Need for new play park in Campbeltown supported

A NEED for a new play park in Campbeltown was unanimously supported, after a consultation and proposed plans went on display. The Kilkerran Playpark Group, supported by Inspiralba, undertook a consultation on the proposed new playpark to compliment Jock's Boat on Quarry Green. Four sets of plans from different companies which supply play equipment were on show on Friday, November 30 and Saturday December 1. More than 150 people viewed the plans with more than 120 signatures gathered in favour of the proposal for the new playpark on Quarry Green and no feedback opposing the plans. **Potential plans** 'From the four sets of potential plans people were able to highlight their preferences, with two clear opinions from the designs,' said the group's spokeswoman. 'The feedback will be used to help select the preferred provider.' So far funding has come from a variety of sources including £26,000 allocated to the project by Argyll and Bute Council, as well as a number of local businesses and £1,000 from the Rotary Club of Campbeltown. She said as part of the group's fundraising drive they plan to take Santa and his sleigh around Campbeltown on December 20 and 21 to visit children across the area. If you would like to support the group, please contact Ailsa Clark on aclairk@inspiralba.org.uk or 07748675861.

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ENTRIES for Wyvex Media's Photo of the Year competition have been flooding in, with amateur snappers keen to get their hands on some photographic equipment for their efforts.

We're asking you to send us photographs that sum up why the West is the Best, with the focus crisply on your own ideas and concepts. It can be anything from your favourite activity or place, the wildlife or the area's people.

Entries are being accepted until the end of January and with the with frosty winter weather rolling in, there's plenty of opportunity to have your skills showcased.

This week, we present the first of the images to impress our judges. You can vote for your favourite by sending a text to 88010 using the keyword POY followed by the code below your favourite photograph.

For example, if the number below your photograph is 123, your message would read POY 123.

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To submit your own photographs for the competition, log on to our website at www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk/poy.

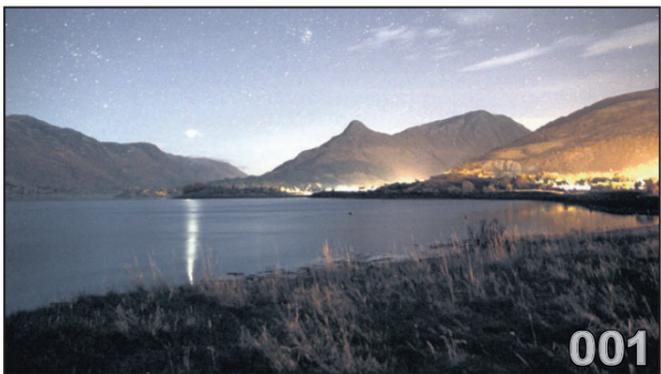
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Clare Bryden, Taynuilt: 'Our 7 month old daughter's introduction to the landscape in which she will grow up - Glen Lonan, Taynuilt.' t48bryden1no



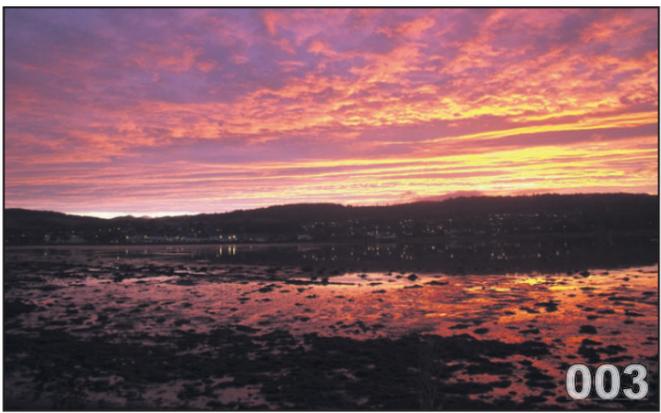
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Alasdair MacDonald of West Laroeh: The Pap of Glencoe at night. t47alasdairglencoe1no



002

Ross McNab: Scottish Sea Farm's site at Charlotte's Bay. t47mcnab1no



003

Jane Knowles: Lochgilphead Sunrise. t48jknowles1no



006

Hazel Moran, Appin: Pine Martin in the wild Argyll, summer 2012. t49hmoanpine1no



007

Michael Tart, Gigha: Islay ferry Finlaggan rounding the North end Of Gigha Saturday. t49martfin1no



008

Tom Campbell, Motherwell: Early morning overlooking Ailsa Craig Ayrshire/ Galloway coast from Macharioch Shore. t49campbell1no



005

Wullie Rodger, Soroba Road, Oban: 'Taken at the raft race on Gigha on the last Saturday of July this year, shows the best of community spirit that is still alive in this part of the country.' t48wullierodgergigha1no



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Photo of the Year competition

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

We are looking for photographs that sum up why this part of the world is your favourite.

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

The most popular photographs stand a chance of winning fantastic prizes in the Photo of the Year People's Vote and our judges' Grand Prize categories.

To enter, log on to www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk/poy or send a CD of your images to Wyvex Media, Photo of the Year, Lochavullin Industrial Estate, Crannog Lane, Oban PA34 4HB.

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Merry Christmas
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ISA MUIR
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Merry Christmas
 To all our relatives & friends from Roy, David & Donnie Mitchell, 10 Muasdale Cottages, Muasdale.

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Hara Williamson
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 We would like to wish all neighbours, friends & family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

WILLIE MCCALLUM 78 Longrow
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Merry Christmas
 & all God's blessings to all my loving family & friends, from Agnes McAlister, Graeholme.

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 To all my relatives & friends, many good wishes for Christmas & the New Year. Jessie Galbraith.

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 Wishing all relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Nellie Ronald.

AGNES GRAHAM
 Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all my relatives, friends & neighbours.

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 To all friends & family, from Isabel McConachie, Garavoime.

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Placing requests for session beginning August 2013 should be sent to the Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708560) by 15 March 2013 for primary and secondary schools.

Gaelic Medium Education

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tìree Primary School, Tìree; 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 31 December 2012.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in August 2013, 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 31 December 2012.

CLELAND SNEDDON, Executive Director - Community Service

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (LOCHEND STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY ONE-WAY OPERATION) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday 10th December 2012, Argyll and Bute Council have made an Order in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a one-way operation on that section of Lochend Street, Campbeltown which extends from its junction with Milkknowe (A83) to its junction with Kinloch Road, a distance of 80 metres or thereby. The permitted direction of travel will be northeasterly.

The restriction is necessary due to the likelihood of danger to the public on the grounds of road safety following the recent alterations to the road layout and the introduction of new traffic restrictions within the vicinity.

The Order will be effective from 0001 hours on the 17th December 2012, until 2359 hours on the 14th February 2014, or until a permanent Order supersedes whichever is the earliest.

Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD PA31 8RD

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Councillor Sandy Taylor (E.W.3 Mid Argyll) will be holding a drop in surgery on MONDAY 17th DECEMBER from 4.00pm - 5.30pm in Room 4, Community Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
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From Angie and John, to all our family and many friends who helped us to celebrate our "Big 60th" and for all the presents, cards and good wishes. Also to all who joined us at Tangy Lodge on our "open days". We really do appreciate all your friendship over the years and especially at this time. We do hope you enjoyed the chat and fellowship as much as we did. Thanks you all so much again. We take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy and trouble free New Year.

Angie and John.

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY KENNETH



Love,
Mum, Dad, Keith, Kirsti, Martin, Abbie, Rianne & Louisa.

Ebbie and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and help during her illness and to wish you all a Merry Xmas and Peaceful New Year.

ALISON DAVIS



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Happy 21st Birthday David



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name ...' (Isaiah 12:4).

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

ROBERTSON – BLACK – On December 14, 1962, at Lome Street Church, by Rev JWHood, Lawrence to Mary. With love from all the family.

DEATHS

BARR – William McKinlay Barr, MRCVS (Veterinary Surgeon), peacefully, at Mid Argyll Hospital on Friday, December 7, 2012, in his 89th year, of Duisdale, Lochgilphead. Funeral service will be held at Glassary Parish Church, Kilmichael, by Lochgilphead, on Friday, December 14 at 12 noon. All welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to RNLI. Cremation service will take place at Inverness Crematorium on Monday, December 17 at 1.30pm.

HENDRY – On December 6, 2012, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Duncan Hendry, formerly of Inveraray Post Office, in his 81st year, beloved husband of Anna and much loved father of Allan, Janice and Gregor, father-in-law of Richard, Gale and May Louise, dear brother of Allan and a dearly loved papa and great papa. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on December 13, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

MACMILLAN – Peacefully, at Peacock Nursing Home, Livingston, on December 1, 2012, John A B MacMillan, in his 84th year, eldest son of the late Malcolm and Agnes McMillan, 100 Witchburn Road, Campbeltown.

MACNAUGHTON – Peacefully, after a long illness, borne bravely, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 10, 2012, with her family by her side, Mary Margaret MacNaughton, née Cameron, of 5 Orchard Park, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Ian, much loved mum of Mairie, Catherine, Kirsty and the late Fiona and adored nannie of George, Lucas, Cameron, Eilidh, Ruairidh, Colin, Ryan and Cara. A much respected mother-in-law. A dear sister of Morag. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Saturday, December 15 at 9.00am, followed by a service and interment at Acharacle Parish Church at 2.00pm. Flowers or donations, if desired, to MS Centre, Mid Argyll.

REYNOLDS – Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on December 11, 2012, Joyce Reynolds, née Thornton, aged 87 years, of 2 Meadows Road, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of the late Donald S Reynolds, much loved mother of Wendy and Phillip and gran to Faith, Lois, David, Samantha and Seth. Funeral service will be held in Donald MacDonald's Funeral Parlour, Lome Street, Lochgilphead, on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 10.00am. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

ROBB – On December 7, 2012, peacefully at home, Duncan Clark MacLean Robb, formerly of Ormsary and Eurach, Ford, in his 72nd year, beloved son of the late

David and Mary Robb, much loved father of Duncan, David and Fiona, a dearly loved brother, uncle and father-in-law and dear friend of Cathie. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium, (today) Friday, December 14, at 10.15am, thereafter to memorial service at Ardrishaig Parish Church at 2.00pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection, if desired, for Macmillan Cancer Support.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COLVILLE – Peter would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness and for the many cards and flowers received following the sad loss of Rosie. Special thanks to the staff at Gartnavel Hospital, Agnes Stewart for a personal and comforting service, David McEwan for the beautiful music at the church and Alasdair Blair for efficient funeral arrangements. Thank you to everyone who attended the service. The retiral collection raised a fantastic amount of £976.

MACKAY – John, Barbara and family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and baking, following the sad loss of their mother, Catherine. Thanks to Dr Norrie, staff of the Acute Ward, district and Macmillan nurses, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional services and the Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering. Sincere thanks to all who attended the church service and graveside, and to everyone for donations to Lorne and the Lowland Church.

SHARP – Harry and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and for the many cards and telephone calls of sympathy and help in this sad time, at the loss of Joan Sharp, who will not be forgotten and loved always. Thank you to the Rev Roddy MacLeod for the service at Lochfyneside Parish Church and rendition of how Joan and I met, and have been together for 60 years, and the service at Cardross crematorium. Also for the service and attention of Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors.

IN MEMORIAMs

BROWN – Jamie, died December 13, 2009. Deep are the memories Precious they stay No passing of time Can take them away.

- Agnes Granpa, you are still missed.
- George, Alasdair, Kyle and Jamie.
BROWN – In loving memory of my dad, Jamie, died December 13, 2009. Forever in our hearts.
- Fiona and Alasdair.

CAMERON – In loving memory of Richard Cameron, devoted husband, father, seanaid and great seanaid, who died on December 15, 2006.

Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

- Inserted by: His loving wife May, Niall, Phyllis and family, Ian, Tania and family, Mary, Walter and family.

CAMPBELL – In loving memory of Marion McKenzie Campbell, who died on December 19, 2009.

If we could have a lifetime wish A dream that would come true We'd pray to God with all our heart For yesterday and you A thousand words can't bring you back We know because we've tried And neither will a million tears We know because we've cried. You left behind our broken hearts And happy memories too We never wanted memories We only wanted you. Forever in our thoughts and sadly missed by her husband Archie and daughters, Moira, Fionnaigh, Christine and their families.

The brightest star in the sky. **DUFFY** – In memory of a dear friend and fellow fisherman, Craig. Thoughts today, Memories forever. - TT Boys.

MACGREGOR – In loving memory of a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died on December 18, 1999. Also a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr), who died on April 8, 1982. Always in our thoughts. - From all the family.

MACIVER – Billy, December 14, 2007. It's now five years and I think it's a lie That time would ease my loss when you had to die The missing you and loving you grows deeper every day My life's never been the same since you went away. Love you my Daddy. - Your Trina.

MCALPINE – In loving memory if a dear dad and papa, passed away December 15, 2011. Remembering you is easy Dad, I do it every day, and missing you is something that will never go away. - Donnie, Fiona and Ross.

MCALPINE – Duncan. In memory of Dad, died December 15, 2011, and Mum, Bella, died July 18, 2002. Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you are always there. - From Mary and James.

In memory of Papa and Gran. Although we smile and make no fuss, No-one misses you more than us, And when old times are oft recall, That's when we miss you most of all.

- Jamie-Duncan and Pam. Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure, Loving you always, forgetting you never. - Andrew.

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Church Services 16 December - all welcome!

Charity Nos. SC016097 and SC016665
Joint Family Christmas Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am mulled wine and mince pies after the service children start with Messy Church at 10.30 am in the Hall Christmas party with Santa after the service prize draw of the 'Sheep Trail'

Joint Carols by Candlelight service in Lochgair Church at 6.30pm.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 16th December, 2012
Glassary, 10am
Rev. Cliff Acklam
Family Service
Wednesday, 19th December Ford Church 7p.m.
Christingle Service
All welcome
SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 16th December 2012
11.00am Morning Service
Wednesday 19th December 2012
Messy Christmas
From 4.30pm
Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Scottish Charity SC015187

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 16 December 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Stan Holloway
"God shall make a way"
Thursday 20 December 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 16 December
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Morning worship
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER 2012
11.00 am Advent Service
Rev. Hilda Smith
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Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

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11:00 am
with Sunday School
Tea & coffee after the service
Youth Group
7:30 – 9:00 pm
every Sunday (term-time)
at The Old Manse
Baby & Toddler Group
10:00 – 11:45 am
every Thursday (term-time)
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 16th December
11.30am: Sunday School (for 5-8 years old)
12.45pm: Worship Service
4.00pm:
Jesus – Light of the World
Rev Prof Bob Akroyd
All welcome
Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

Highland Parish Church
SC002493
Sunday 16th December 2012
11.15am Morning Service
Rev. Catriona Hood
Fun Day Club & JAM in Hall
Everyone very welcome

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Friday, 14th December (Today)
Lunch Club Christmas Lunch - 12:00 noon
Sunday, 16th December
Third Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. (Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
(Rev. Philip Burroughs)
Campbeltown Churches Together Christmas Service
In Machrihanish Village Hall - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 18th December
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.
Boy's Brigade Anchor Boys - 6:00 p.m.
Boys' Brigade Junior Section - 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 20th December
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship
Tuesday
12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s)
1.30pm Home League
Thursday
7.30pm Bible study & Prayer Meeting

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Sunday 16th December 2012
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Sunday 16th December 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr Kelvin Moller, Clachan
10.50am Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Crèche
Dr J L Morrison OBE
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Wednesday 19th December 2012
10.00am Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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The Third Sunday of Advent
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10.45am Family Communion
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Simon Rochford with the triples teams: Neil Maguire, John McCormick, John McNaughton, Hugh Newlands, David Brown and Steven Dickson.



Bowling club president Simon Rochford with the pairs George Reid, Bobbie Robertson, Hugh Newlands and Neil Maguire.

Numbers down at trophy events

DESPITE falling numbers at the winter competitions at Campbeltown Bowling Club, the pairs and triples competitions were hotly contested.

With many of Campbeltown Bowling Club's outdoor players having migrated south to warmer climates for the winter, it has been left to a dwindling bunch of hardy stalwarts to contest the Stronvaar carpet competitions.

Although the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday open sessions are well attended, there seems to be a general apathy towards competing for trophies.

Highlighted

This was starkly highlighted with very poor entries for the Archie Morrans Memorial Triples in November and this month's Tenants' Pairs.

In spite of this, both competitions were very

well contested with the triples being won by David Brown, John McCormick and Steven Dickson from Hugh Newlands, John McNaughton and Neil Maguire and the pairs by George Reid and Bobbie Robertson from Neil Maguire and Hugh Newlands.

On both occasions the trophies and prizes were presented by president Simon Rochford.

Get your entries in for Slog in the Sand

THE 10k fun-run Slog in the Sand is back once again, and will see runners, and walkers, taking to Westport Beach and braving the chilly weather.

On Saturday December 29, people are invited along at noon to take part in the run, which has grown year on year.

It is run by Campbeltown Running Club but anyone is invited to come along and take part to work off those mince pies and mulled wine from Christmas.

Entry will be £3 on the day and there will be refreshments at the finish line.

There will be prizes for the first to third man and woman.

Islay Golf Club Winter League

NEIL Johnston came out on top in week five of Islay Golf Club's Winter League.

Results are as follows: 1 Neil Johnston, 34 points, 2 Iain MacCuaig, 31 points, 3 Ruaraidh MacIntyre, 28 points – CSS was 75.

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Golden oldies turn on the style



The team of former Campbeltown Pupils players who took part in a match against Tarbert last Friday night on the all-weather-pitch and won 6-2.



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Last year's winner, Sandy Watson, handing the trophy over to this year's winner, Jim Cooper. 08_c50heidbangers02

Jim victorious in Heidbanger Cup

JIM COOPER retained his lead in the Dunaverly Heidbangers cup to win the coveted trophy in the final round of the season.

Twenty-four Dunaverly Heidbangers enjoyed their end of season round in glorious weather and at a superbly prepared course, with seven players in contention for the cup.

Jim Cooper had taken the lead in September with 42. Mark Eagers and John Dickenson had also made moves through September, October and November, each reaching 40 points.

They were one ahead of Sandy Watson, Robin Finlay, Alastair O'May and Bill Brannigan but at the end of October Robin notched up a win to take him within one point of Jim.

However none of the challengers were able to take advantage of the good conditions to record a win on the day leaving Jim to take the cup.

Alex Roxburgh was first to lead the day's play with 43 and this held until the last player, newcomer Campbell McGuire, came in with a total of 45.

Results of the day's play: 1 Campbell McGuire 45, 2 Alex Roxburgh 43, 3 Michael Shaw 41, 4 Hamish Taylor (BIH) 40, 5 Sandy Watson 40 and 6 Brian Hone 39.

Heidbangers Cup: 1 Jim Cooper 42, 2 Robin Finlay 41, 3 John Dickenson (count back) 4 Mark Eagers 40, 5 Alastair O'May (cb) 39, 6 Bill Brannigan (cb) 39, 7 Sandy Watson 39.

From Wednesday December 12, Heidbangers will be starting at 11am.

Pupils pipped at the post by last gasp goal

Scottish Amateur Cup 4th Round

Port Glasgow Hibs 4 Campbeltown Pupils 3

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils' match against Port Hibs ended 4-3 after the away side lost the game in the final minute.

It was a day of blunders, as the McFadyen-sponsored Pupils never found anything but 'first gear', passing up on the chance to progress to the fifth round of the cup.

The Pupils were a goal down in six minutes but drew level on the half hour mark, a long throw headed on to the incoming Liam Renton, who scored with ease from close range.

Port Hibs restored their

lead on the stroke of half time, a looping cross 'toe-ended' through a packed defence to add to the visitors' misery.

A goal down at half time, the Pupils suddenly found some form and, a sweeping move brought the equaliser early in the second period.

Fine run

An interchange of passes found G McFadyen in the box, and the Pupils' forward turned the ball into the path of S Crossan, who scored the goal of the match after a fine run from midfield.

It should have been the signal for the visitors to take charge, but a speculative free kick sailed into the net at the far

post and the Pupils were back to 'square one'.

A grandstand finish looked to have sealed the draw, a free kick turned home by Paul Grumoli at the far post, but disaster struck as the visitors celebrated 'getting out of jail'.

A free kick in the final seconds was taken quickly, and the ball was launched all of 40 yards, a final desperate effort which beat everyone and landed in the back of the net, forcing the Pupils out of the cup.

There are no more games until January 5, when Campbeltown Pupils will attempt to consolidate their top spot in the league.



The winning team: Junior Mayberry, Mary Ross and Pete Todd at the mixed triples event at Burnside Bar.

Mixed triples at the Burnside

THE mixed triples of the Campbeltown District Darts Association were held in the Burnside Bar on Monday.

The winners were the team of Junior Mayberry, Mary Ross and Pete Todd and the runners-up were Charlie Robertson, Leighanne Shields and Kenny Docherty.

There was a poor turnout for this charity event with only nine teams competing but £60 was raised which will be donated to Macmillan nurses. Campbeltown District Darts Association would like to thank the Burnside for providing the venue and donating the prizes.



Some of the younger members who took part in the kayak. 20_c50kayak01

Kayak club raises funds

BRAVING the chilly weather on Saturday morning, a group from the local kayak group took to the water on Campbeltown Loch to raise money for the club.

Five of the younger members and five adults took part in the kayaking from Campbeltown Sailing Club round the loch to Davaar Island,

then running to the trig point, and back, before finally sailing back to the sailing club.

All in all it took the group around three hours, with the weather not in their favour throughout the day.

The members have been collecting funds as part of the challenge and a total has yet to be counted.

Carradale score nine against Red Star

Friendly match
Carradale 9
Red Star 3

CARRADALE comprehensively beat Lochgilphead Red Star in a friendly match last Saturday.

With both teams having their league games postponed it was agreed to take advantage of the all-weather-pitch in Campbeltown and play a friendly.

Carradale opened the scoring when Marc Paterson picked out David Johnstone with a delightful chip. The midfielder took it on his chest and hit it on the half volley from 17 yards out to open the scoring.

In the next 35 minutes the Kintyre side blitzed Red Star with another seven goals. Keith Mathieson scored the second with a header from a resulting corner.

Ryan McConnachie pitched in with four goals, the pick of them a rasping volley from 18 yards out in the left side of the box.

Rhys Blair, the man of

the match, got into the scoring, nut-megging Docherty and hitting a sweet left footed strike past the big Aussie keeper. Donald McCallum, who was a constant pain to the away defence, scored the final goal in the half.

The Mid Argyll side came out in the second half with a point to prove and scored three fine goals through Innes Meikle, Cammy Kirk and Gregor Peacock to put a better reflection on the score.

McCallum got his second to make the final score 9-3 to the Kintyre side. With five minutes to go Robert Todd made a fine penalty save after coming on for Reid Anderson.

Badminton players wanted

A LOCAL sports association is looking for keen badminton players in Campbeltown to take part in a competition next year.

The Scottish Association of Local Sports Clubs, in partnership with Clubsportnl, hopes to hold the badminton championship on May 12, 2013 in Ravenscraig Hall, Motherwell.

It will be open to over 18s who play socially in mixed doubles, ladies doubles and gents' doubles.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each competition and to the overall best player in the tournament.

Those who wish to take part should contact frankburns@blueyonder.co.uk by Monday December 31.

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