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# Wind Power



The fibreglass tank crashed into the porch of Inveroran in Witchburn Road. 08\_c48damage01

## Frightening force hurls giant tank two miles to hit house in Campbeltown

THIS is the astonishing picture of a huge fibreglass tank which ferocious winds hurled TWO MILES across farm fields before crashing into a house and car in Campbeltown last Thursday morning.

Miraculously no one was in-

jured as it also flattened a nearby stonedyke wall, warped a metal gate and crushed a fence while vehicles passed on the nearby road to Machrihanish.

The house porch took the force of the tank, but damage was also caused to the front

and rear of the building because of the strength of the impact. Catriona Soudan and her three children, who were inside at the time, were unharmed.

She told the Courier: 'I heard an almighty crash and looked

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The tank also landed on top of the Soudans' three-year-old car. 08\_c48damage04

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# Wind Towers collects special recognition award

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During a glittering event at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, an audience of 1,000 of the key people in the green industry saw Wind Towers scoop a unique recognition award for business growth.

The awards were established by Scottish Renewables to bring together industry leaders to honour, acknowledge and celebrate the con-

tributions of individuals and organisations in Scotland.

Dennis Breugelmanns, managing director, said: 'Despite not receiving the award for business growth the company was awarded special recognition for its achievements by the judging panel for the first time in the event's 13-year history.'

'The special recognition award was created because the judges felt that we should be recognised formally at the event for our achievements over the past year. To be given such a prestigious award is testament to all the hard-working staff at WTS. 'Everyone has worked



With the award are, from left, Lesley Black, Dennis Breugelmanns and Samantha Coyne.

incredibly hard and we have doubled our production capacity in recent months. We now have more than 130 skilled employees from

the Kintyre area and continue to grow.

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Christian Noke, left, arrived in Oban last week and will be in Kintyre in the next few days.

## Soldier on round Britain walk en route to Kintyre

AN EX-SOLDIER is making his way around Kintyre as part of a long walk around Britain's coastline.

Christian Noke, 39, set off from his hometown, Blackpool, on August 8, 2012 heading anti-clockwise around mainland Britain.

On Tuesday he reached Croabh Haven Marina

and in the next few days will arrive in Kintyre.

Christian hopes his charity trek - covering a route no one has ever done before - will raise awareness of homelessness in ex-soldiers while raising money for Help for Heroes.

Every night so far he has slept rough - only accepting the offer of an outbuilding as a place to sleep instead of a bed.

Point Sands Holiday Park near Tayinloan and Muneroy Tea Rooms in Southend have so far offered to help him out.

Rebecca Maxwell Macdonald from Point Sands told the Courier it was important drivers on the A83 were aware he may be walking on the road.

She said: 'He is wearing camo gear and often carrying a large Berghan. Please get a message to the lorry drivers of Argyll to be careful if they see him and give him a hoot of support.'

Christian has so far raised more than £100,000 for Help for Heroes but aims to up the total to £500,000.

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# Gales lash Kintyre

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out and thought it was a wind turbine. I was shaking and the children were terrified.'

Her husband, David, said: 'The tank has hit the porch with an amazing force.'

'It's only bricks. We have got to be grateful no one was injured.'

'If someone had got in the way of this, they wouldn't have stood a chance.'

The heavy tank, approximately four metres in diameter and eight metres high, was blown two miles from Dhurrie, near Campbeltown Airport, before coming to rest at Inveroran, Witchburn Road, just off the Campbeltown to Machrihanish road just after 8am.

By Thursday afternoon McFadyens Contractors

had broken it up and removed it.

A Campbeltown police spokesman told the Courier: 'We got a call about the fibreglass tube having been blown by the wind and striking a house. We attended to establish if there were any injuries and upon ascertaining there weren't, officers stood down.'

He added no action was being taken by police and it would be dealt with by insurers. He was unable to confirm reports a second tank was hurled just over a mile away to Gortan Farm, damaging a fence.

A large unoccupied eight-berth static caravan, meanwhile, was flipped over at Machrihanish at around 10.30am. Site resident David Millward, who witnessed it, said: 'It was a fright-



An AM Transport lorry from Campbeltown overturned on the Rest and Be Thankful, causing the road to be closed for much of the day.

ening sight. It was like seeing a giant whale rise out of the water, the way the wind lifted it up.'

Ewen MacDonald, of Machrihanish Caravan and Camping, said: 'It was unfortunate that we were in the process of moving this caravan for remedial work and it was not anchored in its usual secure fashion.'

'There were no indications the wind was going to be quite so strong. A local farmer told me it was the worst wind to hit Machrihanish in his memory. This is the first incident of this kind we have experienced at the

park.' As winds across Scotland gusted up to 140mph, parts of Campbeltown's Main Street and Bolgram Street were cordoned off because of falling tiles and there were disruptions across Kintyre.

Schools closed included Clachan, Skipness, Carradale, Glenbarr, Southend, Gigha, Rhunahorine, Campbeltown Grammar, Tarbert and schools on Islay. The B842 Carradale road, A83 near the Rest and Be Thankful - because of an overturned AM Transport lorry - and the A83 south of

Whitehouse were all closed because of weather-related incidents. Power was also lost to houses in Glenbarr, Tayinloan, Carradale, Clachan and Muasdale, with many left without electricity and heating for more than a day.

Councillor Donald Kelly, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for customer services, said: 'Staff worked hard to clear and reopen roads, and to ensure that people were safe.'

McFadyens Contractors were unavailable for comment as the Courier went to press.

## Fallen trees close Carradale road again

FALLEN trees last Thursday resulted in the day-long closure of the B842 north of Carradale.

This was the second time in just two years that the trees, which were supposed to have been removed from the roadside some time ago, had fallen on the single track road.

During the heavy winds which caused problems across Kintyre and the rest of Scotland last week, a number of Forestry Commission owned trees landed on the road just south of Brackley at Grogport forest.

**Long detour**  
This resulted in a long detour for Carradale residents via Campbeltown.

Two years ago a similar incident occurred and discussions took place between East Kintyre Community Council and the Forestry Commission to have the trees cut back away from the side of the road to avoid it happening again.

**Worst wind**  
Carradale resident Johnny Durman told the Courier: 'It was the worst wind we've had here for a few years. I was in Glasgow and had to come back to Carradale via Campbeltown.'

'The power went off from 7am onwards until midnight in some places and BT phone connections, including 999, and mobile phones were also lost outside the village.'

'It could be a bit scary if anyone needed serious medical help.'

A spokesman from the Forestry Commission said: 'Strong winds have on occasion resulted in trees falling over the road beside Brackley Wood, within Grogport forest, which have always been cleared up as soon as possible.'

'We have organised the clear felling of this stand of trees, which

should be completed by the end of March 2014. Forestry Commission Scotland appreciates the patience and understanding of the surrounding communities and they can be assured that we are working to reduce future inconvenience to them.'

The road entering Carradale from Campbeltown was also blocked by fallen trees but these were swiftly cleared.

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# Salvation Army members are in good festive voice



Members of Campbeltown Salvation Army brought festive cheer to the town's Main Street last Friday morning by singing Christmas carols. 08\_c50army01

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## CHORD staff are praised by award judges

STAFF involved in the Campbeltown CHORD project came in for praise despite narrowly missing out on a top town centre regeneration award.

The project had been nominated by the Scottish Government and Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network (SURF) for the best practice in community regeneration award.

The project had been shortlisted for the award because of its level of community engagement. At the awards ceremony in Glasgow last week, the judging panel said: 'We valued the scale and ambition of the economic regen-

eration work being undertaken to address decline in Campbeltown by building on the town's strengths. The commitment of the staff involved in the project was impressive, and a clear reason for the success of the initiative.'

Argyll and Bute Council held a number of informal consultation events with various members of the public and businesses to gauge the best way to improve the town centre experience and develop better links between the town centre and waterfront.

Campbeltown CHORD consisted of three main elements: the Kinloch Road regeneration,

Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative and Campbeltown Loch Berthing facility.

These projects have improved the character and appearance of the waterfront and town centre as well as the gateway to the town, while numerous new businesses have opened as a result. New homes have been created and repairs carried out on existing tenements with all work done by local contractors. The town centre regeneration award went to Stromness Townscape Heritage Initiative in Orkney for its success in bringing derelict and empty buildings back into use.

## Tough warnings against drink driving

DRIVERS in Kintyre are being reminded of the tough legal and personal consequences of drink driving this Christmas. Police Scotland's annual festive drink driving campaign is now under way.

A police spokesman said: 'Drink driving results in a criminal record which stays with motorists for a minimum of 20 years.'

'This year's campaign aims to raise awareness that there is no grey area for drink drivers in Scotland - no matter how little over the limit a driver may be, in the eyes of the law they are still a criminal.'

Should you suspect someone of drink driving, please call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or report it to your local police office by dialling 101. In an emergency, you can also dial 999.

# Busy time for Campbeltown U3A Choir



Campbeltown U3A Choir members took time out from their busy schedule for this picture, taken just after a performance for their fellow U3A members at Campbeltown Argyll Arms Hotel last Thursday. They recently performed for Campbeltown MS Group and this week were due to sing for the town's Auchinlee residents, British Red Cross and Kintyre Nursing Home. 08\_c50choir01

## Campbeltown food bank 'will happen'

A FOOD bank will be set up in Campbeltown, hopefully early in the new year.

'I am in no doubt it is going to happen,' said Stephanie Cross, of Campbeltown, who, with Rev Chris Fulcher, organised a meeting last week where representatives from various organisations expressed an interest in seeing a food bank established.

'It was a very good meeting. Among the people there was Argyll and Bute Council's community development officer, Lieutenant Mark Scoulding from the Salvation Army, someone from Women's Aid and Ewan Gurr from the Trussell Trust, the UK's main food bank charity.

'There is a clear will to make this happen, however there are a lot of stages to go through and unfortunately we cannot rush them.

'First we will have to set up a management group to decide how this will operate - it has to be transparent and accountable - and hopefully that can be done very early in the new year.

'We will also have to find premises and storage facilities.'

Ms Cross said the story of Mr Gurr, the Trussell Trust's representative in Scotland, was inspirational.

'As a young man living in Dundee he joined the church and became aware of the many people suffering food pov-

erty,' she said.

'He created a food bank run by the church and eventually received support from TV's Secret Millionaire programme.'

Ms Cross said it was hoped that all leading supermarkets chains would soon contribute to the Trussell Trust.

### Fair Share

Food for that purpose was recently collected in Campbeltown's Tesco through the supermarket's Fair Share project.

Ms Cross said she was hearing of increasing food and fuel poverty in the town and people having to choose between eating or heating their homes.

Concern has also been expressed about children

arriving at school having not been fed properly.

The number of food banks has exploded in the UK.

Recent figures have shown five times more Scots are visiting food banks than last year.

Of those referred to food banks, 35 per cent said benefit delays had left them needing support, while there was also a rise in self-employed and other working people using them.

There has also been a huge rise in the number of people admitted to hospitals with malnutrition.

While in Argyll, Mr Gurr also spoke to people about setting up food banks in Oban and Helensburgh.



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## Power of the weather

ONCE again Kintyre has seen firsthand the power of the weather.

After the snowstorms in March, which left people without electricity for up to six days and blocked several roads leaving everyone essentially cut off from the rest of the country, people could be forgiven for thinking Kintyre had experienced its share of bad weather and it would be a long time before mother nature would hit us again.

Unfortunately, this was not to be.

Last Thursday it was the wind that decided to cause a stir, affecting the whole of Scotland and northern England.

Many people have said they have not experienced high winds like that in Kintyre for a very long time, as it blocked roads on the east and west and blew various objects for miles causing substantial damage along the way.

Luckily no one was injured and for the majority it was a case of having to deal with inconveniences such as mixed messages over the status of the roads in Argyll.

Once again, like in March, communication was a failure. Roads were announced to be open before being shut again with no warning while some were never open at all.

Of course it is never easy getting everything right every time in these situations, but as incidents occur on the main roads in Argyll several times a month, communication should be improving.

There should be a simple way for drivers to find out if a road is closed, how long it will be closed for and if there is a suitable diversion.

Otherwise Argyll's, and Kintyre's, economy will once again miss out on visitors and deliveries all due to bad communication and an unhelpful road network.

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## Bee in bonnet about turbines, not windmills

Sir,  
Margaret MacIntyre's letter of November 15 claims not to know 'who I am or where I come from', which not only rather suggests that she actually does but also thinly disguises a certain resentment towards my origins.

For her information I was born 65 years ago, in the country, and have lived and worked in the farming community.

However, my eventual chosen career led me to see and deal with people, places and situations that would make her cringe, weep and probably vomit, so I do know 'how lucky I am'.

Also for her information, I do not have a 'bee in my bonnet' about 'windmills', but I do about wind turbines. They are two completely different things Mrs MacIntyre!

Perhaps if Mrs MacIntyre did a little more reading and research then not only would she know the difference between windmills and wind turbines but she might also understand why so many far better qualified people than she or I are queuing up to tell the world just how ridiculously expensive, inefficient and unnecessary the latter are.

The fact that I do feel so privileged to live in such a beautiful part of the world and that I have also seen the misery elsewhere she cites, close up, which I would doubt she has, is the very reason I object so strongly to the march of these wasteful, ugly, poverty creating monsters across the land.

I feel for those less fortunate than me who are having to do without other essentials in order to pay their fuel bills which have been bloated beyond all reason through green subsidies which pay the energy companies and land owners huge amounts of our money. One such company alone, because of last weeks strong winds, was paid more than £100,000 in a single day to turn off the turbines.

Wind farms or single wind turbines are unsightly, dangerous and incredibly expensive and the crazy notion that this nation can one day be totally reliant on them is utter madness.

Mrs MacIntyre's apparent support for wind power suggests that she has no problem paying extortionate energy bills so perhaps she ought to think herself lucky and consider the old adage she quotes, 'there but for the grace of God go I', herself.

**Alan Moffitt**  
**'Feochaig'**

## Councillors should be making decisions

Sir,  
I would like to highlight the decision taken by the administration of Argyll and Bute Council to delegate responsibility to officers.

Councillors are elected to make decisions on behalf of the residents of Argyll and Bute.

The administration of Conservative, Independent, Lib Dems and Argyll First has decided to delegate difficult budget decisions to officers without the need for return to council for approval. I do not support this practise.

When I make a council decision I always consider the impact on the lives of staff and those affected by council judgements.

We do have resourceful and capable staff for whose support I am indebted but councillors should be willing and responsible to make decisions no matter how difficult they might be.

**Councillor Anne Horn**  
**SNP Group Spokesperson**  
**for Adult Care**  
**Tarbert**

## Thanks for book festival success

Sir,  
Following the fantastic success of the first Tarbert Book Festival held in the village, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and organisations which so kindly supported it. It is a long list, and I sincerely hope I have not omitted anyone – for which I apologise unreservedly, if it is the case.

Grateful thanks go to Loch Fyne Gallery, Tarbert Enterprise Company, J S Salmon Ltd, Kames Fish Farming Ltd, The Anchor Hotel, Stonefield Castle Hotel, Springbank Distillery, staff and pupils at Tarbert Academy, all the local businesses who took advertising in the feature on November 15, PEP Taxis, Argyll FM, Birlinn Publishers, Argyll and Bute Council library service, the authors for interesting presentations and the audiences for their enthusiasm and attentiveness. Most importantly I would like to thank friends, colleagues and fellow committee members Susan Connor, Rae Bleasby, and Lisa Tuttle.

Here's to the next one – November 22, 2014. Mark it in your diaries now.

**Liz Scott**

## Thanks from armed forces

Sir,  
We would like to thank Alastair Redman and the people of Islay for their generous donations towards our parcels.

We have just sent 500 out to Afghanistan full of Christmas goodies and maps and papers. Some of the parcels have gone to the four Scots of The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Once again thank you, Alastair and the people of Islay, for your kindness and help on behalf of the Armed Forces Support Group.

**Anita Dickerson**  
**The Armed Forces Support**  
**Group Bingley**

## A big Beatson thank you

Sir,  
On behalf of the Friends of the Beatson, I would like to thank the people of Campbeltown and surrounding area for their tremendous support at our recent coffee morning.

A big thank you to all the people who so kindly gave donations, and to the band of helpers who gave their time and effort. It would not have been the success it was without you.

I hope to see you all next year.

**Jean Kirk**  
**Organiser**  
**Friends of the Beatson**

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*“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Come and worship Jesus, the light of the world.”*

**MID ARGYLL**

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

*“Let earth receive her King”*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
“Behold, the Virgin Shall Conceive”  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm  
(followed by Seasonal Food and Drink)

**Christmas Eve**  
Carol Service  
in  
Achahoish at 7:00pm  
Watchnight Service  
in  
Ardrishaig from 11:15pm

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews?”  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014**  
*“He was in the World!”*  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair (Charity No. SC016097)  
Glenaray and Inveraray (Charity No. SC016665)  
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Christmas services - all welcome!  
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**Sunday 15 December**  
Third Sunday of Advent:  
10am Cumlodden Church  
11.30am Inveraray Church with Baptism  
6.30pm Carol Service Lochgair Church

**Friday 20 December**  
Schools Christmas Service:  
11am in Cumlodden Church

**Sunday 22 December**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent:  
10am Cumlodden Church  
11.30am Inveraray Church

**Tuesday 24 December**  
Christmas Eve Service  
11.30pm Cumlodden Church  
11.30pm Inveraray Church

**Wednesday 25 December**  
Christmas Day Service  
10am Inveraray Church

**Sunday 29 December**  
End of Year Service  
10am Lochgair Church  
11.30am Inveraray Church

**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE, ST. MARGARET’S RC CHURCH**  
(and All Saints, Inveraray), 2013.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
(Midnight Mass)  
Carol Singing at 11:30pm  
followed by Midnight Mass

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
(Christmas Day)  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10am  
Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10am  
Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January**  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10:30am

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10am  
Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

**NORTH KNAPDALE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO THEIR CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
Charity Number SC001002

**Sunday 15 December**  
Tayvallich Church 10 am  
Morning Worship

**Monday 16 December**  
Tayvallich Church 2 pm  
Pram and Buggy Service

**Sunday 22 December**  
Bellanoch Church 10 am  
Morning Worship

**Tuesday 24 December**  
Tayvallich Front Green 4pm  
Carols, mince pies and mulled wine  
Tayvallich Church 11:15 pm  
Watchnight service

**Wednesday 25 December**  
Inverlussa Church 11 am  
Christmas Day Celebration

All welcome

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**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**  
11.00am Worship Service

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
11.15pm Watchnight Service  
Seasonal refreshments from 10.45pm

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
11.00am Christmas Day Service

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
11.00am Worship Service

Rev. Hilda Smith

All Welcome

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**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
Watchnight Services  
Tarbert Service 11.30pm  
to be held in Tarbert Free Church  
Kilberry Candlelight Service 7.00pm  
Rev. Tommy Bryson

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Everyone very welcome  
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**SADDELL AND CARRADALE PARISH CHURCH LINKED WITH SOUTHEND PARISH CHURCH**

**Carradale**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Nativity with Carols 10.00am

**Christmas Eve**  
Watchnight Service 11.30pm

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
Morning Worship 10.00am

**Southend**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Morning Worship 11.45am

**Christmas Eve**  
Watchnight Service 8.00pm

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
Morning Worship 11.45am

All services will be conducted by  
Rev Steven Fulcher

**GIGHA AND CARA LINKED WITH KILCALMONELL LINKED WITH KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE**

**Christmas Eve**  
Family Service Clachan 7.00pm  
Watchnight Service Gigha 11.30pm  
Watchnight Service A’Chleit 11.30pm  
(with tea and mince pies in the hall from 10.30pm).

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity number SC011686

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Morning Worship 11.15 am  
(Choir items. Triple C and Next Generation Nativity Play)  
Rev. P Burroughs

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
Joint Christmas Eve service at the Highland Parish Church 11.30pm

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
“O Come let us adore him”  
Morning Worship 10.30am  
A short service to celebrate Christmas Day  
Rev. P Burroughs

**HIGHLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
SC002493

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**  
11.15am All Age Family Service  
Rev C Hood

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
Christmas Eve Carol Singing from 11.00pm  
Watchnight Service 11.30pm  
Rev A McIvor

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
11.15am Morning Service  
Mr M Ramsay

**THE SALVATION ARMY, CAMPBELTOWN CORPS**  
Charity No. SC009359

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Christmas Messy Church 3.30pm  
Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Morning Worship 10.30am

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
Morning Worship 10.30am

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2013**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**  
11.15am Christmas Family Communion with crèche  
Dr John L Morrison  
Mid Argyll  
Coffee and Mince pies from 10.45am to 11.15am

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight  
Mr Gordon Cosgrove  
Followed by coffee and mince pies

All welcome to all these services

“For to you a Child is given”

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
“Love’s Greatest Story”  
Christmas Family Service  
followed by coffee & mince pies

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
“It’s the thought that counts - Think Jesus”  
All age Family Service

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014**  
“Immanuel – God with us”  
Communion Service

All our services start at 11.00 am and are held at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
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**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GEORGE STREET, CAMPBELTOWN**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

4.00pm  
*Jesus – Light of the World*  
*Christmas Carols and reflections on the Christmas story*  
Guest Speaker:  
Rev Dr Bob Akroyd

Everyone Welcome

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# Argyll regiment honoured with unique watch

'The strap alone is priceless'

AFTER being inspired by a recent visit to Scotland, a Canadian master watchmaker has made a limited edition wrist-watch to honour the Argyll and Sutherland Regiment.

The timepiece has been made in association with the Argyll and Sutherland Museum trust at Stirling Castle, with all money raised from purchasing the watch going to the museum to keep the history of the regiment alive.

**Inspired**

Robin Devine, who has made watches for the Canadian military and Toronto police, was inspired to honour the Argylls after watching her daughter graduate from St Andrews University.

She said: 'For the past 20 years I've been making the majority of watch campaigns for the

Canadian military. I've done this because many regiments were losing their history and they had no way of making a commemorative watch themselves because they are so small.

'I happened to be in Scotland when the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders were being decommissioned as a regiment this year. The regiment still exists in Canada as an extremely vital and active reserve unit with great pride in its Scottish roots and heritage. Yet, I can't tell you how sad I was to see what was happening to this historic regiment in its very homeland.

'I knew then and there that I had to do something to enable the people of Scotland to show their pride in Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders - the regiment which

through its bravery at Balaklava set the standard for all others to follow.'

The gold plated watch features the regimental crest on its face and the strap is made of the Argyll and Sutherland tartan.

**Priceless**

'The strap alone is priceless,' added Robin, 'and it's not just that money is being raised for the veterans through their association, it's the esprit de corps; veterans can't wear their medals every day, but they can put on this watch with the tartan strap and show the world that they are forever part of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.'

For more information on the watches, visit [timeisticking.ca](http://timeisticking.ca) or the Argyll museum shop at Stirling Castle.



Kintyre Writers Circle members Pat Mordey, left, Elizabeth McTaggart, centre and Meg Gannon at the launch last week.

## Book of snowstorm stories launched

AN ANTHOLOGY of stories about the power cuts and snowstorms which hit Kintyre in March has been launched.

**Collated**

Kintyre Writers Circle collated stories from people across the

area who were affected by the storms, including police, the hospital and fishermen.

**Anthology**

Called 'Where were you when the lights went out?', the anthology was launched last Wednesday

at Campbeltown Library. The writers' circle would like to thank everyone who turned out to the launch event which was enjoyed by all and also say a big thank you to those who contributed their stories.

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# Pick a peck of pixels for Campbeltown cinema

LUCKY winners of Campbeltown Community Business's electronic raffle for the town's cinema centenary project could scoop £1,000 as well as a range of other prizes.

On Sunday at Explore Campbeltown's Christmas market Jane Gallagher, the town's Citizen of the Year, pressed the button to set the ball rolling on the innovative fundraising campaign.

Prizes include plane tickets, signed paintings, hotel stays, whisky and golf vouchers, as well as many more donated by local and national businesses.

To take part, visit The Picture House website to 'pick a peck of pixels'.

Participants then pick a section of a black and white photo of the cinema, which will gradually become colour as more people play the game.

The campaign ends on the cinema's 101st birthday on May 26, 2014.

Jane Mayo from Campbeltown Community Business is urging

people to get involved. She said: 'The people of Campbeltown and surroundings are so generous and have run and supported the cinema for more than a quarter of the century.'

'We hope that this project can be sent electronically to people from Kintyre in other parts of Scotland, the UK and even around the world. Everyone can help support the restoration and continued operation of this very special cinema.'

'Please let your families and friends who have an interest in the area know about this amazing opportunity. They may win a great prize and will certainly help us raise the necessary funds for our Centenary Project.'

To take part visit [weepictures.co.uk](http://weepictures.co.uk).

**Jane Gallagher, left, launches Campbeltown cinema's new fundraising campaign with Jane Mayo from Campbeltown Community Business.**



## Floral art demonstration for Campbeltown Flower Club



One of Margaret Campbell's floral arrangements.

MEMBERS of Campbeltown Flower Club enjoyed an excellent floral art demonstration last Tuesday in the Red Cross Hall.

Margaret Campbell from Doune gave the demonstration before the arrangements were raffled and everyone had supper.

Margaret judged the competition of a Christmas decoration with one or more candles as follows: 1 Jean Miller, 2 Morag Johnston, 3=Barbara Rubin and Pauline Simson.

She commended the club on the large number of entries and the high standard of the arrangements.

On the following day 10 ladies joined the workshop and made a Christmas decoration featuring ilex and a variety of foliage, and a Christmas wreath.

Much fun was had and many new ideas were learned.



## RNLI recognises David's sea safety work

DAVID Lord has been awarded a silver statuette by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for all his hard work in promoting sea safety in the Campbeltown area. He has been involved in checking life-jackets and giving advice for more than 10 years.

He is pictured being presented with his award by Michael Avril at Campbeltown Lifeboat Station.

**PICTURE HOUSE**

HISTORIC CINEMA

Saturday 14 December for 6 days at 8pm  
**The Hunger Games: Catching Fire** (12A)  
The sun persists in rising, so I make myself stand.  
Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth, Jack Quaid and Taylor St. Clair  
Please note children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult of 18 years or over

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Coming Next: Saturday 21 December  
**Frozen** (PG)  
The voice talents of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel and Jonathan Groff,  
Showing: Sat 21 at 1.30pm 2D & 8.00pm 3D. Sun 22 at 8.00pm 2D  
Mon 23 at 8.00pm 3D

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**Cinema Closed 24, 25 and 26 Dec**

SYNOPSIS

**Synopsis: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire**  
The film begins as Katniss Everdeen (Lawrence) has returned home safe after winning the 74th Annual Hunger Games along with fellow tribute Peeta Mellark (Hutcherson). Winning means that they must turn around and leave their family and close friends, embarking on a Victor's Tour of the districts. Along the way Katniss senses that a rebellion is simmering, but the Capitol is still very much in control as President Snow (Sutherland) prepares the 75th Annual Hunger Games, The Quarter Quell - a competition that could change Panem forever.

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All programmes subject to change without prior notice.  
**Cinema closed on Friday**  
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9 Vagrant (4)

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18 Cheat (8)

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22 Hang around (6)

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1 Pen name? (4)

2 Modern (2-2-3-6)

3 Level of command (7)

4 Out-witted (5)

5 Power effects produced by light (13)

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### Last week's solution

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**GIGHA**

**Gigha festival line-up announced**

ORGANISERS of Gigha's music festival

have announced next year's line-up, which will include the usual concert sets, workshops and open mic sessions. Running from June 27 until June 29 2014, the weekend kicks off on the Friday with the festival buffet supper be-

fore folk singer Emily Smith takes to the stage. Emily is one of the leading singers of the contemporary Scottish folk scene and her powerful, clear vocals have gained her award winning recognition worldwide.

Following Emily will be the Scott Wood Trio who will play ceilidh and dance sets on pipes and whistle, fiddle and guitar.

On the Saturday, open mic sessions will take place at Gigha Hotel, while Dan Thorpe, Emily Smith, Mary Ann Kennedy and Mark MacSporrán will lead the music workshops.

That evening, performer, producer, writer and music teacher Mary Ann Kennedy will play the concert set with Lorne MacDougall on pipes and whistles and Finlay Wells on guitar.

Glasgow band Treacherous Orchestra will then take to the stage before the festival disco.

On the final day of the festival the pipers' picnic will once again take place, as well as Survivors' Night and other events which have yet to be confirmed.

For more information on the festival visit [gighamf.org.uk](http://gighamf.org.uk).

**TARBERT**



Skerryvore have performed in more than 20 countries worldwide. Picture courtesy of Kris Keisak.

**Skerryvore will turn on the style in Tarbert**

RENNED band Skerryvore are playing Tarbert Village Hall on Friday, December 20.

The award-winning Scots trad-rock band from Tiree which formed in 2005, have performed everything from traditional music to rock and jazz in more than 20 countries worldwide and have four al-

bums and an array of awards under their belts.

Doors 8pm and tickets are £12.50. For over 14s only and those under 18 have to be accompanied by an adult.

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**CARRADALE**

**Tearoom transformed for Christmas**

HELEN Boittier and Tim Cooke, proprietors of Nellie B's in Carradale, have brought a piece of Christmas magic to their unique tea room - transforming their space into an enchanted forest complete with woodland canopy, bejewelled branches and a twinkling night sky.

The couple have also opened up a corner of their forest to local crafters and artisans to showcase their wares in time for Christmas.

Tim told the Courier: 'Nellie B's has become

a treasure trove of delicious sweets and chutneys, delicate glassware, and beautiful jewellery, all available alongside our scrumptious homemade cakes, scones, tray bakes and hot food served in delightful and cosy surroundings.'

Since taking over the business in April this year, Helen and Tim have breathed new life into the tea room, extending their menu and service to offer a wide range of delicious home-cooked meals, from high teas to the week-



A lot of work has gone into transforming the look of Nellie B's tearoom for Christmas.

end to Friday night take-away delivered within the community.

Nestled into the hillside at the Carradale Network Centre, Nellie B's has been catering to weary walkers and

hungry locals throughout the summer. Open Thursdays to Sundays, 11am to 5pm, with Friday takeout fish and chips or curry and deliveries from 5.30pm to 7pm.

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**CLACHAN**



MEMBERS of Clachan SWRI were recently treated to a Christmas party with games and a buffet. Jane Griffiths kindly invited the ladies to her beautifully decorated home where they enjoyed a Christmas buffet and some fun but not too challenging games. Jane was thanked for giving members such a good start to the festive season.

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## Abattoir visit proves useful

MEMBERS of Kintyre monitor farm community group recently enjoyed an outing to Scotbeef abattoir at Bridge of Allan, near Stirling.

Duncan Macalister, Kintyre monitor farmer at Glenbarr Farms, said afterwards: 'You can learn a huge amount by seeing your slaughtered cattle hanging up and being graded.'

With almost year-round grass growth in

normal years and 120 acres of barley, Mr Macalister is able to finish almost all the progeny on his 1,730-acre farm. Finished cattle are sold to Scotbeef, which pays a significant premium for Aberdeen Angus genetics.

During the abattoir visit, they were able to closely observe each process as 16 Glenbarr bullocks went from slaughter through to the



Peter Donaldson, wearing white, explains grading to the group.

32 sides being H-bone suspended prior to entering the chill.

The day before slaughter, the cattle were weighed and their information listed to allow the group to calculate the killing out percentages and daily liveweight and deadweight gains.

'At an earlier monitor farm meeting, we had discussed using cattle electronic identification to record a wide range of information about individual animals, in particular the type of things I need to know to help accurately identify the consistently better breeding males and females, to guide herd replacement selection,' explained Mr Macalister.

'Figures for things like live and deadweight gain, and killing out per-

centages from my finished cattle will be a big part of this process.'

After watching grader Peter Donaldson grade each of his carcasses, Mr Macalister said it was a great opportunity to learn which parts of his cattle were good.

### Fatter

He said: 'I had thought my cattle were fatter than they actually were which tempts me to think I could have taken them on to heavier weights, but at this time of the year would the cost of putting additional weight on these particular cattle be worth it? Another option for future years would be to push them more while they are at grass.'

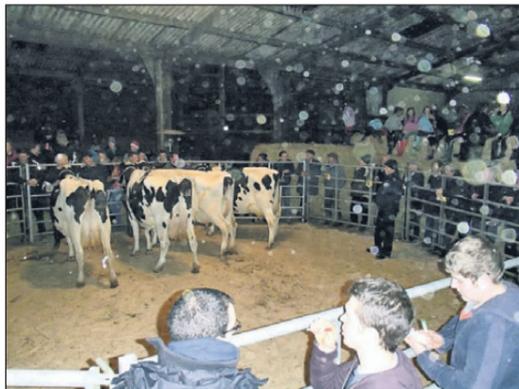
'By seeing the carcasses and knowing the cattle, gives me some solid information to help me

decide how to manage the cattle. Something else we learnt at Scotbeef was that the ear tags, which can cause us farmers grief, are just the first step.

'Watching the Scotbeef traceability system in operation, including DNA sampling of individual carcasses, made us realise just how precise Scotch Beef traceability is.'

Linda McLean, facilitator of Kintyre monitor farm meetings, thanked sponsor Ralph Bova Farm Supplies for making the visit possible.

The next Kintyre monitor farm meeting, featuring GPS soil mapping, will be on December 12.



More than 100 competitors were present at Kilkeddan Farm for the Holstein cattle show.

## Kilkeddan Farm hosts successful stockjudging

LAST Friday saw more than 100 competitors present for a successful stockjudging at Kilkeddan Farm by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Gavin Semple and family.

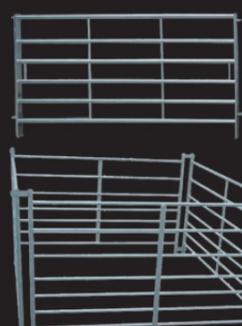
An excellent show of Holstein cattle was deserving of the large turnout, capped off with a first class judge in Alan Timbrell of Alta Genetics.

Those closest to his placings were as follows: Juniors: 1 Fraser Turner, 2 Charles Turner, 3 Neil Littleton. Young farmers: 1 and YF Cup: Graeme McMillan, 2 Jennifer Littleton, 3 John Pirie. Ladies: 1 and £75 Semex voucher Izzy Armour, 2 and £50 Cogent voucher Joan Pirie, 3 Elaine Fraser. Gents: 1 and £75 Semex voucher

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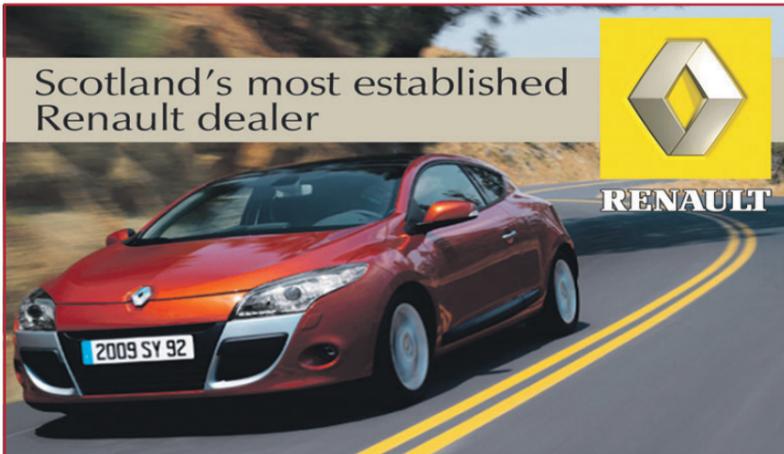




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# A New

AS WELL as gusting winds and snow, last week's wintry weather will have had many people take a fresh look at their cars.

The seasonal cold blast was a keen reminder that making sure your vehicle is up to the job - and that might mean looking for something new.

Forecasters are warning that this winter might be one of the worst for many years. Those who remember the big chill in the winter of 2010/11 will know exactly how difficult that can make conditions, so now is a great time to look for another vehicle.

Heavy rain and snow may block the culverts, but there's no reason to get a dredger for those difficult conditions when a decent 4x4 vehicle will do. Those who live or work off the main roads will appreciate the difference such a vehicle can make, particularly when the frost falls - making those difficult to reach areas a breeze.

Modern 4x4s are much more capable at dealing with challenging conditions,

# Car for Christmas

with some even eliminating the effort of manually selecting different modes to automatically adjust to the conditions under the wheels. They can in fact make the difference between getting somewhere and getting nowhere.

Four wheel drive is now available on many makes of smaller cars too, including coupés and saloons - meaning you don't have to be victim to 'Chelsea tractor' accusations if you just want a car that's safer on the road. Not only does four-wheel drive make general road handling more efficient, but it makes negotiating difficult conditions such as icy roads much easier.

Most modern cars now though are capable of driving through most difficult conditions, with care, so if your current ride is getting a little long in the tooth, generally it is a good time to look around.

Many manufacturers are offering nigh-on unbeatable deals for finance at the moment too, which makes today's market very much one that favours the buyer. Every vendor is having to compete harder for sales too, so now is a good time to haggle and get your new marque at a keen price.

It goes without saying that with such appealing offers available on new cars, the second hand market is going to benefit. Many people choose to trade in after their

tax exemption period expires, so there is a proliferation of nearly-new motors on the market now that represent a serious bargain. Many of these vehicles have low mileage too, but search around and find the right car for you.

If there's nothing there, be sure to ask your dealership, as sometimes they will know of cars soon to come in or currently in preparation for the showroom - and you could grab a bargain before anyone else even sees it.

Regardless of what market you're in, now is the perfect time to take a look at what's on offer.

### 'Re-tyring' for winter

AS CONDITIONS do deteriorate, it is essential you make sure your car is up to scratch to cope with the weather.

It can be easy to forget how dangerous travelling on the roads can be: 60mph on an A-class road feels fine when

everything is going well, but hit a patch of ice at 40mph, and you'll quickly realise how precarious it can be.

So, don't take risks - make sure your car is safe.

First, check and make sure everything that should work, is working. Lights and window-wipers are a given. Without these, on a dark, wet day, you'll be stranded. It's the easiest thing to do so there really is no excuse.

Make sure your car is topped up with anti-freeze and screen wash; while checking your dip-stick is a must too. Cars need lubrication to work and no or low oil can have disastrous consequence not just for your engine but for your bank balance, so make sure it's checked.

Some motorists may look at winter tyres for the cold spell, and with good reason. Not only do they provide more grip, but they provide more peace of mind when ice does lie on the road.

They aren't miracle workers though and you should still drive to the conditions. Leave plenty of time for your journey, maintain a safe distance from other vehicles and don't rush - that way you'll make sure you're home safe for Christmas.



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# Council to set 'preserve and prepare' budget

A 'PRESERVE and prepare' budget is to be set by Argyll and Bute Council for 2014-15 and 2015-16.

It was agreed by the full council that it will use the next two years of 'relative financial stability to preserve jobs and services, to continue modernising its ways of working in order to achieve efficiencies and to prepare for delivering services with the reduced funding expected from 2016 onwards'.

It also agreed efficiency savings targets of one per cent for 2014-2016 which will be applied evenly across all areas of the council's work and are 'expected to be achieved without impact on service priorities'.

The council will set its budget in February 2014 and councillors and

council employees will work to identify opportunities for savings.

If any savings proposals have policy implications they will be put to councillors in advance for consideration.

Councillor Dick Walsh, council leader, said: 'This strategy gives us time to plan responsibly for delivering services that meet the needs of our communities in the longer term.'

#### Priorities

'We are working, with our community planning partners, to achieve clear, ambitious priorities for Argyll and Bute. These priorities are designed to create a positive, prosperous future for Argyll and Bute.'

'The council has a duty to deliver effective local government services, as well as a contribution to

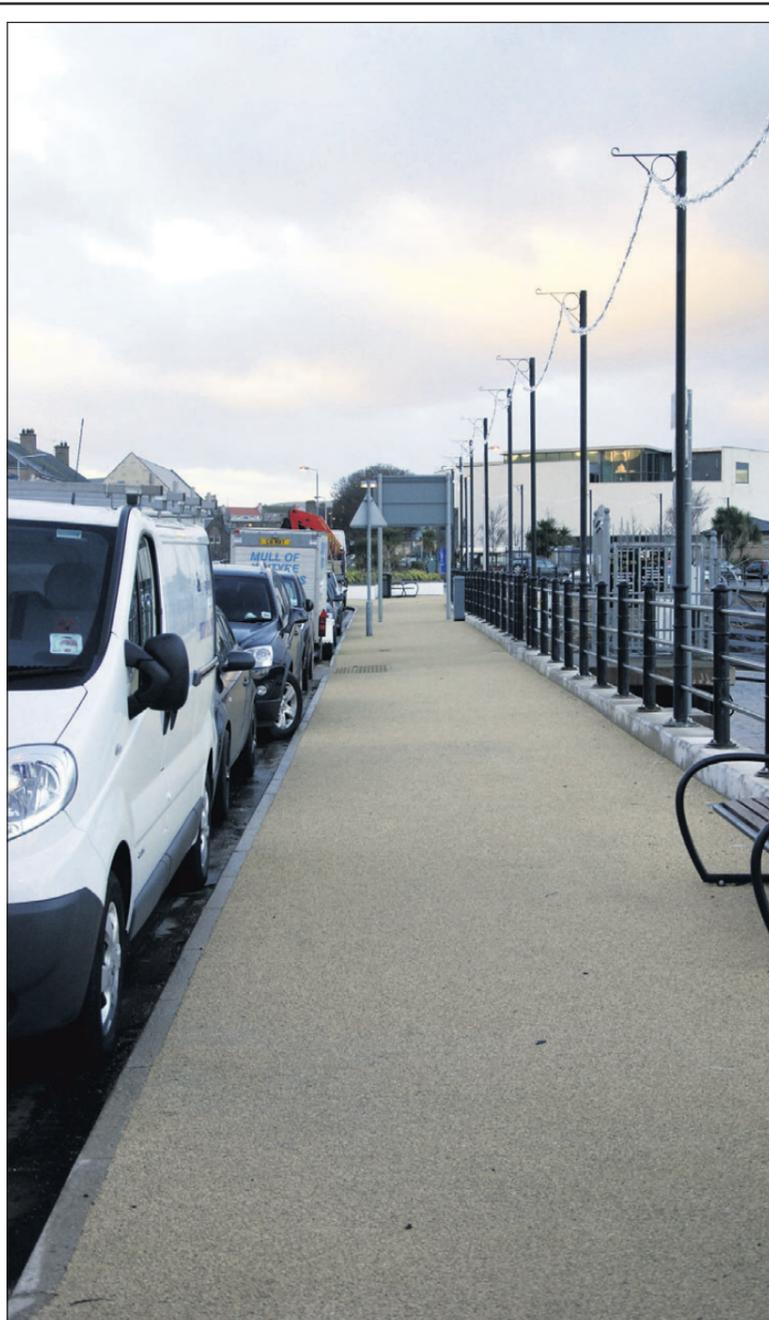
make in supporting the local economy as a major employer.

'As well as planning ahead, therefore, our focus over the next two years will be on preserving services and jobs.'

'Modernising the ways in which we work in order to achieve savings is an on-going process.'

'Over the next two years we must take action to ensure we use our resources to deliver maximum benefit to our people, communities and area.'

The council will also carry out a budget communication and consultation exercise to seek people's views on what matters to them about council service delivery, and how they would like to receive news and information from the council.



The Esplanade has become a popular spot for people to park cars which are for sale. 08\_c50cars01

## Esplanade is becoming an unofficial car lot

COMPLAINTS have been made to Argyll and Bute Council about a recent trend of people advertising cars for sale while parked on the Esplanade in Campbeltown.

It is understood that on one day recently no fewer than seven cars were being offered for sale.

A council source said: 'We believe it had not been uncommon for one

or two cars to have notices in their windows. However, we are a wee bit concerned that this is getting out of hand.'

'Members of the public have complained that this practice could detract from the recent work carried out to enhance the Esplanade.'

'The council is now looking at what it could do to discourage this.'

## Ten power cuts in a week

A DRUMLEMBLE pensioner hit out after his home was affected by no fewer than 10 power cuts in a week.

The villager, who did not want to be named, told the Courier: 'Even though they have not lasted long, it's been frustrating and annoying and I assume others have been affected.'

'These power companies are quick enough to hike up your bills, but they are not so good at sorting your problems.'

A Scottish Hydro spokeswoman said this week: 'There was a fault in our high voltage network, causing intermittent cuts. We have now located and resolved this.'

'We apologise for any inconvenience caused.'

## Fuel duty freeze pleases MP

ALAN Reid MP last week welcomed Chancellor George Osborne's announcement during his autumn statement that fuel duty would be frozen again next year.

The Argyll and Bute MP said later: 'This will save motorists on the mainland 20p a litre compared to the previous Labour Government's spending plans and 25p a litre for island motorists.'

Mr Osborne highlighted Mr Reid's role in the campaign to stop fuel duty going up describing him as 'an assiduous campaigner for lower fuel duty for his constituents'.



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## Time for Argyll and Bute to clean up its act

ARGYLL and Bute Council is joining the Clean Up Scotland campaign and will work with the independent environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful to address local issues.

Clean Up Scotland aims to involve a million people in action against litter and mess ahead of a big year for Scotland in 2014.

As well as The Homecoming, Scotland will host two of the biggest sporting events in the world – The Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup.

Mark Bevan, campaign director of the Clean Up Scotland campaign, said: 'Clean Up Scotland is a crucial campaign. The eyes of the world will be on us

when we host the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup in 2014, and we don't want them to see litter and mess.'

#### Cleanest country

'We want Argyll and Scotland to shine when the world is watching, and we're looking to work together to make Scotland the cleanest country in Europe.'

Councillor Ellen Mor-

ton said: 'We would encourage as many people as possible to join the campaign.'

The council will support local groups organising events across the area – it will provide bin bags, uplift free of charge from clean-ups and lend litter picking equipment. To arrange, please call 01546 605514.

# John's beach photograph had a winning way



## Photo captures the essence of Kintyre

A STUNNING photograph of Bellochantuy beach taken by well-known Campbeltown photographer John McFadyen has been chosen as the winner of the Kintyre Way's annual photographic competition.

The photograph was taken on a beautiful sunny day in August and the judges felt it captured the essence of Kintyre perfectly.

The picture will feature on the cover of the 2015 Kintyre Way Calendar which will be

available from early next year. John said: 'The Kintyre Way is an organisation I like to support. I enjoy the walks myself and of course it brings tourists which helps our economy.'

John wins a weekend for two at the luxurious Ugadale Hotel, part of the Village at Machrihanish Dunes golf resort which was named Golf Resort of the Year 2013.

His prize also includes a round of golf on the magnificent Machrihanish Dunes 18-

hole links course.

Andy Holtby, Kintyre Way route manager, said: 'We have had a tremendous response to this year's competition and I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful photographs submitted. The quality of the entries genuinely made judging a difficult task.'

The 2014 Kintyre Way Calendars are now on sale through local stockists and the Kintyre Way website [www.kintyre-way.com](http://www.kintyre-way.com)

## Women must now travel to Glasgow for pregnancy scans

PREGNANT women in Argyll and Bute will now have to travel much further for antenatal scans.

It follows changes in the required qualifications - now a one-year accredited postgraduate certificate course - for health professionals carrying out scans.

Until recently all midwives in Argyll carried out antenatal scans to confirm a pregnancy and estimate the baby's delivery date.

After a review of the service in Argyll carried out by a lead ultrasonographer from a neighbouring health board, it was decided there was a need for midwives in the area to do the postgraduate course.

According to NHS Highland, this means all antenatal scanning will stop in Argyll until it can be carried out by a trained obstetric ultrasonographer.

Women requiring this service will now need to travel to Glasgow and midwives will explain these changes to women at their first ap-

John McFadyen's photograph of Bellochantuy beach which won this year's Kintyre Way photographic competition.

# MP backs superfast broadband cash for difficult to reach areas

ALAN Reid MP welcomed a Government announcement last week of a £10 million fund to test innovative solutions to deliver superfast broadband to the most difficult to reach areas of the UK.

The Argyll and Bute MP told the Courier: 'BT is getting Government money to lay fibre optic cables to bring superfast broadband to about 84 percent of the premises in Argyll

and Bute, but it is vitally important that the remaining 16 percent of premises also get superfast broadband.'

### Innovative

'This new £10 million fund will help to develop innovative solutions to bring broadband to the remaining 16 percent using the £250 million allocated in the 2013 spending round.'

The MP, meanwhile, offered a glimmer of hope for Kintyre's be-

leagued mobile phone users plagued by intermittent signals.

He recently met Arqiva, the company with the £150 million contract to improve mobile phone coverage in the UK, and pressed the case for cash to be spent improving the coverage in Argyll and Bute.

He told the Courier: 'Arqiva told me it will soon be negotiating with landowners and applying for planning permis-

ion for new masts on various sites throughout Argyll and Bute.

'Nothing is certain yet, but if these plans go ahead many parts of the region will receive 4G coverage by March, 2015.'

'I told Arqiva how vitally important this coverage will be for Argyll and Bute and will keep up the pressure to ensure that as much of the area as possible gets 4G coverage.'

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<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all our relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from Donald &amp; Jenny Sinclair, Tarbert.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Jimmy Anderson, 6 Fleming's Land.</p>	<p><b>PRUNELLA MACBRAYNE</b> 2 Crosshill Avenue, wishes all her family, friends &amp; neighbours a Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year.</p>	<p><b>HAMISH JACKSON</b> Wishes all relatives &amp; friends Merry Christmas &amp; a Guid New Year.</p> 	<p><b>CATHIE MCGLYNN</b> is no longer sending cards but wishes all relatives, friends &amp; neighbours a Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year!</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all our relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from Roy, David &amp; Donnie Mitchell, 10 Muasdale Cottages.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my friends &amp; neighbours from Catherine Lavery, Ciaran Court.</p> 
<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all our friends from Marjorie &amp; Arthur.</p>	<p><b>MRS MARY GALBRAITH</b> 5 St Columba's Way, Southend, wishes all her relatives &amp; friends a very Merry Christmas &amp; a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.</p> 	<p><b>CATHERINE REPPKE CALTON AVENUE, CAMPBELTOWN</b> Wishing all my friends &amp; neighbours a very Happy Christmas &amp; a Prosperous New Year.</p>	<p><b>SEASON'S GREETINGS</b> to all our relatives &amp; friends from Richard &amp; Helen Kelly, Alexandria.</p> 	<p><b>AGNES GRAHAM, BRAEMORE</b> wishes all relatives, friends &amp; neighbours best wishes for 2014.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from William McMillan, 81 Crosshill Avenue.</p>	<p><b>MRS M MCGOWN 2 BAYVIEW, MACHRIHANISH</b> wishes family, friends &amp; neighbours a Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year.</p>
<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours, &amp; the dogs, from Senga. Woofs &amp; licks from Ben.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from Margaret, 27 Meadowpark.</p>	<p><b>SEASON'S GREETING FROM TROON</b> To all our family &amp; friends. Best wishes for 2014 Love, Allan, Susanne &amp; Rebecca Lang.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> To all my friends &amp; neighbours from Annie Taylor, Bridge House, Muasdale.</p>	<p><b>JESSIE GALBRAITH 46 RALSTON ROAD</b> wishes all her family &amp; friends a Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year.</p> 	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Anne MacCallum, Sherwood, Drumore.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours. Best wishes from the Sugarman family.</p> 
<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> To all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from Ella Johnston, 11 Dell Road, Campbeltown.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Archie Greenlees, 4 Front Row, Drumlembie.</p>	<p><b>MR JOHN MCWHIRTER</b> wishes to extend, to his many friends in the town &amp; country, compliments of the season.</p> 	<p><b>FLORENCE &amp; STEVIE</b> wish all their friends a Merry Christmas &amp; a Happy &amp; Prosperous New Year.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all our relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from Nan &amp; Archie McMillan.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to friends &amp; relatives from Betty Munro, 197 Ralston Road, Campbeltown.</p> 	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all our relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from George &amp; Isobel Stewart, 16 Meadowpark.</p>
<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my friends, love from Ella McKinven.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to my friends &amp; neighbours from Martha Robertson, 10 Ciaran Court, Campbeltown.</p> 	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from Hamish Thomson, Dahrae, Hazelbank Court.</p>	<p><b>SEASON'S GREETINGS</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Margaret Galbraith, 11 Millers Park, Campbeltown.</p> 	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from Flora Anderson, 9 Albyn Avenue.</p>	<p><b>NANCY BLACK</b> Would like to wish family &amp; friends a Merry Christmas &amp; a Happy New Year. 20B Calton Avenue.</p>	<p><b>MARGARET ARMOUR HEATH COTTAGE</b> wishes all her relations, friends &amp; neighbours a Merry Christmas &amp; Good Health in the New Year.</p>
<p><b>DUNCAN WATSON SNR</b> Wishing all relatives &amp; neighbours a Merry Christmas &amp; a Happy New Year.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours with love from Sheena Graham, Campbeltown.</p>	<p><b>CATHERINE WAREHAM &amp; FAMILY</b> wishes everyone a Merry Christmas &amp; a Happy New Year.</p> 	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Margaret Lindsay, 17B John Street.</p>	<p><b>SEASON'S GREETINGS</b> to all my relatives &amp; friends from Lorna MacCallum, Castleacres, Campbeltown.</p> 	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> Anne, Sarena &amp; Rhianna wish you peace &amp; happiness for 2014. Supported Arthritis Care in Scotland.</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS &amp; HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> to all my relatives, friends &amp; neighbours from Neil McEachran, 43 Calton Avenue.</p>



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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02528/PP	Erection of boathouse	Land South West Of Tigh Mor Na-H-Aird Balliemor Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RU	Ardrishaig Area Office
13/02697/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of new vehicular access	Plot 3 Barr-Na-Criche Estate Dunmore Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
13/02699/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of new vehicular access	Plot 1 Barr-Na-Criche Estate Dunmore Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6YA	Sub Post Office Tarbert
13/02700/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse, installation of sewage treatment plant and formation of new vehicular access	Plot 4 Barr-Na-Criche Estate Dunmore Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tarbert
13/02711/PP	Erection of 8 flats and associated works.	Land North Of 34 Oakhill Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6TB	Sub Post Office Tarbert

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

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13/02651/PP	Installation of replacement door and alteration to existing window to form door opening, formation of access ramp and regrading of car park	1 Ferry Land Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8UX	Sub Post Office Inveraray
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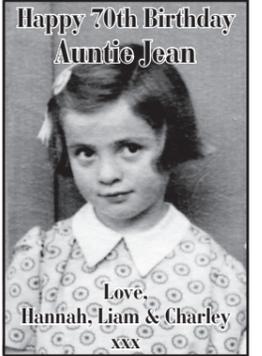
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**CLELAND SNEDDON**  
Executive Director - Community Services

**PERSONALS**

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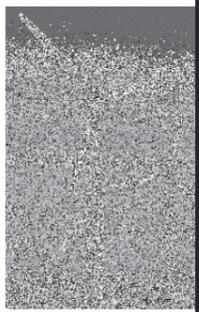
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with Marilyn Shedden



THERE have been volumes written in tribute to Nelson Mandela, and rightly so.

In the midst of the tributes, one phrase has returned to my mind time and time again.

It is this: 'Mandela liberated not only the oppressed, but the oppressors.'

His captors may have incarcerated Mandela physically for 27 long years, but they could not constrain his spirit.

Mandela may have been kept behind prison bars, but in so many ways he was more liberated than his oppressors.

Mandela was the man who overcame bitterness and hatred and revenge with one simple answer – love.

To walk from a prison cell with only forgiveness to offer to offset all the injustice, all the racism, all the oppression, was quite incomprehensible.

Yet that was what Mandela did.

His vision was far greater than the myopic short-sightedness of those who regarded the colour of a person's skin to be more important than the beauty of a person's soul.

Mandela emerged the victor from that prison cell and the world bears witness to that fact today.

The long walk to freedom began with a single step.

This has left an indelible footprint for freedom, equality and justice which will leave a path for us to follow, if we dare.

If we dare, we can walk this road to freedom.

If we dare, we too can change the world.

Our prison may not be like Mandela's, with physical bars – it may be that we are imprisoned by racism or bitterness, or narrow mindedness or just plain simple complacency.

Dare we walk the road to freedom?

'Mandela liberated not only the oppressed, but the oppressors.'

We are the oppressors when we are judgemental, or bitter, or unforgiving.

At this time of Advent, we remember the words of Jesus when he said: 'I have come to set the captives free.'

Are we free from our own prejudices?

# Gambia volunteers on the final countdown

AFTER a flurry of fundraising activity, Campbeltown Grammar School's CGS4Gambia group have just nine weeks before they set off for their volunteering trip.

The past few weeks have seen a big push from the group of staff and pupils as they prepare for their trip to Gambia in February to volunteer at schools.

Recent events have included an auction, a school Gambia day and quiz night, as well as raffles and bake sales.

The auction, held last month, included prizes such as a Chris Hoy signed shirt and a two-night stay in a wigwam. It raised £4,000 for the cause.

The quiz, held on the same night, was won by Oatfield and Beyond

with Quizzzy Rascals in second place.

They also held a fundraising day at Campbeltown Grammar School, with the £1,130 raised split between CGS4Gambia and the Philipines Disaster Fund.

During the event pupils enjoyed a number of activities, including hunt the flamingo, baking stalls, singers, dancers, music and a quiz. One of the most popular activities was trying to guess the identity of staff members from pictures of them in the 1980s.

Last weekend CGS4Gambia raffled off a special Christmas hamper and also had a stall at the Explore Campbeltown Christmas market on Sunday.

In preparation for their trip those involved with



William Mackinnon, left, and David Farren were manning the CGS4Gambia stand which was full of cakes and other goodies at the Explore Campbeltown Christmas market last weekend.

the fundraising group have boxed up donations received as well as the tents and blow up beds which are being shipped out before they go. Springbank Distillery donated the boxes while AM Transport delivered them to First Aid 4 Gambia in Inveraray where they were collected by Manneh Transport for shipping to Gambia.

This week the group had their final injections for yellow fever in Glasgow having received their other inoculations in November.

Money has been raised for the cause during the past few months through flamingo flockings in various places in Kintyre. The birds can still be booked for special

occasions.

Agnes Stewart from the CGS4Gambia group said: 'We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the auction and quiz night in Stronvaar Bowling Club.'

'We would also like to thank the local community for getting behind our fundraising, particularly the flocking flamingos.'

'And thanks to the following people who helped us raise such an amazing total at the auction: Kintyre Preserves, McNair and Sons, Coastal design, Kenny Millar, Jim Bryce, Moira McLellan, The Garden Shop, Ifferdale Farm, Tarbert Shores, Morag

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Manneh shipping collected the donations, tents and blow up beds for their onward journey to Birmingham before heading to Gambia ready for the group's arrival in February.



CGS4Gambia members practise putting up their tents in preparation for their trip in February.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**

**MCEACHRAN** - Eleyna is delighted to announce the safe arrival of her little brother, Zachary Daniel. Special thanks to Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

**MARRIAGES**



**MCINTOSH - MAGINNIS**

The wedding of Rowan McIntosh and Colin Maginnis took place at Summerhall, Edinburgh, on October 12, 2013. A wonderful day.

**DEATHS**

**BURNETT** - On December 9, 2013, suddenly but peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Margaret Howatt Burnett, née MacKinnon, in her 62nd year, much loved mother of Annamarie, Allan and John, dear sister of Patsy and the late Morag, dearly loved gran of Jacqueline, John, Kyle, Joanna, Jakub and Fraser. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 17, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired, for Argyll Animal Aid.

**MCGUIRE** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 5, 2013, Marion McIntyre McPhee, in her 79th year, 28 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, dearly beloved wife of the late John McGuire, much loved mum of Marianne and Archie, mother-in-law, of Sweeney and Karen and a loving and much loved granny and great granny.

**MCNAUGHTON** - Peacefully at home, 4 Killeen Place, Campbeltown, after a long illness bravely borne, on December 9, 2013, John Coffield McNaughton, in his 78th year, dearly beloved husband of Betty Copeland, much loved father of John and Elizabeth, father-in-law of Isobel and William, much loved granda of Lorraine, Stacey, Emma, Sandra, Matthew and Kimberley and a dearly loved great grandfather.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**COOK** - The family of the late Christina Cook would like to thank all family and friends for their support and kindness, both now and during Mum's illness. Special thanks to Rev Catriona Hood for a beautiful service and Catherine Black for the wonderful music. Finally, thank you to the Homecare and Healthcare teams who treated Mum with such compassion and understanding.

**MCALISTER** - Ian, Mary, Barry and Karen would like to express their thanks to everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy and support following the sad loss of Cameron. Thanks to Rev Philip Burroughs for a comforting service, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their help and professional service and the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey. A special thanks to the Community Nurses for the support over the last ten years. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended the service, the retiring collection raised the sum of £513 for the Community Nurses, Kintyre Locality.

**MCGEACHY** - The family of the late Williamina (Lena) would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Auchinlee who took such wonderful care of Lena for her very lengthy and happy stay with them. We also wish to express thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Campbeltown Hospital, to all family and friends for floral tributes, donations, cards and great support, to Alasdair Blair for his sensitivity and professionalism in handling the arrangements. Grateful thanks to the Rev David Thom for a very uplifting service and kindness shown to the family at a difficult time and the Gigha Hotel for the purvey.

**THOMSON** - Hector and family would like to thank all friends, from near and far, for calls, flowers and cards received following the sudden loss of Margaret. Special thanks to Agnes Stewart for a wonderful service, to Alasdair Blair, whose professionalism and dedication helped us through very difficult times and to the Argyll Hotel and staff for catering for large numbers with energy and efficiency and to Mr Curry and all his staff at the Golden Jubilee Hospital for all their nursing and care given. Finally, a large thank you for all donations to the British Heart Foundation via the retail collection. The amount raised was £1,250. Many, many thanks to everyone.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BROWN** - Jamie, died December 13, 2009. Deep are the memories And precious they stay No passing of time Will take them away. - Agnes.

**BROWN** - Jamie, a loving dad, gone but not forgotten. Always in our thoughts. - Love, Fiona and Alasdair. Grampa, four years since you passed and you are still missed. - George, Alasdair, Kyle and Jaimee.

**MCALPINE** - In loving memory of Duncan, passed away December 15, 2011. Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day, No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts, Dad, you'll always be there. - From Donnie, Fiona and Ross.

**MCALPINE** - Duncan. In memory of Dad, died December 15, 2011. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. - From Mary and James. In memory of Papa, Your presence I miss, Your memory I treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. - From Andrew.

**MCALPINE** - Duncan, taken peacefully from us on December 15, 2011. Never forgotten Always remembered. - Jamie Duncan and Pam.

**YOUNG** - Treasured memories of a loving husband and dad, Norman, died December 11, 2002. Time passes but memories stay. - Margaret and Yvonne xx.

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**Sunday 15th December 2013**  
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**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday Service**  
11:00 am  
with Sunday school  
Tea & coffee after the service  
**Baby & Toddler Group**  
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We meet in the Guide Hall,  
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**Campbeltown Community Church**  
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George Street, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 15th December**  
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Rev Finlay Mackenzie  
**Thursday 19th December**  
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Prayer & Bible Study  
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**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 15th December**  
Morning Worship 11.15 am  
(Creche, Triple C, Next Generation)  
Rev. P Burroughs  
Churches Together Service  
Machrihanish Village Hall 6.30pm  
**Monday 16th December**  
Guild 7.30pm  
**Tuesday 17th December**  
Parents and Toddlers  
9.45am - New Hall  
BB Anchor Section  
6 - 7pm in Church Hall  
BB Junior Section  
7.15 - 8.30pm in Church Hall  
**Thursday 19th December**  
Choir Practice 7.30pm

**THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown**

**Sunday Services**  
10.30am Morning Worship (Amy Kidz)  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
**Tuesday**  
12.15pm Lunch Club  
1.30pm Home League  
**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study & Prayer  
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**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
St Kieran Episcopal Church:  
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Scottish Charity No SC023277

**Sunday 15th December**  
The Third Sunday of Advent  
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The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 15 December 2013**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
"A people prepared for the Lord"  
**Thursday 19 December 2013**  
7.30pm  
Praise, prayer & sharing  
All Welcome

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Third Sunday of Advent 15 December - all welcome!

**Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair**  
Charity No. SC016097  
10am Cumlodden Church  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
11.30am Inveraray Church with Baptism

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH**

**LOCHGILPHEAD**  
Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
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Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 15th December 2013**  
11.00am Morning Service  
**MESSY CHURCH**  
**Wednesday 18th December**  
At 5pm  
At Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Brae  
**Monday 16th December 2013**  
Ladies Meeting  
2.30pm, Free Church Hall  
Christmas Party  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

**15th December**  
Advent 3  
"Joy amidst Trouble"  
Ardrishaig at 11:00am  
and  
Achahoish at 12:30pm



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2013**  
11.00 am Worship Service, featuring the re-dedication of Church Hall  
Right Rev. Lorna Hood and Rev. Hilda Smith  
Light lunch following the service  
All Welcome  
Further information  
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**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 15th December 2013**  
11.15am Family Communion with crèche  
Mr Ross Ferguson  
Wallyford  
Coffee from 10.45am to 11.15am  
**Wednesday 18th December 2013**  
10.00am Toddler Group  
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Mary Dott from Rosy Cheeks was one of the many stall holders in attendance.



Santa and his elves visited the market, putting a smile on plenty of children's faces. Photographs courtesy of Will Anderson.



Dorothy McMurchy of Kintyre Candles was in good spirits at the market.

# Market is a real Christmas cracker

LAST weekend's Explore Christmas in Campbeltown market has been a major success, massively boosting the town's economy.

The market, organised by Explore Campbeltown, brought 46 local businesses and charities together last Sunday in the Springbank Distillery Malt Barns to sell their wares.

Early estimates from the market suggest around £30,000-35,000 was made by businesses in attendance - a huge boost to the local economy.

Those present commented on how busy it was, with shoppers queued up at 10.45am for the 11am opening and not leaving until closing time at 4pm.

Several stall holders had to go home at 2pm after running out of stock while others took orders.

Mairi Paterson from Explore Campbeltown said: 'On behalf of Explore Campbeltown we would like to thank everyone who got involved in the market. Everyone was amazed at the number of locals and visitors who turned up in their hundreds to enjoy the day.'

'There was a great buzz around the place and everyone certainly seemed to be getting into the Christmas spirit; it's a great venue for this type of event and we are very lucky to have it available to us.'

'We have been overwhelmed with the feedback on both the Ex-

plore Campbeltown Facebook page and via email and we haven't received one negative comment so far. Many stall holders have commented that they have had to place new orders to ensure they have more stock in before Christmas as their products sold so well! All the money spent on the day is being fed back into the local economy which is such an important factor for a small town in today's financial climate.

'There have been numerous enquiries about whether it will happen again next year and I think it's safe to say that after this year's success it will definitely be repeated and will be even bigger and better!'

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Marjorie Leighton, Jane Stewart and Elizabeth Johnson were in charge of the RNLI stand.



Erin McLellan entertained the crowds on her cornet.



### No winners in Dunaverty lottery

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on December 8. The winning numbers were three, five and 11. The next draw will take place on December 22 with a jackpot of £200. Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

### McFadyens Transport are proud to sponsor Carradale Football Club

**Carradale AFC players and manager Donald MacAlister are pictured with their new strips featuring new main sponsor McFadyens Transport. Director Calum McFadyen said: 'We are proud to sponsor the team. We wish them all the best for the season and hope they win some silverware.' Team manager Donald MacAlister said: 'We are delighted to welcome aboard McFadyens and are indebted to them for their support.'**

### Pupils drawn away in Scottish Cup 5th round

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils have been drawn away to the winners of the EK Whitehills versus Rhu match in the 5th round of the Scottish Amateur Cup. The other Argyll team still left in the competition - Oban Saints - are away to Dennistoun Vale. Both games are due to take place on Saturday January 11.

# Narrow defeat for the Dookers

Tarbert	0
Drumchapel Colts	1
SAFL Division 1A	

TARBERT'S battling players gave their best performance of the season but missed out on a win on Saturday as they took on top of the table Drumchapel Amateurs.

The Tarbert Hotel sponsored side defended well as Drumchapel were restricted to shots from long distance which never troubled John Martin in the Tarbert goals. On 20 minutes Tarbert had a good chance to take the lead when they broke with pace from a Drumchapel corner but Prentice's shot just missed the target.

A quick one-two down the Tarbert right saw the speedy winger in on goal, he looked up and rolled the ball to the on-rushing central midfielder and he fired it low towards the bottom corner, only for Martin to somehow dive low to his right and turn the ball

out for a corner from on his goal line.

This save spurred Tarbert on and they started to push on to try and take the lead. However, with the first half almost over Tarbert had a free kick 30 yards from the Drumchapel goal. With players committed, forward possession was lost and Drumchapel burst up the park at speed and the left winger fired a shot across Martin and into the top corner from 12 yards.

With an hour gone Tarbert should have been awarded an opportunity to level the match when Johnstone advanced into the box only to be hauled to the ground before he could cross the ball.

To their surprise the referee decided not to award a penalty. A sense of injustice from this decision only served to drive the Dookers on and the league leaders

could not get out of their own half. With quarter of an hour to play, manager Prentice almost hauled his team level in spectacular fashion when he fired a free kick from 35 yards wide on the left only to see his effort crash off the crossbar and bounce clear off the line. With time almost up the match took an ugly turn when the right winger launched into a two footed tackle on McNaughton. While both teams expected a red card to be shown the referee only showed a yellow.

When the game restarted Tarbert had one final opportunity to draw level when they won a corner with 90 minutes played. The delivery was only half cleared by the visiting defence and with both Johnson and Talbot unable to get their shots away the ball fell to the unmarked McNaughton on the 18 yard line. His effort sailed just over the bar, leaving the score at 0-1 at fulltime.

# WIN

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# JACKPOT

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

**Easy to enter**  
Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday.

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**LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...**

This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are:  
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## SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION

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## Cammy is top Heidbanger

AFTER an intense year of competition, 18 of Dunaverty's Heidbangers turned up for the final round of the season.

There were five contenders in with a chance to win the cup as players are awarded three points for a win, two for second place and one for each round up to a maximum of 26.

By April, Sandy Watson was leading with 16 points from Cammy Maguire on 15 and Bri-

an Hone on 14.

At the end of August it was all change as Cammy jumped into the lead with 36 to Brian's 33, while John McDowall had moved into third on 31 with Sandy two behind.

By the beginning of November Sandy, Brian and John shared the lead on 42 with Cammy, who only started playing last October, one behind.

He then regained the lead three weeks ago

with 45, while John, Sandy and Brian remained on 42.

Before the final round Cammy gained a further three points, taking his score to 48, while John added two points to his total, making 44.

On the final day of play Cammy did not feature with Alastair Brown taking the honours on 44 points. Alister O'May finished second with 40, just pipping Jim Cooper to the post on 39.

The group finished the day with a splendid meal prepared by Francis Hill in Muneroy Tearoom.

Greenkeepers David Scullion and Willy MacMillan were praised for the superb condition of the course throughout the year.

Final results: 1 and winner of Heidbanger Cup: Cammy Maguire, 48 points; 2 John McDowall, 45; 3 Sandy Watson, 41; 4 Brian Hone, 41; 5 Hamish Taylor, 38; 6 Jim Cooper, 37.



John Weir, Stewart MacAllister, John Cupples, Jennifer Campbell and Michael Harvey end 2013 as the top team in the Tarbert Gun Club Winter League.

## Tarbert Gun Club winter league

SHOOTERS competing in the December leg of the Tarbert Gun Club Winter League were greeted last week with difficult targets when they turned out for the competition.

### Lower scores

More than 50 competitors took part in the event which, despite fine shooting conditions, saw lower scores recorded than usual.

John Weir was again named Top Gun of the day.

Niall Wilson won the down the line (DTL) competition, while Roy Laird took the sporting shoot.

The December event saw the return of Jennifer Campbell, who had taken a long break from the sport. The respite did not hold her back, however, as she performed well on the day and helped her team to climb to the top of the leader board.

Results: Class A: 1. John Weir, 2. Brian Baird, 3. John Paton;

Class B: 1. Billy Bergant, 2. Norman MacDonald, 3. Stewart MacAllister; Class C: 1. Hughie McLean, 2. John Cupples, 3. Archie MacGilp snr; Class D: 1. Ian Winnard, 2. Malcolm Holder, 3. Steven Laird; Class E: 1. James McLean, 2. Ian Currie, 3. Scott Robertson.

### Top team

Top team: John Weir, Stewart MacAllister, John Cupples, Michael Harvey and Jennifer Campbell.



Jim Cooper, right, last year's winner, presents Cammy Maguire, this year's winner, with the Heidbanger Cup.

## Darts results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association results: Week six: Southend 6 Commercial 4, Fiddlers B 4 Kilbrannan C 6, Kilbrannan A 8 Kilbrannan B 2, Burnside v Fiddlers postponed, Ailsa/Bye.

Week seven: Fiddlers 8 Southend 2, Kilbrannan B 1 Burnside 9, Ailsa 1 Kilbrannan A 9, Commercial 7 Fiddlers B 3, Kilbrannan C /Bye. James Wilson had a finish of 140 for the Fiddlers.

On Monday the 301 Cup takes place in Southend.



The Santa Dashers got a flying start on Sunday.

## Santas make a dash through Campbeltown

IT WAS jingle all the way in Campbeltown last weekend as hordes of Santas dashed their way through the town at the annual Santa Dash.

In total 93 Santas, dressed in their jolly red suits, complete with hat, made their way along the Esplanade in the direction of the Paddling Pool on Kilkerran Road and further afield to Kildalloig Farm, either turning at one, three or six-mile markers.

Active Schools and Aqualibrium would like to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with marshalling, serving teas or coffees, providing generators, taking photos or handing out medals.

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