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## Kintyre campaigners celebrate ferry good news

by **MARK DAVEY**

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A KINTYRE campaign group has completed its voyage for the Ardrossan to Campbeltown ferry to become a permanent service.

The news that a three-year trial would become a fixture on Caledonian MacBrayne's timetables, set social media alight on Tuesday morning, when it was announced by Scottish Minister for Transport and the Islands Derek Mackay.

Since its inception in 2012, more than 10,000 people have sailed to Kintyre.

Campbeltown Ferry Sub Group ran a determined campaign, including an online survey with 900 comments, to persuade Mr Mackay to make the ferry service permanent at the end of its three-year trial.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara praised the campaigners and said: 'My congratulations must go to the Campbeltown Ferry Group for the way it presented its case to the government and to the whole community for the way they have supported this campaign.'

The group, devolved from the now defunct Kintyre Initiative Partnership, was chaired by Kintyre and the Islands councillor Ann Horn, who is very pleased that the service has been made permanent.

Councillor John Armour also campaigned with the sub group and said: 'I would like to pay tribute to the Scottish Government for going ahead with this service.'

'It would not have got



The last Caledonian MacBrayne ferry of the three year trial leaves Campbeltown in September.

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off the ground without the work of ex-councillor John Semple, for that I thank him and Michael Russell MSP for their support.

Mr Semple was instrumental in securing the three year trial which started in 2011.

Mr Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'I am delighted that Derek Mackay has announced such an excellent Christmas present for the people of Kintyre.'

'This was, when

launched in 2013, the first new Scottish ferry route in more than two decades and its success has led to the very welcome decision to make it permanent.'

With the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) applying on the route since last summer, numbers swelled in August and September with an £81 return for a car and £15 return for a foot passenger.

Councillor Armour added: 'This can only be

good for the economy of South Kintyre and wider Argyll and Bute.

'We must build on the excellent vehicle and passenger numbers during the last three years and look at a more suitable timetable.'

The campaign had cross-party support and Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'After all the campaigning this is welcome news. It is now more important than ever to gain maximum benefit and ensure

that the service is properly marketed and is affordable.

'The timetable requires to be rescheduled to better meet the needs of the local community and businesses.'

A spokesperson for tourism organisation Explore Campbeltown, which sent three people to the sub group, said: 'We are excited to work with the operator to help promote the service and boost visitors to the area in the coming years.'



Donald McCallum

### McCallum's superfast strike

CAMPBELTONIAN Donald McCallum's first senior goal may also be the quickest in his blossoming professional career.

Starting for Dumbar-ton in the Scottish Cup third round against Alloa on Tuesday night, he gave his side the opener after just 19 seconds.

His excellent strike from 20 yards was surprisingly not quick enough to take the record, though.

The fastest goal ever in the Scottish Cup came when Aberdeen's John Hewitt scored against Motherwell in 1982 after just nine seconds.

McCallum's team went on to win the tie with the Wasps 5 - 0, earning them a fourth round Scottish Cup home tie against Queen of the South.

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# Landslide netted before reaching A83

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BEAR Scotland's landslide patrols noted on Saturday that a significant landslide, more than 100 tonnes of debris, had been successfully caught by the debris netting installed at the Rest and Be Thankful.

BEAR took the precautionary measure to call in Jacobs Geotechnical Engineer from Glasgow to review the safety of the hillside, which checked the fence remained intact.

A further 900 tonnes was then caught in the protective fencing. A small amount of slurry covered the road and a sweeper was de-

ployed on site to clear it. The A83 at the Rest remained open but was forced to operate under traffic signals.

The debris netting has been erected over the last three years to mitigate the effects of landslides on the route.

The loose material will be removed from the fence as soon as possible.

## Cider drinking lands man in court

A MAN pleaded guilty at Campbeltown sheriff court to possessing cannabis and drinking cider in a 'designated' public place.

Malcolm McGregor, 48, of 10, Tormhor, Carradale, who appeared in

court from custody on Monday, was arrested in Shore Street, Campbeltown on Friday December 4.

**Different matter**  
Sentence was deferred until Thursday December 17 when McGregor

is due to appear in court in connection with a different matter.

Designated Public Place Orders give police discretionary powers to require a person to stop drinking and confiscate alcohol in public places.



Emily Ronald, Mary McGeachy and Marnie McCallum from CGS4Gambia collect knitted blankets and squares from Audrey Jopson of Elderberries group. 25\_c50elderberries02

## Gambia group collect knits

MEMBERS of a Campbeltown social group, who have been knitting furiously, handed blankets and squares to Campbeltown Grammar school girls from its CGS4Gambia group.

### Helped

Elderberries, including Audrey Jopson, Ailsa Scott, Thelma Buchanan,

Florrie Kendrick and Margaret Mitchell, have all helped to produce the work which will be taken to Jarrol village in Gambia next February.

Elderberries, a club for people in their 60s and older, meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Free Church Hall on George Street.

## Argyll and Bute 'in a league of its own' for losing teaching jobs

ARGYLL and Bute MSP Michael Russell is incensed at the loss of teachers in his constituency.

Scotland-wide statistics published on Wednesday show that Argyll and Bute has had, over the last year, the fourth largest drop in teacher numbers amongst the 32 Scottish local authorities.

The three authorities above are Glasgow, Edinburgh and North Lanarkshire.

Mr Russell, a former education secretary in the Scottish Government, said: 'It is clear that in absolute numbers as well as by head of population and pupil numbers, Argyll and Bute is in a league of its own in terms of doing away with teaching jobs.'

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## Shipping News from the loch

FISHING vessel Ronja Viking sheltered from storm Desmond at Campbeltown Harbour.

The boat, which is a live fish well boat, had been harvesting salmon in Loch Fyne but could not safely get close enough to the salmon traps due to high winds.

Berthed on Sunday December 6, the gross tonnage of the 57m long ship is 1,276 tons, and while it is registered in Aalesund, Norway, it frequently harvests salmon on the west coast of Scotland.

The Ronja Viking docked in Campbeltown Harbour. 04\_c50shipping01



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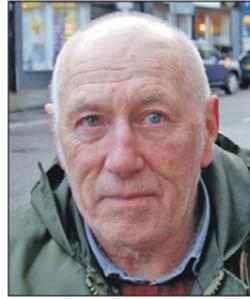
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# Proposed cuts to 'gorgeous' flowers an 'utter disgrace'

by BEN RAMAGE

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A SUGGESTED budget cut by Argyll and Bute Council, which would see Campbeltown Loch shore flowerbeds flattened in favour of grass, has riled residents.

The controversial idea is laid out in Argyll and Bute Council's Services Choices consultation paper, which is currently available for residents to let the council know through a grading scale whether they agree or disagree with proposals.

The option to remove the 'beautiful' flowers in favour of grass, as it is cheaper to upkeep, has been trodden down by many who told the Courier the flowers should stay.

And it sparked controversy at Campbeltown Community Council on Tuesday night where council member Cathy Duncan said: 'It is a pure and utter disgrace and disheartening.'

The two proposals, for the whole of Argyll and Bute, would see annu-

al bedding displays and rose and shrub beds replaced with grass areas. The saving would be a combined £103,000, with five FTEs, or full time equivalent hours posts, removed.

Speaking about the employees, who currently tend the flower beds, an Argyll and Bute council spokesperson said: 'At present we have four employees within our parks section in Campbeltown.'

'We do not have dedicated gardeners who tend to these flower beds; the maintenance of the flower beds and displays sees three of our employees carrying out different tasks at different times during the season.'

The Campbeltown Courier went out on the streets to ask about the potential cuts.

Susan Griffin, 68, from Campbeltown, said: 'I love the flowers. They are beautiful in the summer and it's perfect for

all the visitors with their kids. They are lovely and bright and we always get comments on them. They are a part of the place.'

Fellow Campbeltonian June Savage, 60, said: 'This is not a good idea at all. They are so appealing to tourists and the town needs all the help it can get in that respect. It brightens up the place, especially in the summer when they are all blooming and it puts people in a better mood, even when it is wet.'

Retired Jim Williamson, 87, from Carradale, said: 'The flowers are beautiful and I am sure the people who put them in will be afraid for their jobs. I think the people making the cuts should take a smaller salary, rather than making our towns less attractive'

Duncan Kennedy, a 63-year-old gardener from Campbeltown, said: 'We should definitely keep the flowers. They are attractive for the town. It would spoil the whole front with just grass.'

Retired Tommy Kelly, 71, from Campbeltown said: 'I agree with Duncan, the flowers brighten up the place. It would be a shame to see them go.'

Cassie MacDougall, 32, a full-time mum from Campbeltown,

said: 'All the cuts are ridiculous. For me mental health is more important if you had to choose between it and the flowers, but obviously it would be better to have both. It is gorgeous down there when they are all out.'

Kay Johnston, 45, a careers advisor from Campbeltown, said: 'They have already done that at Stewarts Green. It would be a shame because it only takes a little effort to make a big difference, especially along the front. It is a nice welcome to Campbeltown.'

Argyll First Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'I will be doing my level best to put forward sound arguments against any proposed cuts which will affect the South Kintyre area. If the flower beds are accepted as a cut we will strive to find alternative ways of funding them.'

'It is important that, from a tourism point of view, key areas are maintained such as the roundabout, Hall street, the Bus Terminus and the Linda McCartney memorial garden.'



The flower beds in full bloom. 25\_c48flowerbed01

## Beach group braced for third Dip for Dosh

THE DALINTOBER Beach Restoration Group is steeling itself for a chilly plunge in Campbeltown Loch once again.

For the third year in a row, the group will take a sponsored dip in the icy waters on New Year's Day at 12.30pm in order to raise money for the group's ongoing efforts to regenerate the beach.

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## Street light replacement under spotlight at Kilmory

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Council figures estimate that more than £400,000 per year would be saved in electricity costs. To leave things as they are, according to a report by the development and infrastructure services department, would leave the authority vulnerable to energy price rises, lead to higher maintenance costs, while doing nothing to reduce the council's carbon footprint.

The estimated cost of the lamp replacement programme is £3.9 million.

In addition, around 2,000 (15 per cent) of the council's lamp posts are in such poor condition that they will need to be replaced at a cost

of around £2.9 million.

Under council plans, a replacement programme for the columns will be financed by annual savings, used to pay interest on a 'prudential' loan amounting to £747,000, repayable over 25 years.

### Leakage

Jim Smith, head of roads and amenity, explained the benefits to the public: 'The light produced by these LED lamps is directional. In other words, there is less 'leakage' of light and, therefore, less light pollution.

'What you will also get is better colour definition, rather than everything appearing orange.'

The environment, development and infrastructure committee agreed to the business case, and the matter will now go to the policy and resources committee for financial consideration.

# Campbeltown Brass band on a winning roll

CAMPBELTOWN Brass will need a bigger trophy cabinet as their prize laden 2015 continues.

At the Scottish Festival of Brass, held in Perth Concert Hall, the successful group added two more titles to an already vintage year.

The senior band took the Scottish Challenge Trophy, while the junior band were crowned the Scottish Youth Champions. The beginners band also won a silver award in their first ever competition.

### Stunning

Competing in the preparatory section, the junior band gave a stunning performance of The March - Kilmory Castle, The James Bond Theme and 12th Street Rag to take the Broadnib Trophy and a Gold Award.

Cornet soloist Erin McLellan celebrated her 13th birthday by wowing the adjudicators and audience with a moving



Winning Campbeltown Brass members with trophies.

rendition of the popular song, The Rose.

The Senior Band took the Band Supplies Scottish Challenge Trophy despite being by far the youngest band taking part, with more than half of the 28 strong band still of school age.

Their mature perfor-

mance of the test piece, Laudate Dominum by Edward Gregson, beat off strong competition and saw them carry off the Scottish Challenge Trophy and a commemorative banner.

The beginners band made their concert debut, conducted by Ka-

trina Barr, and played music ranging from The Welcome March to Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho, gaining a creditable silver award on their first outing.

Musical director Gordon Evans MBE was a happy man at the end of a hard, but reward-

ing, championships and wished to thank all the players and their families for the support and effort put in.

Not a band to rest on their victories, they were out playing carol music at the Campbeltown Christmas Market the very next morning.

## Joint effort for Auchinlee festive fundraiser

CARE home staff came together with volunteers from a Church Friends Group to host a Christmassy coffee morning.

Held at Lorne and Lowland Church Hall, the festive stalls were manned by volunteers from the Church Friends Group, while Auchinlee staff oversaw the ovens and the coffee flasks.

The care home staff also sold gift hampers they had made

themselves, as well as a vast array of cakes.

All money from the gift stalls will be put towards a special outing for residents, which is often a much-anticipated trip for a fish supper taken down to overlook Davaar Island.

Mince pies, shortbread, coffees and teas were all sold to raise funds for the general running of the home, which has a specialised dementia care unit.



Auchinlee staff Rosemary McGrory and Christine Adie with their home-made gift hampers. 04\_c50auchinlee02



Auchinlee staff Sadie Colville, Helen Steel, Margaret Houston and Auchinlee Service manager Sharon Scott. 04\_c50auchinlee01



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# Best value audit questions public consultation

## 'The council needs to consider more effective ways to consult with the public'

ARGYLL and Bute Council has been chastised by the public spending watchdog for local government.

The Accounts Commission, which holds local councils to account and ensures public money is spent properly and efficiently, is not convinced that the council, particularly regarding the current 'Service Choices' consultation, is pursuing savings in the best possible way.

Taken from the Argyll and Bute Best Value Audit 2015, released this month, the report says:

'It is not clear how most of the 'Service Choices' options will help to deliver the council's strategic aims and priorities. The majority of the proposed savings options put to the public are based on low-level cuts to individual service budgets.

### Cuts

'109 of the 150 savings proposals are based on reducing or stopping services, or doing both. 43 represent service cuts of £20,000 or less.'

The audit also suggests that the public consultation has not made the

impact of proposed cuts clear enough to the general public, who may struggle to understand the implications of what they are deciding.

It says: 'Given the nature of many of the proposals, it is difficult to see how the public would be able to offer an informed opinion on them. Many relate to management actions that the public might consider are simply efficiency measures that should be pursued as a matter of course.'

'The council needs to consider more effective

ways to consult with the public, to more clearly inform people about the impact of the savings proposals and to better assess public opinion on new ways of delivering those council services that people value most.'

The report also questions the effectiveness of the council's overall financial strategy, in preparation for the impending funding cuts which come into effect next April.

It states: 'The council's approach to meeting future financial challenges needs to improve.'



Santa and elves from left; Charmaine Vick, 10, guide leader Ellie Young, Kaitlin Burnfield, 10, and Jennifer McCallum, 10. 25\_c50guides02

## Girl Guides grotto helps raise £1,025

SANTA found Girl Guide elves keen to help him deliver presents at a Campbeltown Christmas fayre.

The guides, aged between 10 and 14, some brownies and young

leaders raised £1,025 at the event in Kinloch Hall last Saturday to help pay for next year's summer camp and other activities.

Many adults supported the guides including

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### Ferry service has wind in its sails

ONCE again the Kintyre peninsula has a permanent summer season connection virtually to the central belt of Scotland.

The ferry service has proved its worth in bringing tourists 'across the watter' with many choosing the romance of a boat trip at the start of their holiday.

It remains to be seen if the timetable will have improved on previous years. One thing is certain there is a demand for an in and out service on a Saturday, as that is changeover day for most tourist accommodation. A full service six or seven days a week would also be popular.

The campaign has linked other organisations to Kintyre and at a meeting in Glasgow strategic transport officers from Ayrshire were keen to make the service work. This emphasised that it is not just a boost on the Kintyre side of the water.

Last summer tourists from around the world used the service and online communication can only increase those journeys.

### Flowerbed fiasco

NO sooner is the ferry back than Argyll and Bute Council proposes, as part of its 'Service Choices', to cut Campbeltown's beautiful summer flowerbeds.

So tourists coming off the ferry could be met, most probably, by unkempt grass. Compare that to even the smallest French village where public floral decoration is one of the delights of a visit, with geraniums just about everywhere.

At the community council it was suggested wind farm or lottery money could pay to keep the town beautiful with older folk doing the work for nothing.

Why should the council not run a park's department? One 60-year-old in Campbeltown has worked on the Wee Toon's public gardens for 37 years. Surely that experience is worth more than being put on the scrap heap.

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### Flight fury after cancelled Loganair service

Sir,  
My sister sent me the front page Campbeltown Courier from November 13. I had an unpleasant experience with Loganair on the same day, November 4, as the grandmother you wrote about.

I had been to Torrisdale to stay with family and was booked on the afternoon plane from Machrihanish at 5.30pm. I had a connecting flight to Gatwick booked for 7.55pm and thought there would be plenty of time.

I got to Machrihanish Airport a bit early at 4pm for the 5.30pm flight only to be told there was a delay with the plane and it might not arrive until 7pm and leave 7.30pm. That would have been too late for my connection.

While I thought out my options including flying to Glasgow the next day some more passengers arrived for the 5.30pm and then we were told: 'Sorry the flight has been cancelled.'

The reason given was that the Campbeltown plane was the only one which could land on the beach at Barra so that was where it was going.

A taxi took six of us to Glasgow airport at 5.15pm. We were told it would take 2.5 hours to get there, we arrived at 7.55pm. My connection was probably the only flight that left on time so I missed it.

My partner booked a room for me and a new flight, the next morning from Glasgow to Gatwick, and this cost £137 in total.

Because Loganair got us to

the airport within three hours of our original flight landing I am not entitled to any refund or compensation.

I have written to Loganair and have had an acknowledgement but no decision yet.

What annoys us is that they must have known well before 4pm that there was going to be a problem and should have informed us accordingly. Possibly I could have found an alternative way of reaching Glasgow in time.

I am very disappointed in Loganair. If my onward flight had been booked with Flybe, it would have sorted it all for me but because it was Easyjet it did not want to know.

I do not expect the company realises the complications it causes by cancelling flights.

There was another lady who had a connecting flight but she was going to Birmingham with Flybe and I think she just got her flight.

**Name and address supplied.**

### Benefits of piping in core musical curriculum

Sir,  
The enormous benefits of incorporating piping and highland drumming into school core musical curriculum is becoming increasingly recognised by the more progressive local education authorities and parent teacher councils, as well as head teachers and school pupils themselves.

The Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust, a registered charity, has been set up to champion this devel-

opment. On Sunday March 13, 2016 the fourth annual Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships is being held at Broughton High School in Edinburgh. Entrance is free and travel assistance is available for schools more than 100 miles from Edinburgh. There is no formal dress code for players as the emphasis is on maintaining a relaxed atmosphere where all participants, regardless of experience, are made welcome and enjoy themselves. It is also a great occasion for pupils to meet like-minded enthusiasts from all over Scotland.

There are eight categories for players in the championships and these are explained in detail on our website at [www.thechampionships.org.uk](http://www.thechampionships.org.uk). Please encourage your school to participate either on its own or perhaps teaming up with other schools in the same area in order to create a quartet or a band.

**David Johnston,**  
Convener,  
Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust,  
22 Young Street,  
Edinburgh

### Freedom from future Tory governments

Sir,  
Alan Reid finds it unbelievable that 'some people' still regard independence as a good idea. (Letters December 4).

Just what population percentage has he in mind?

The SNP almost caused a political wipe out in Scotland last May, securing 56 out of 59 seats for candidates pledged to independence.

His party secured one seat and their winning candidate brought disgrace on himself in the process.

'Some people' have managed to sway the recent opinion polls that a majority of the populace are now in favour of independence.

With all due respect, Alan, you just don't get it. The facts, 'the irrefragable facts,' seem to be beyond your comprehension.

'Some people', and I include myself, are motivated, not by the price of a barrel of oil, but by a deep love of our country, and a passionate patriotism that has instilled into us the slogan that: 'The dream shall never die.'

The economic argument has a very important role in the matter of taking the step toward independence, and in this we have the opinion of highly regarded economists on our side of the debate, just as 'project fear' mustered others for their cause.

In the end, I will accept the reasoning that an independent Scotland has the resources and skills to be a nation capable of delivering a decent standard of living for its people, despite the tumbling oil revenue.

It will possibly recover and provide a bonus, though the greatest achievement we would gain would be freedom from future Tory governments.

**Norrie Paton,**  
Kilkerran Park,  
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Ready to deliver some festive cheer are, from left, Drew Cunningham, 11, Kyle Paterson, 11, Scott Graham, 10, Tosh McClelland, 7, Ross Gorman, 9 and Ben Cunningham, 7. 25\_c50brigade01

## Boys Brigade mince pie morning

CAMPBELTOWN 1st Boys Brigade members appeared at tables like waiters in a high class hotel during their mince pie coffee morning.

No sooner was a pie eaten than a boy was asking if he could remove the foil at the fundraiser last Saturday, which made £377. Lorna Cook ran the guess-the-

weight-of-a-Christmas-cake made by Mairi Martin, while other adults volunteered in the kitchen to make certain all orders went out on time.

## Argyll recycling services implore council not to remove contracts

THREE community recycling enterprises have come together to ask Argyll and Bute Council to rethink its waste collection proposal.

Fyne Futures, Kintyre Recycling and Rejig are determined to become part of Argyll and Bute Council's recycling plans, rather than be bypassed, should the council take recycling in-house.

Last month, the cour-

ier reported on how the proposal for the council to remove contract arrangements with community organisations for recycling, set out in the 'Service Choices' consultation, could have a detrimental effect on Kintyre Recycling.

Collectively the three community-based social enterprises employ 51 people and generate a turnover of more than £920,000 for the

local economy. They believe they can work with the council to help them achieve their recycling goals.

### Committed

A spokesman from the group said: 'We are committed to working collaboratively with Argyll and Bute Council to achieve innovative solutions that assist in delivering their waste management services and longer term strategy.'

'The current waste management strategy, due for review in 2016, provides an opportunity to focus on retaining as much value locally from waste, ensuring maximum benefits for communities across the area.'

'This can also in turn help deliver the council's wider priorities of boosting the economy, retaining local jobs and redressing population decline.'

## Possible space port attracts letting agency buyer

A FIRM which has bought the entire residential property stock of a Campbeltown letting agency is renovating every flat.

Longrow Lettings owned by Farnborough-based Mark Lloyd and Jackie Reeves, is

steadily renovating all the properties purchased from former owners Campbeltown Lettings.

The work and letting is being overseen by manager Neil Brown, from the firm's office on Longrow.

Mr Lloyd said: 'When

I heard about the possible space port I thought Campbeltown would be a good place to invest.'

'We have bought all 38 properties and Neil was already on board so we have kept him on.'

### Refurbished

'Many of the flats had little done to them for years. We have refurbished two in Shore Street, one in Mafeking Place and have just started on nine flats within 53 Longrow.'

'We are gutting them completely, putting in new bathrooms and kitchens and new, more efficient, electric heating.'

'When letting we do not have a problem with social housing tenants unlike some private landlords.'

'In any walk of life you might come across rogue tenants.'

The firm has so far used a number of local contractors, including Glenside Building Maintenance, Jimmy Dunn Plumbing, A and J Painting and Decorating, Docherty painting and Decorating and CMC Ship Changers.

Mr Lloyd said: 'We want to provide decent accommodation which is better than what was there before.'



Longrow Lettings office. 25\_c50letting01

# Jobs boost at Kintyre Way

KINTYRE Way administrators are walking tall after being awarded nearly £100,000 from the Coastal Communities Fund.

The funding boost will allow the charity, which manages Kintyre's 100 mile long distance footpath, to extend the previous apprenticeship scheme and it has already advertised for a new countryside trainee.

### Full time posts

Previous apprentices have gone on to full time posts in the organisation. Aidan Keogh is now the maintenance manager and Sharon Baikie is a project officer.

The money will help

open up the route for horse riders and provide multiple shelters and picnic areas on every section from Tarbert to the finish in Campbeltown.

There are plans to open spurs to Penninver and Bellochinty.

Maintenance manager Aidan Keogh and his team at Hazelburn will make picnic benches, additional seating and walkers' shelters using locally-sourced renewable timber.

Kintyre Way chairman Marcus Adams said: 'We are delighted to have secured funding for the new 'Views of Kintyre' project.'

'The Kintyre Way is

a key economic driver and this project will allow us to build on the good work already completed.

'Vehicular and horse access will be upgraded so that riders, the elderly, disabled and young can enjoy the viewpoints too.'

### Promote

'A marketing campaign will promote Kintyre through the way, using the viewpoints to promote the area.'

'Further co-ordinated marketing in conjunction with the other long distance routes in Argyll will establish Kintyre and Argyll as a 'must do' for walkers of all abilities.'

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# Bond parachutes on to Campbeltown's silver screen

THIS weekend sees a star-studded line up adorn Victoria Hall's big screen.

On Saturday and Sunday an epic array of movies will be shown, including the return of James Bond in Spectre, the magical adventure Pan, Shakespeare adaptation Macbeth, hilarious comedy The Lady in the Van, period drama Brooklyn and Stephen Spielberg's Cold War thriller, Bridge of Spies.

The Royal Hotel will be in the hall, selling all the usual cinema favourites including popcorn, sweets and ice-cream.

Unbelievable explosions, nail-biting action packed chases, gadgets galore, a classic psycho-villain, beautiful women, and a brand new Aston Martin can only mean that 007 is back.

Spectre is as good as Bond gets, a glorious international thriller, with

Daniel Craig, Ralph Fiennes and Naomie Harris back alongside Christoph Waltz, Monica Bellucci and Lea Seydoux.

A treat for all ages, live action prequel Pan tells the story of what happened long before Peter visited the Darlings' house in London, and how he became the legendary boy who never grew up.

The latest adaptation of Shakespeare's famous Macbeth sees Michael Fassbender as the increasingly unhinged, murderous king and Marion Cotillard as his scheming, devious wife.

With unforgettable performances - Fassbender particularly terrific as Macbeth driven slowly mad by guilt - this has been celebrated as one of the best screen adaptations of Shakespeare and has been tipped for Oscar success.

Maggie Smith and



Daniel Craig returns as Britain's favourite spy 007.

Alex Jennings star in the hilarious and heart warming The Lady In The Van, a big screen adaptation of writer Alan Bennett's iconic and celebrated memoir, directed by long-standing Bennett collaborator Nicholas Hytner.

Unashamedly romantic with a beautiful old-fashioned elegance, Brooklyn is the coming-of-age tale of Eilis Lacey - Saoirse Ronan - a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn Named after the bridge

in Berlin where prisoners were exchanged, Bridge Of Spies takes the audience to the heart of the Cold War, when the end of the world was a genuine possibility.

Directed by Stephen Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks, this is the true story of James Donovan, an American lawyer who found himself thrust into the Cold War when the CIA sends him on the near-impossible task to negotiate the release of a US pilot, shot down and captured by the Russians.

Screen times: Saturday December 12: Pan (PG) 12.30pm - Macbeth (15) 3pm - The Lady in the Van (12A) 5.30pm - Spectre (12A) 8pm.

Sunday December 13: Spectre (12A) 12pm - Brooklyn (12A) 3pm - Bridge of Spies (12A) 5.30pm.

Adults: £6.50 Concessions: £5.00 Family of 4: £20.00. Book by card in advance online (50p per ticket booking fee online), or cash on the door.

# Upbeats tune up with One Voice for Christmas concert

A CHOIR which grew from an adult education class will lift the roof at a Campbeltown hall.

'Upbeats,' led and inspired by music teacher Paula McLean, will join another of her choirs, One Voice, for a Christmas concert in Kirk Street Hall at 2pm on Sunday December 20.

Upbeats was originally part of an adult education programme, funded by Argyll and Bute Council, offering 'taster sessions in two six-week packages'.

These were open to male and female participants with the following criteria: No experience of singing in a choir, no need to be able to read music and a love of singing with enthusiasm.

The ladies said that it was good that they could try the taster ses-

sions, without commitment. A year later and with a change of name from Singing Sensations to Upbeats, the choir has gone from strength to strength with new members joining.

To begin with it was just words and no musical support.

They participated in last year's successful Christmas lights switch-on. They had further success, in the spring of this year, when they performed in a concert singing hits such as 'Nine to Five' by Dolly Parton.

On Sunday the two choirs will sing a mixture of festive songs and, with more than 30 ladies' voices, the sound should be amazing.

Tickets are £5 on the door and children go free with funds raised going to charity.



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Final chorus line from the show. 25\_c50aladdin16

# Aladdin pantomime uncorks some Christmas spirit

AN all star cast rubbed an old lamp to produce a polished production as Aladdin lit up Campbeltown.

For the first time in many years, a pantomime returned to Campbeltown Grammar's school stage with far too many great performances to single out individuals.

There were also some clever re-workings of a number of classic pop hits in both chorus lines and as solo numbers.

The show titled 'Aladdin - Adventures in the West!' saw pupils performing a Suzan Holder traditional pantomime favourite.

The full cast list is as follows:

Charles Turner, Aladdin; Erin Ferguson, Jasmine; Linsey Cairns, Genie; Kyle Barrie, Abanazar; Ciaran Norris, Widow Twanky; Niall Gemmill, Wishee Washee; Beth Ronald, Soapy Sophie; Rachel Adie, Jennie; Bethany Kelly, Sheherazade; Heather Spree, Shish; Caitlin MacPherson, Donner; Stuart O'May, Sultan; Anna Skrupska, Sultana; Eilidh Anderson, PC Kung-Fu; Kirsten McLean, Officer Tai Chi and Emma Bannatyne and James Arbuckle, guards.

Dancers and chorus: Hannah McPhee, Beckie Shields, Alex Wotherspoon, Alison Armour, Rhona Lee Hope Strang, Jessica Lang, Jade Graham, Shannyn Charliwood, Nicola Wareham, Gemma Wilkes, Lucy Kerr, Rebecca Semple.

Sound/light/backstage crew: Arran McAllister, Connor Chinn, Jamie Field, Andrew Millar, Jordon McKen-

zie, Liam Graham, Raymond Gosling, Jamie McKerral, Owen Pickering, Caitlin Cameron, Annabelle Allison and James Baird.

Band: Emily Ronald, keyboard/synth and Charlotte Semple, percussion.

Production team: Rachel Henry, musical director; Janice McGregor, assistant director, re-writer and prompt; Meri Wrightson, assistant director and wardrobe; Hazel Scally, wardrobe; James Murdoch, technical director; Gordon Cosgrove, lighting and design; Greig Walker, stage manager and design, Hannah Young and Kathryn MacBrayne, choreographers and Nicola McFadyen, prop design and creation.

Sponsors: T and W Scaffolding for additional staging; Campbeltown British Red Cross Shop, Hall Street for costumes; and Argyll FM and Explore Campbeltown for publicity.



Members of the cast in a scene from the palace. 25\_c50aladdin24



Charles Turner (Aladdin), Kyle Barrie (Abanazar) and Erin Ferguson (Jasmine). 25\_c50aladdin22



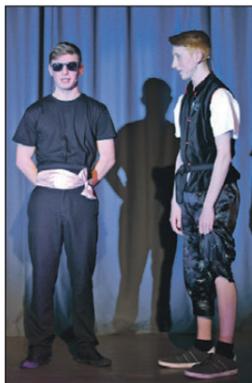
Ciaran Norris (Widow Twanky) hands the lamp to Kyle Barrie (Abanazar). 25\_c50aladdin14



Bethany Kelly, who played Sheherazade. 25\_c50aladdin19



Kyle Barrie (Abanazar), Heather Spree (Shish) and Caitlin MacPherson (Donner). 25\_c50aladdin10



James Arbuckle (guard) with Charles Turner (Aladdin). 25\_c50aladdin05



Erin Ferguson (Jasmine) with Charles Turner (Aladdin). 25\_c50aladdin08

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### Sunday 13 December

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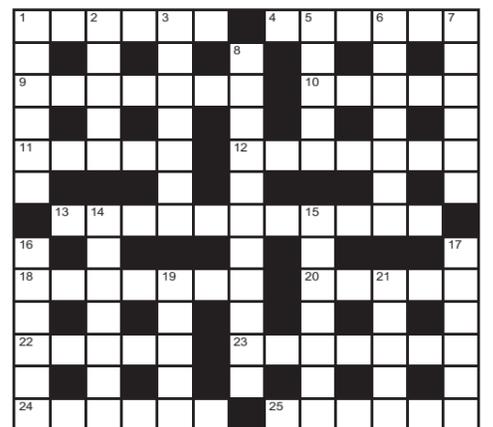


Heather Spree (Shish), Kirsten McLean (Officer Tai Chi), Niall Gemmill (Wishee Washee), Ciaran Norris (Widow Twanky), Eilidh Anderson (PC Kung Fu), Caitlin MacPherson (Donner) and Beth Ronald (Soapy Sophie). 25\_c50aladdin20



Kyle Barrie (Abanazar), Linsey Cairns (Genie), Rachel Adie (Jennie), Charles Turner (Aladdin), Erin Ferguson (Jasmine), Stuart O'May (the Sultan), and Anna Skrupska (Sultana). 25\_c50aladdin21

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- 11 Feudal lord (5)
- 12 Small goods carrier (7)
- 13 Has great ideas (11)
- 18 Bird speak online! (7)
- 20 Coffee type (5)
- 22 Address for anonymous delivery (2,3)
- 23 Lie (7)
- 24 Let it sink in (6)
- 25 Used in the manufacture of chalk (6)

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- 2 Arouse interest (5)
- 3 Great person (4,3)
- 5 Famous (5)
- 6 City in Israel (3,4)
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- 16 Lacking in common sense (6)
- 17 Tribal leader (6)
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- 21 Friends (5)

## Last week's solution



BELLOCHANTUY

Folk musicians tune up for Hogmanay

AS the Argyll Arms folk night approaches its first anniversary the three leading musicians are preparing for a special Hogmanay evening.

Fiddlers Peter Grubb, 47, and Graham Sharkie, 56, say that mando-

lin player Frank McNaughton, in his ninth decade, is the mainstay of the group.

Their regular meetings are on the first Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome.



From left: Peter Grubb, Frank McNaughton and Graham Sharkie. 25\_c50bellochautuy01

CLACHAN

Primary school merits fifth green flag

CLACHAN primary was recently awarded its fifth Green Flag, an Eco-Schools award which focuses on sustainability.

Green Flags are awarded every two years, which means the school has held Green Flag status for an impressive 10 years.



Clachan pupils celebrate retaining their Green Flag status. 25\_c50glenbarr02



Andrew Hemming and Santa's steam train. 25\_c50glenbarr02

Christmas of yesteryear at Glenbarr Abbey

THERE was something for everyone at the first weekend of Glenbarr Abbey's Christmas open days.

Santa made his way from the Girl Guides Christmas Fayre in Campbeltown and many Kintyre children were added to his present list.

The fire blazed in the

hall and all around it were reminders of the festive season. In the dining room many marvelled at the late fifth laird's model railway complete with its Christmas special train.

Folk music partnership, fiddlers Peter Grubb and Graham Sharkie and Frank McNaughton on the Mandolin provided some seasonal background music.

Many of the more than 200, who made the journey from across Argyll and Bute, found the never ending cakes in the tearoom irresistible.

The volunteers will join the Abbey's owner Jeanne Macalister, for a re-run next Sunday from 12.30pm.



Glenbarr Abbey trustee Jeanne Macalister welcomed guests in the hall. 25\_c50glenbarr03

GLENBARR



Six-month-old Amara Mullen is fascinated by Santa at Glenbarr. 25\_c50glenbarr01

SOUTHEND

Dunaverty hall buys back-up power

RESILIENCE planners have tapped into a hydro electric fund to buy a back-up generator for Dunaverty Hall.

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Kenny Robison judging at the winter show.

## A and J Pirie take overall champion in Kintyre Winter Show

A LARGE crowd saw John Pirie, Machrihanish win the County Garage Cup for overall champion at the Kintyre Agricultural Society's Winter Show.

The event, sponsored by KW Feeds, at Craigs Farm last Saturday by kind permission of Peter McKerral and Company, saw 22 calves, 23 cows and heifers and 10 horses compete.

A spokesman said: 'The society is very grateful to everyone who contributed to making the show such a success and the tremendous turnout. The McKerrals provided an excellent shed which was perfect for showing on a wet and windy day.'

The judges were Kenny Robison in the dairy section and Jenny Davis in the horse section and their awards were as follows.

Dairy section: Ayrshire calf exhibited by a primary school pupil: 1 Alison Wylie, Machrihanish, 2 Mae Barr, Clochkiel and 3 Jack Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Handler: 1 Alison Wylie, 2 Mae Barr and 3 Cameron Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Ayrshire calf exhibited by a secondary pupil: 1 Blair McCallum, Clochkiel and 2 Robin Barr, Clochkiel. Handler: 1 Blair McCallum, Clochkiel and 2 Robin Barr, Clochkiel. Best Ayrshire calf: Blair McCallum. Holstein Calf exhibited by primary pupil: 1 Jane Scott, Killegruer, 2 Erin Ralston, Dhurrie and 3 Taylor Purser,

Drumalea. Handler: 1 Erin Ralston, 2 Jane Scott and 3 Aiden McGeachy, Drumalea.

Holstein calf exhibited by secondary pupil: 1 Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan, 2 Toby Welch, Machrihanish and 3 Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan. Handler: 1 Kathryn Semple, Kilkeddan, 2 Jenny Semple, Kilkeddan and 3 Toby Welch, Machrihanish. Best Holstein calf: Kathryn Semple. Best Holstein Calf and handler combined: Kathryn Semple. Overall Champion calf: Blair McCallum. Holstein heifer in milk: 1 Peter Littleton, Killegruer, 2 John Ralston, Kilkivan and 3 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish.

Ayrshire heifer in milk: 1 J and M Barr, Clochkiel, 2 William Ralston, East Drumlemble and 3 William Ralston, East Drumlemble. Ayrshire cow in milk: 1 J and M Barr, 2 J and M

Barr and 3 Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh. Holstein cow in milk: 1 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish, 2 A and J Pirie, Machrihanish and 3 Peter Littleton, Killegruer.

Horse section: Colt or filly foal (Clydesdale) 1 David and Callum MacPhail.

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Trophy Winners: County Garage Cup for overall champion in the dairy section: A and J Pirie, Machri-



Show judge Kenny Robison presents John Pirie with the County Garage Cup for overall dairy champion. 25\_c50show04



Overall pony champion 'Binky' with Sara McDougall from Dalivaddy Farm. 25\_c50show01



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Corrina Charlwood first got her taste for business while working with her father at his haulage company after leaving school. Wanting to continue in his footsteps, she later set up her own cleaning business which she ran for 10 years.

Corrina bought The Flower Shop on Lochnell Street earlier this year and with support from Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is now looking to expand the services on offer, including wedding planning.

Corrina said: 'I caught the business bug from my dad and I enjoyed

running my own cleaning company. But I felt it was time for a change and that is when I saw the advertisement saying The Flower Shop was on the market.

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'I was drawn to it as it was something different and I felt I could bring my own ideas to update a business that had been running for 12 years.'

The response to Corrina's changes have been so positive she is now offering personalised cards and candles to order and is looking to expand into wedding and party planning and providing a hire service for vases and event decorating which will allow her to expand on her existing flower range.

Corrina also picked up first prize at a local competition for her hand-



Entrepreneur Corrina Charlwood.

-tied bouquets, corsages and buttonholes. With Christmas approaching, Corrina will be stocking wreaths, table arrangements, Christmas plants, homemade crackers and lots of other festive goodies.

She added: 'I am really excited about our plans and this new venture was exactly what I was

looking for. I am extremely motivated and enthusiastic about adding something different to The Flower Shop and hopefully by the end of this year we will have many things in place.'

'We are still offering the very best in fresh flowers and bouquets and this will continue to be the shop's main fo-

cus. Business Gateway has been great, not just when I decided to take on The Flower Shop but also when I first set up my cleaning company. The support and advice on offer is useful even if you have business experience.'

Donald Melville, business adviser, Business Gateway said: 'Corrina

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## Business sense to prepare for winter

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## Increase profitability with free Business Gateway workshop

ARGYLL and Bute Council's Business Gateway workshops continue next month with a profit-enhancing offering.

The 'Pricing for Profit' workshop, running in Inveraray on January 27, is aimed at those already trading and looking to increase the profitability of their business.

It will help business people understand the different pricing

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The workshop will be delivered for Business Gateway by Alastair Kennedy of Lornal Ltd. Alastair has over 30 years' business experience, both in domestic and export markets, working for a number of international businesses.

He founded and ran his

own food production business before starting Lornal Ltd, a specialist business consultancy, five years ago.

Anyone thinking about starting their own business should join the 'Business Start-up' workshop in Lochgilphead on January 13 and 14 to help develop their ideas into a practical and effective plan.

The 'Practical Basic Book-keeping' workshop will

run in Lochgilphead on January 28. Those new to business and with little or no formal training in book-keeping will benefit from this workshop, which provides the starting point for good record keeping and understanding financial information.

Proving popular this winter, anyone looking to attend one of the free workshops in January is encouraged to

book now to ensure they get a place. To book or to find out more about the full range of workshops, contact the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555 or email [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk).

The workshop programme is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the European Structural Funds 2014-20 Programme.

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/02833/PP	Demolition of existing farm building and erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	(Plot 2) Culfuair Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
15/02834/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	(Plot 1) Culfuair Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll and Bute PA29 6XF	Sub Post Office Tayinloan
15/03191/PP	Variation of condition 29 of planning permission reference 11/02520/PP - to remove wording "This should include appropriate measures to mitigate against Black Grouse colliding with handrails and lower tower sections."	Land at A'Chruach Kilmelford Forest West of Minard Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03221/PP	Replacement of first floor amenity deck. Reduce size of amenity deck and create external space on ground floor to separate 10 and 12 Longrow and installation of replacement rooflight above 20 Longrow	10 Longrow South Campbeltown Argyll and Bute PA28 6AH	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/03255/LIB	Installation of replacement window	1 Paterson Street Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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

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**Councillor John Armour (E.W.1 South Kintyre)**

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



WE had great fun at Messy Church last week as we enjoyed food, fun and friendship together.

We made stable scenes, tree decorations, Christmas crafts for gifts and Christingles.

But one of the things we enjoyed doing most was preparing the 'Advent Door'.

We thought about things that remind us of Christmas.

Tinsel and tat, glitter and glitz, baubles and balloons all featured in things that appear at Christmas time.

So we decorated one side of the door with all these bits and pieces and it looked very 'Christmassy'.

It was appropriate and fun, but there was something missing.

At the end of our fun and craft time, we prepared the side room of Tayinloan Hall for worship.

We had images of the Nativity while children and adults gathered together as a Messy Church family.

However to get to the Nativity, we all had to walk quietly through the 'Advent Door'.

We left behind the noise and the trappings of the secular world to come to the crib.

We came from the bargains to the baby, from the glitter to the glory, from the clutter to the cradle.

The children sang about a baby in the manger as we all gathered to hear once again, the greatest story ever told.

Sometimes we need to step through the 'Advent Door' to come to the manger.

It is certainly lovely to enjoy all the celebrations and the decorations that brighten up the gloomy winter days, and I am sure God loves us to have fun together.

However it is good just to take time to 'walk through the door' of commercialism and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

It is good to pause and sing with the angels, shout with joy with the shepherds and wonder with the wise men.

What is beyond the door will enchant us.

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

December 14 1990

Antares: a legend with a legacy

THE recovery of the sunken Carradale trawler, 'Antares', and three crew and a procedural agreement of a submarine safety code for fishermen in the Firth of Clyde were concluded at the weekend. A Royal Navy helicopter is still searching for the fourth crew member.

The new code of operation starts next Monday and the speed and measure of the MoD concessions on submarine movements, which has so far been a closed subject, has made the 'Antares' a legend in maritime law in just over two weeks.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 9 1965

Carradale man dies in pier mishap

CARRADALE'S 72-year-

old piermaster, contractor and 'man of many parts' - Mr David Oman - died in a tragic accident last Wednesday, when a tractor and scoop he was driving toppled into Carradale Harbour.

Mr Oman of Carradale Pier was, with his 16-year-old son Kenneth, clearing up rubbish from the pier, a routine operation which he had carried out many times.

He was reversing the tractor when it suddenly shot back and plunged into nine feet of water.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

December 11 1915

Peace Talk

THE aspect of Britons generally towards the coming Peace Debate in the Reichstag is one of profound curiosity, quite unmixed with any thought or desire that anything which the German Chancellor may have to say can have the least effect upon the real ultimate issue of the war.

It has been the firm resolve of our great Allies and ourselves from the very commencement of the war that, when at last peace does come, its terms will be a matter in which Germany will have little concern other than to take what she is given.

Edwardian photograph  
GLENBARR Abbey trustees

want to know if anyone recognises the three people in a historic photograph which hangs in their hall.

It was taken by the last Lochhead distillery manager Alexander Smart Miller in Edwardian times, probably just before the First World War.



Three unidentified women outside the now demolished Gate Lodge at Glenbarr Abbey.



## 'Good luck' to janitor

AFTER 22 years' service as janitor of Dalintober Primary School and Early Learning Child Care, Robert McCallum has moved on to

**Card designers  
Jordan Todd and  
Campbell McCrae  
with Robert McCallum.**

playgrounds new.

He was handed a 'good luck' leaving card designed by P7 pupils Jordan Todd and Campbell McCrae.

A valuable member of the Dalintober team and community, he will be sorely missed by all at the school.

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

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

**BIRTHS**



**DEMPSEY - DURBAN**

Paul and Rona are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Clodagh Ann, on November 21, 2015. First grandchild for George and Jean, and sixth grandchild for John and Phyllis, Limerick.



**GOODWIN - MILTON**

Richard and Sophia are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Emily Rose Goodwin, born December 3, 2015. Welcomed with lots of love by her happy grandparents, Lesley and John, and Susan and Andy.

**ENGAGEMENTS**



**PATERSON - BRODIE**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, in Amsterdam, of Joanne, eldest daughter of Lachie and Jean, to James-Lee, younger son of Neil and Lisa.

**DEATHS**

**MUIR** - Sadly, on December 5, 2015, after a short illness, at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, with her family, Christina Murdoch Muir (Chrissie), aged 80, dear wife to Gilbert, a loving mother, granny and great granny.

**SLINGER** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on December 7, 2015, Robert (Bob) Slinger, aged 81 years, of The Croft, Achahoish, by Lochgilphead, beloved husband of the late Joan. A dear brother-in-law of Petrona, Graham, Alan and Molly. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A well respected engineer and tradesman. Funeral service will be held at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead.

**WOOLF** - On November 30, 2015, suddenly, at Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, Jimmy Woolf (100 My Friend), aged 77 years, beloved husband of Caroline, much loved father of Magnus, Marcus, Marion and Verity, dear stepfather of Michaela and Chris and dearly loved grandfather of Ruby. A memorial service will take place at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Saturday, December 12 at 12.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Donations if desired for RNLI.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**GILLIES** - The family of the late Coll Gillies, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to John Davidson and all staff at Argyll Homecare, doctors and nursing staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for an uplifting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for excellent professional services, Stag hotel and staff for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The donations for Ardfean raised £152.

**MACDONALD** - The family of the late Dr Neil Macdonald would like to thank everyone for their great support and the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to ambulance personnel and Dr Rebecca Helliwell and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital for their kind attention, to Rev Ian Miller for a warm comforting service at Cardross Crematorium and Rev Chris Fulcher for a lovely service at Tarbert Parish Church, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional handling of all the arrangements, to David Paterson for his eulogy, to Joy Dunlop and Ceann An Tuirc Argyll Male Gaelic Choir who sang so beautifully, to Neil Houston for his rendering of IF, by Rudyard Kipling, to the Tarbert Hotel for the warm hospitality provided by the owners and staff, and finally for donations for Tarbert Nursing Aid and Tarbert Senior Citizen's Annual Dinner Fund, which raised the great sum of £1,520.

**SINCLAIR** - The family of the late Pat Sinclair would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours, for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Tarbert Medical Practice for their kind attention, Matthew Ramsay for a very fitting and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for most professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Tarbert Parish Church raised £420.30.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**BROWN** - In loving memory of James, a dearly loved son and brother, who died December 13, 2009. The years pass by, but memories stay, Loved and remembered every day. - With love, families at home and away.

**BURNETT** - Precious and loving memories of our dear mum and mum-in-law, Margaret, who sadly passed away December 9, 2013. Loved and thought of every day. - Love, Annamarie, Allan, John and Linda xxxx.

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

**COFFIELD** - Precious memories of my darling husband, Ian, who sadly passed away December 13, 2014. Sorely missed every single day. - Your devoted wife, Vivian xxx. "Till we meet again my love".

**COFFIELD** - In loving memory of a dear dad and granda, Ian. Remembered with love and missed every day. - Leighanne, Zaa and Ariana xxx.

**COFFIELD** - In loving memory of my dearest dad and granda, Ian. In our thoughts every day. - Love you, Nicola, Aaron, Grant & Sophie xxxx.

**COFFIELD** - In loving memory of a much loved dad and granda Ian, who died December 13, 2014. Everyday in some small way, Memories of you come our way, Though absent, you are always near, Still missed, loved and always dear. - Steven, Amanda and your wee Brooke. xxx.

**FLETCHER** - In loving memory of Archie, our dear dad and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003, and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother, who died November 5, 1977. Loved and remembered always. - Inserted by son Gill, Teresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

**GILLESPIE** - In loving memory of June, who died December 13, 2014. Forever remembered, sadly missed. - Stuart, Stuart and Lyle.

**GILLESPIE** - June (née Hogarth), passed away December 13, 2014. Remembered today and everyday. - Dad and sister, Anne.

**GILLESPIE** - Treasured memories of my daughter-in-law, June, died December 13, 2014. No words, no verse, could ever say, How much I miss you everyday. - Babs.

**GILLESPIE** - June, loved and remembered every day. - Barbara.

**GILLESPIE** - June, loved and sadly missed. - Nola and Steven.

**GILLESPIE** - In loving memory of June, who passed away on December 13, 2014. Forever in our thoughts. - Tom, Jackie and Stephen.

**JACKSON** - In loving memory of Alex, a beloved husband and adored dad, who slipped away December 12, 2013. 'Tho we're apart, you're part of us still. - In our hearts always, Marleen, Iain, Mhairi, Sandi and families xxx.

**MACCALLUM** - In loving memory of Tommy, a dear husband, dad and father-in-law, died December 11, 2002. The years pass by, but memories stay Loved and remembered every day. - Mary, Janette and David.

**MCCAIG** - In loving memory of my brother, Neil, died December 11, 2014. Forever remembered. - Willie.

**MCCAIG** - In loving memory of our father, Neil, died December 11, 2014. Forever in our hearts. - June and family.

**YOUNG** - Treasured memories of Norman, passed away December 11, 2002. Dearly loved, sadly missed. - Margaret and Yvonne xx.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 13th December  
Christingle  
Glassary 11.45 am  
Rev C Acklam - All welcome  
SC0 02121

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
SUNDAY  
13th December 2015  
11:00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
SPEAKER: Graham McLean  
'The increase of His government'  
THURSDAY 17th December 2015  
10.00 am  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
All Welcome

**Lochgilphead Baptist Church**  
All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
Sunday 13th December 2015  
Morning Worship 11am  
Tuesday  
mainly music at 10.15am  
Friday  
Jumpstart From 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
Sunday 13 December  
Tayvallich Church 10 am  
Christingle Service  
Rev. C. Acklam  
Monday 14 December  
Prayer meeting 10 am  
Tayvallich Church  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926  
www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
Sunday 13th December 2015  
Skipness Service 10.00am  
Mr John Morrison  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Kilberry Service 2pm  
Mr James MacLellan  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
Everyone very welcome  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
Skipness SC004280

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
Sunday 13th December 2015  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister:  
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am  
Glenaray and Inveraray  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig  
Gaelic Carols and Readings in Lochgair Church at 3 pm  
All Welcome  
Note: Induction of Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell, Cumlodden Church, Saturday 12th December, 2 pm  
Social in Inveraray Church Hall, 3.30 pm

**Scottish Episcopal Churches Everyone Welcome**  
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)  
Sundays 11.00 am  
Eucharist service  
Coffee & Cake follows the service  
St Columba's, Poltalloch, nr Kilmartin (SC031391)  
1st Sunday of the month  
9.00am Eucharist Service  
3rd Sunday of the month  
3.30pm Evensong  
Scottish Prayer Book  
All Saints, Inveraray (SC025646)  
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**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
Sunday 13th December  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Holy Communion 10.45am  
Details of services are on the church door.  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

**free church of scotland**  
George Street, Campbeltown  
Sunday 13th December  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Finlay Mackenzie  
Wednesday 16th December  
12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer  
2.00pm Water of Life Café  
All Welcome  
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk  
Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

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

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
"It is good to sing praises to our God"  
Sunday 13th December  
Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
Sunday 13th December 2015  
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome  
Every Tuesday  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers  
Every Wednesday  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe  
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk  
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

**Highland Parish Church**  
SC002493  
Sunday 13th December 2015  
The service will be held in the Church at 11.15am and will be conducted by Rev W. Crossan.  
Badminton Club  
Badminton Club will resume after Christmas on Tuesday 5th January.  
Primary 1-5: 6.30 - 7.30pm  
Primary 6-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
Sunday 13th December  
Service 11.15am  
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation  
Rev P Wallace  
Thursday 17th December  
Choir 7.30pm

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Campbeltown Corps  
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01586 552046  
Sunday Services  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Army Kidz  
6.30pm Evening Worship  
Tuesday  
Lunch Club - 12.15pm  
Home League - 1.30pm  
Wednesday  
Make and Munch Mob - 7.00pm  
Thursday  
7.30pm Bible Study  
All welcome

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**  
75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
Sunday 13 December 2015  
11.00am  
Family Communion Service  
Unexpected Journeys  
No Bible Study or Coffee  
Afternoon this week  
Advance Notice  
Christmas Eve -  
Thursday 24th December  
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight  
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.  
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SC014646

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

# Combined carol concert backed by brass band

A GLASGOW Salvation Army envoy said it was a 'great privilege' to lead a carol concert in Lorne and Lowland Church.

Divisional envoy Julie Taylor said before last Sunday's singing started that she had been coming to Campbeltown once a month as there was no minister.

Mrs Taylor said: 'It is exciting and a great privilege to be asked to lead this concert including special contributions from Castlehill and Dalintober pupils, Campbeltown Brass Band and the Salvation Army Kidz.'

The service started with the congregation led by the band singing 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem'.

Pastor Chris Holden gave the first reading from John Chapter one, verses one to 14.

Mrs Taylor said one of the best things about leading the service was it gave her a chance to

pick some of her favourite carols. The second one was 'Angels from the Realms of Glory'.

Mums, dads and many grandparents watched children from Castlehill primary join the band at the front to sing two songs: 'All Around the World' and 'Frosty the Snowman'.

### Surprise

Auxiliary Captain Victoria McLachlan read from Luke chapter two verses eight to 21 before Rebecca Semple got a big surprise when the whole church sang 'Happy Birthday' to her.

Reverend Philip Wallace made the third reading from Matthew chapter two verses one to 12 and Dalintober primary pupils filed onto the stage to sing 'Christ is Born'.

For most, the evening's highlight was seeing the Nativity scene re-enacted by Campbeltown Salvation Army's Kidz Choir before they sang 'Away in a Manger'.



**Piper John McGeachy, who opened the concert.** 25\_c50carols01



**Castlehill primary pupils sing 'All Around the World' and 'Frosty the Snowman'.** 25\_c50carols02



**Salvation Army divisional envoy Julie Taylor leading the singing.** 25\_c50carols05



**Carol accompaniment was provided by Campbeltown Brass Band.** 25\_c50carols03



**To fill in a moment when children were changing, Julie Taylor organised 'guess the bandmaster'.** 25\_c50carols06



**Dalintober Primary pupils sing 'Christ is Born'.** 25\_c50carols04



**Campbeltown Salvation Army Kidz sang 'Away in a Manger' while dressed in nativity costumes.** 25\_c50carols07

## Kintyre Care Home among the 'very best'

KINTYRE Care Home is celebrating achieving one of the best care rating scores in the United Kingdom.

As part of the HC-ONE Ltd Group, the Campbeltown home's average care score rating of 9.4 on the sector's leading comparison website carehome.co.uk sees it ranked at the very top of the spectrum.

The home has also just hired a new manager, Jason Woods, who is an experienced nurse with 20 years' care home management experience.

A spokesperson for the home said: 'The high rating puts our home into the very best company in the care home sector, committed to providing kind care to residents.'

'Jason is looking forward to working with all the residents, staff, relatives and associated professionals over the coming years and to develop the service further.'



**Jason Woods at the West Midlands Care Awards.**

Jason was recently runner up in the 'Registered Care Home Manager's' category of the West Midlands Care Awards.

# Pupils rain down goals on dreich Dumbarton

**Campbeltown Pupils** **5**  
**Dumbarton Riverside** **0**  
**DFDL Under 14 League**

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils under 14s battled through a miserable afternoon's weather to fire five first-half goals past Dumbarton Riverside.

Despite the heavy rain and strong wind, plenty of spectators were rewarded with an early glut of Pupils goals.

In the first 10 minutes the visitors took the game to the Pupils, and it looked like the home team had a tough match

ahead as Dumbarton entrenched themselves in the Pupils' half.

The young Campbeltonians weathered the storm and punished the visitors when Robbie MacIndeor put the Pupils one up after a goalmouth scramble.

**Dominant**

Campbeltown drew self-belief from the opener and went on to dominate the rest of the first half proceedings.

The second came with

a pinpoint cross from Andrew Renton, which was met by MacIndeor who expertly lobbed the keeper for his second of the game.

The Pupils got their third soon after when McGrory was fouled on the edge of the penalty area. Aaron McCallum took the free kick which resulted in another scramble in the box.

The Dumbarton keeper made two strong saves, but could not stop Campbell Lister scrambling the ball over the line to treble the Pupils' lead.

With a comfortable



Robbie MacIndeor sealing his hat-trick.

lead established, the home side relaxed and increased their lead further when Fraser McBrayne's well-placed through ball gave MacIndeor his hat-trick, with a composed left-foot shot.

Dumbarton made no impression on the Pu-

pils' resolute defence and the home side put the game beyond doubt just before half time when they were awarded a penalty.

**Coolest**

Mathew Lang was pulled down in the box and he stepped up to score from the spot him-

self, with the coolest of penalties, his strike bouncing in off the inside of the post.

Dumbarton rallied in the second half, having reshuffled their shape in response to the Pupils' dominant first half, with the teams much more evenly matched.

The second half was as exciting as the first, with both sides having chances and going close to scoring, but both defences held firm seeing the game finish 5 - 0.

The emphatic result for the Pupils sees them sitting comfortably fourth in the table.



From left: 2014 Heidbangers' champion Sandy Watson presents the cup to 2015 first time winner Neil Brodie. 25\_c50heidbangers01

## Brodie breezes to Heidbangers Cup victory

NEIL Brodie breezed through the final round of the annual Heidbangers Cup to claim this year's title.

Taking place at Dunaverty Golf Club on a mild and sunny day, Brodie took full advantage of the calm conditions with an excellent scratch score of 69.

Greenkeepers David Scullion and Willy MacMillan had worked extremely hard to re-

move a significant amount of water from the fairways to have the course in playable condition after days of persistent rainfall.

The sun shone throughout the final day, though, and Brodie's 69 sealed him another win to establish an unassailable lead of 47 points overall, ahead of Alan Duncan and Jim Cooper. Duncan was unable to play

the final round due to illness, but still managed to finish runner up after count-back from Cooper in third spot.

The players enjoyed a meal at Muneroy tearoom in the evening, at which Brodie was presented the cup by last year's winner Sandy Watson.

The trophy was first competed for 15 years ago in 2000, after being presented to Dunver-

ty Golf Club by former Daily Express golf correspondent Jock MacVicar.

Results: Final day: 1 Neil Brodie 40 points, 2 Jim Cooper 37, 3 John Dickenson 35(bih), 4 Bill Brannigan 35, 5 Hamish Taylor 34 and 6 John McDowall 33.

Heidbangers Cup: 1 Neil Brodie 47, 2 Alan Duncan 41(cb), 3 Jim Cooper 41, 4 Bill Brannigan 39(cb), 5 Alex Roxburgh 39 and 6 Sandy Watson 37.

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# Southend runner races for Scotland

A FISHERMAN'S fine form has netted him an international run in Scottish colours.

Forty-year-old Kenny Campbell's success for Ronhill Cambuslang running club this year saw him picked last month to represent Scotland at the British and Irish Masters' International event.

In the event held in Dublin, Kenny placed 21st overall and first in his 40-year-plus category. He was the second best placed Scot at the event, behind only former Delhi Commonwealth games marathon runner Martin Williams, and his performance helped to earn a team bronze medal for Scotland in his first outing for his nation.

Kenny said: 'The race went really well. It was my first time running for my country but I was more excited than nervous. I have had a good year; I won a National Masters 5000m race in Grange-mouth earlier and this helped me

to be picked for the run. You put your name forward and the Scottish selectors pick depending on your form in the power of 10 athletics rankings.'

Kenny, from Southend, who has run competitively for nine years, also excelled at the West District Cross Country championships in Glasgow this month.

Taking place at Bellahouston park on December 5 and 6, Kenny ran for his club Ronhill Cambuslang and finished first in the men's 40-plus category, eleventh overall. He was also an integral part of Ronhill Cambuslang's success at the National Cross Country Relay Championships earlier this year in October.

Kenny is now looking forward to maintaining his performance levels next year, along with a trip down to the Big Smoke.

His race time at the Nottingham Marathon last year, when he finished fourth with an excellent

time of 2 hours 38 minutes, has seen Kenny qualify for the London Marathon in 2016.

Kenny said: 'My next target is the Scottish Masters Cross Country event in Forres in January. I have also qualified to race the London Marathon, as I have run under 2 hours 45 minutes in a marathon before.'

'I am looking forward to the marathon, but I will not be changing my training routine too much. I already run 80 - 100 miles every week, and I do not want to burn out before I arrive.'

Kenny is also sure that while he has qualified for the marathon, he will not be challenging the elite athletes for the title and will run the course in just over two hours.

'I will not be able to stay anywhere near the guys at the front; they will have long finished and be back in their hotels by the time I get to the finish line.'



Kenny Campbell in action earlier this year.

## MACC Challenge's Marie Curie cash

A CANCER charity collected £2,718.17 after a punishing Kintyre event.

The second Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) Challenge in early November attracted 80 entrants, from across Scotland, more than the

inaugural event in 2014.

The MACC Challenge committee presented a cheque to the Marie Curie Kintyre Fundraising Group for £1,259.16 on Tuesday of last week.

Together with the money they received through sponsorship and donations on the day, the

overall total raised for the charity is £2,718.17.

Ruth McGougan, secretary of the Kintyre Fundraising Group, said: 'On behalf of Marie Curie, I would like to thank the MACC Challenge Committee and all participants for their support.'

'All of the funds raised will be spent locally and will help support many families in Kintyre coping with terminal illness. The MACC Challenge is a special event for the area and we hope that its success will continue to grow in years to come'.



Elaine McGeachy presents a cheque for £1,259.16 to Ruth McGougan of Marie Curie Kintyre Fundraising Group, along with some MACC Challenge participants and members of Campbeltown Running Club.



Before the challenge, Iain McGougan wore a Marie Curie Top Hat.

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## Scottish Amateur Football League results and fixtures

THE SCOTTISH Amateur Cup fourth round games between - Kettle United v Campbeltown Pupils; New Cumnock Afton v Dunoon; and Postal United v Oban Saints were all postponed due to unplayable pitches last weekend and have all been re-listed to take place this Saturday.

The league fixtures involving Argyll clubs also fell victim to the weather - Premier Division One - Ferguslie Star v Lochgilphead Red Star; Division One - Carlton YM v Dunoon Athletic.

This Saturday's league fixtures: Premier Division One - Lochgilphead Red Star v Jamestown; Premier Division Two - Tarbert v Rosehill Star. Division One - East Kilbride YM v Dunoon Athletic.

## Machrihanish Golf Club lottery results

THERE was no winner of the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery this week. The winning numbers were 3, 15 and 18. The next jackpot of £200 will be drawn on December 14.

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