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# Local lobbying pays off

## Double-boost for the Kintyre area

by RUTH McCLEAN  
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LOBBYING by local people and businesses has paid off, with weekend air and ferry services between Campbeltown and Ayrshire to be piloted next summer.

The double-boost for the area was revealed as the Final Ferries Plan was published this week by the Scottish Government.

Such was the response from the community about the services, transport minister Keith Brown said his inbox was 'clogged up'.

He said there was a 'real solidarity' amongst those asking for the air service, which will now be piloted over the next two summers. 'Now having asked for and got it, it is vital that people use it,' Mr Brown urged.

The ferry service will run three days a week from May to September, and Mr Brown reassured *The Courier* this would not affect the service currently running from Claonaig to Lochranza.

He said: 'Through the  
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**BABIES** and their parents enjoyed Campbeltown Hospital's maternity unit Christmas party and joined others from the town that had been born during 2012. Five-and-a-half-month old Robert Reid and Graham Brown, enjoyed the yearly fundraiser for the unit. This year 22 babies were born at Campbeltown Hospital. Unfortunately there are no babies planned to arrive over Christmas as any that are due are planned for Glasgow. But the midwives will still be on hand for any unexpected arrivals. See page seven for more photographs. 08\_c51babies01

## Possible landslide solutions

A REPORT on possible solutions to landslides on the A83 has recommended an option that will have the least impact on reducing their effect.

In a report to the A83 Task Force, civil engineering firm Jacobs put forward six options to deal with ongoing landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful, with costs varying from £9million to £520million.

It has recommended the Scottish Government pursue its 'Red Option', at £9-10million, which would see flow barriers erected, better drainage on the road and increased vegetation; the latter of which could take 30 years to have an effect.

This would 'significantly reduce' closures as a result of a landslide, the report said.

All but one of the other options would mean any landslide would have a 'negligible' effect on the road, but only two were investigated further.

The report also identified nine other areas of landslide risk on the A83.

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Local lobbying pays off

Continued from page 1 analysis we have done it shows there are different demands for these services, and people do want to use it. If we had on our mind there was no demand for this service, we would have included the removal of this service through the ferry review.

'This has given us the justification to help improve the Campbeltown link to the mainland.'

Details will be finalised for the weekend air service when the Public Services Obligation (PSO) is renewed early in 2013 between Transport Scotland and Loganair.

Meanwhile, the talks will be held to consider a case for the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown to be adopted as a trunk road. All of the proposals are subject to future spending review commitments, he said.

# Inspectors give Tarbert school glowing report

## 'I am so proud of our school'

by RUTH McCLEAN  
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A GLOWING report has been given to Tarbert Academy by inspectors of Education Scotland.

As well as praising the school's caring and inclusive ethos, the report also showed that Tarbert Academy is well above the national average, and in some cases double, in gaining awards.

The academy and its partner organisations were rated as very good, or excellent, in three out of four measures of its

performance.

Throughout the school, from nursery to S6 the report has found all children and young people are well behaved, respectful and attentive

One of many strengths of the school was the headteacher, reverend Catriona Hood's leadership in managing change as well as the confident, well-behaved and articulate children and young people.

Reverend Hood, who

will be taking over at Campbeltown Grammar in the New Year said she is very pleased the report is so positive.

'In the section on the strengths of our school, the qualities of our pupils are top of this list,' explained Rev Hood.

'The hard work of pupils and staff has been recognised, as have the many and varied achievements of our pupils.

'I am so very proud of our school and it has been an honour to be head teacher of Tarbert Academy.'



**CHRISTMAS** carols could be heard across Campbeltown as the newly crowned Scottish Youth Champions, Campbeltown Brass took to the streets. Elyce Walker was among other helpers, providing the Christmas cheer and raising funds for the band. Campbeltown Brass would like to thank the public for its generosity and for Tesco and Co-op for allowing the band to play at the premises. If you missed the opportunity to hear them, they will be playing again this weekend.

### Grammar school consultation - over 200 responses received

A CONSULTATION for the public to have an input into where the new Campbeltown Grammar building will go has come to an end.

More than 200 responses were received from the community by Argyll and Bute Council.

'The council's consultation in respect of the possible location of the proposed new Campbeltown Grammar School concluded on November 30,' said a council spokeswoman.

'The responses are being collated and the results will be reported to the council early in the New Year.'

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**Police files**

ICY road conditions have caused havoc on Kintyre's roads this week with police attending several accidents.

Motorists are being reminded to take care and drive according to the road conditions

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SPOT checks on vehicles in the area will continue to be carried out as part of a festive safety campaign by police.

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THREE householders have been reported after a spate of incidents involving the tampering of electricity meters in Campbeltown.

Police said that any offenders would be prosecuted.

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INFORMATION is being sought after a car was vandalised on Kirk Street, Campbeltown some time between December 10 and 13.

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TWO women have been arrested for allegedly breaching the peace in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The incident occurred on Longrow in Campbeltown.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

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A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal for failing to provide a breath sample.

This came after his car was stopped on Ralston Road for a suspected drink driving offence.

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THERE has been a report of a theft by shoplifting at a supermarket in Campbeltown.

A man was responsible for allegedly stealing a quantity of alcohol on Saturday.

# Kintyre Way receives £10,000 funding boost

by PAMELA PATERSON  
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A LONG-distance walking route in Kintyre, which helps to attract tourists to the area, has received an additional funding boost, months after it was facing closure.

The Long and Winding Way, the company behind the Kintyre Way, recently applied for funding for £10,000 from Coastal Community Funding.

Not only did they receive the money they asked for, but a total of

£240,000, something which has delighted the directors.

The money will be used for a two-year project to extend the route by around 12 miles from Southend to Campbeltown and to re-route parts to take it off the road.

The aim is to make the Kintyre Way into a world-class tourist attraction, which will welcome an increasing number of visitors.

A mixture of full time

and part time jobs will be created along with work experience positions for students, which the grant will pay for.

Speaking about why Coastal Community Funding gave them more money than expected John Bakes, former chairman of The Long and Winding Way said: 'They thought our application would do a lot for the area.'

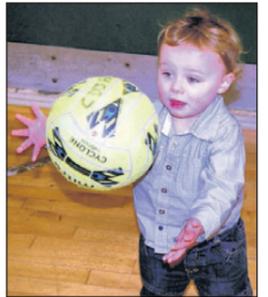
He added: 'We were told about this three or four weeks ago but couldn't say anything. It's been really difficult.'



Mia MacLaren and Amy Ross who were having a great time at the police kids Christmas party on Saturday. There was food for everyone and two bouncy castles for the children to play on.

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## Fun and games at police Christmas party



Jack Lawson plays with a ball at the party, which was held in the Victoria Hall.

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# Sacking dispute goes to tribunal

A DISPUTE over the sacking of Argyll and Bute Council's former communications manager is to go to an employment tribunal after an appeal was rejected.

A cross party panel of five councillors met at Kilmory last week to consider the appeal by Jo Smith, who was dismissed in August despite being cleared of false allegations she used social network websites to 'spy' on council critics.

She was instead dismissed on a charge of bringing the council into

disrepute for using the word 'spy' in a presentation last September.

The hearing was the third and final stage of appeal open to her via the authority. However, after a four and a half hour meeting, the panel decided to uphold the council's decision to dismiss Ms Smith.

### Disappointed

Ms Smith was unable to comment, but Paul Holteran, Scottish Organiser of the National Union for Journalists (NUJ), said: 'The NUJ is very

surprised and of course disappointed by Argyll and Bute Council's decision and continues to support Jo Smith's challenge against her dismissal.

'We believe Jo was unfairly dismissed and have lodged a claim at the Employment Tribunal Service on her behalf.'

Argyll and Bute Council said: 'It would not be appropriate for the council to comment.'

The tribunal is likely to be heard early next year.

## Abandoned seal pup making good recovery

A SEAL pup recovering at Oban Sea Life Sanctuary after being taken from a Kintyre beach has been named Zebby after a silent auction.

More than £2,000 was raised for the Merlin's Magic Wand charity through the auction at the Barcaldine sanctuary's recent fun day, with a bid of £100 winning the auction.

The money will be used to arrange days out and memorable experiences for disabled and disadvantaged children.

Zebby, meanwhile, is making a strong recovery after being taken into the sanctuary a month ago.

A well-meaning passer by noticed the then six-week-old pup on the beach at Glenbarr by

himself and, assuming he was abandoned, decided to pick him up and put him in the boot of her car instead of contacting the SSPCA or the Sea Life Sanctuary.

The pup spent a night in her boot before she contacted the SSPCA but despite the ordeal, he is recovering well in captivity and now weighs in at a healthy 26kg.

## Paterson's raise funds for charity



Tabitha Broach with a very festive looking horse who took part in the event. 08\_c51patersons02

RESIDENTS in Carradale were treated to a performance by a drummer and piper from the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band on Saturday morning.

Raymond Gosling and Jason Cordell from Kintyre Schools Pipe Band stood outside Paterson's Bakery in the village and played a range of songs for residents, who were treated to mulled wine and mince pies.

The event was organised through Paterson's Bakery, who were unveiling their Christmas greetings window.

So far the bakery has raised £650 towards the Sun Room and the Fisherman's Mission.

Angela Arkell, who runs the bakery, would like to thank the boys for coming and everyone who has supported them.



Raymond Gosling and Jason Cordell from the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band outside Paterson's Bakery in Carradale on Saturday. 08\_c51patersons01

## Castlehill Primary School festive craft fair

A WONDERFUL selection of crafts, made by pupils from Castlehill Primary were on sale at their annual Christmas craft fair.

There were also various stalls including a bottle stall, raffle and delicious home baking, all of which was donated by parents, friends, grandparents and staff.

Tea, coffee and shortbread was served by the parent/teacher association. Everyone in the hall, which was full to capacity, was then entertained by a full and varied programme of Christmas items, including performances by woodwind, brass, violin, chanter and bagpipe musicians.

The concert was rounded off by the school choir who performed *Auld Lang Syne* as the final item.

The organisers said: 'A big thank you to all involved who made the craft fair a success.'

'The fantastic amount of £545 was raised which will be donated to the children's ward at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.'

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# Two new faces appointed to Kintyre Trust

TWO new faces have been welcomed to South Kintyre Development Trust to take forward the Campbeltown Town Hall project.

SKDT appointed Tracy Grant as the local development officer, taking over from Malcolm McMillan.

## Support

As well as the town hall project, Tracy will support the other projects identified as priorities in the community action plans at the start of 2012.

Tracy has a long his-

tory of working for social enterprises, councils and community groups on economic development, community facilities and training.

Tracy is joined by Eric Spence who is employed as a business consultant to provide the final business plan for the town hall project.

Eric will be getting in touch with community groups and businesses to see how they might use the rooms in the town hall to show the need for the funding to renovate and re-

furish the building. He will also be asking for letters of support for the Campbeltown Town Hall project from stakeholders and groups.

## Crucial time

'This is a crucial time for the town hall, when the Trust needs to demonstrate there is community backing for the project,' explained Eric. 'We need to identify who is likely to use the facilities and how often so that we can develop a financially viable project for the benefit of the entire community.'



Cousins Kaitlyn Smith, aged 16 months and Blayre Rennie, 14 months, with Santa. 08\_c49santa01

## Dunaverty Hall Christmas Fayre

SANTA made an appearance at the Dunaverty Hall Christmas Fayre in Southend.

The event, which was held to raise funds for the new village hall, included a tombola, craft sale, cake stall and raffle. There was also tea, coffee and mince pies for everyone.

Many were so keen to see Santa they turned up at St Blaas's Hall more than 30 minutes before his arrival.

## Planning

The plans for the new village hall are now with the planning department and include space for the post office and toilets.

## Police will monitor licensed premises closely

OVER the festive season and in the run up to Christmas, local police will be closely monitoring pubs in the area and working with their owners.

Police are keen to reduce any disturbances and are working closely with licensed premises to give advice.

'We have been talking to licensed premises and are making them aware that we will be checking their premises regularly,' said chief inspector David Pettigrew.

'We want them to be confident to phone us if there are any patrons likely to drive after consuming alcohol, as well as not allowing out of hours drinking on the premises.'

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



I watched little Charlie as he stood in the middle of the circle while we sang *Silent Night*.

A few moments before, he was a bundle of energy and excitement that so accurately describes a two year old just before Christmas.

We were in Tayinloan Village Hall for our Christmas Messy Church event and we were having a great time.

Charlie had more paint on his face than he had on his picture – but he was happy.

We were gathered round in a big circle for our act of worship together, and I watched as Charlie left his Mum's hand to come into the centre of the circle on his own.

He had no shoes or socks on and he didn't make a sound.

He stopped and looked round each one of us and his face reflected the candlelight which was around the crib.

There was wonder on his face.

It was as if there was some understanding of mystery in his gaze, even if he didn't know what that mystery was.

I remembered Jesus saying that we should become as little children and have the faith of a child – not childish faith, but child-like faith.

In that moment I saw something beautiful and wonderful in Charlie's smile and I hoped that he would retain that ability to wonder in his journey through life.

Soon we will symbolically gather round the manger and maybe we too will leave the hand of security to come closer to the crib and wonder.

Maybe we will stop what we're doing for even just a few moments to look in the manger.

Maybe we will come as a child and just let the wonder of the moment wash over us.

Maybe we could be like Charlie this Christmas and come, just as we are, to tip toe to the manger in wonder.

## Book Review:

### From the Blue Sea to the Black Country

RECOUNTING some memorable incidents from his time in the newspaper world and his desire to become a fisherman as a teenager, Freddy Gillies tells how the lure of the sea eventually won over notepad and pen.

Freddy, a former editor at *The Campbeltown Courier*, and now acclaimed author, explores the various traits of the trade during his time at the newspaper.

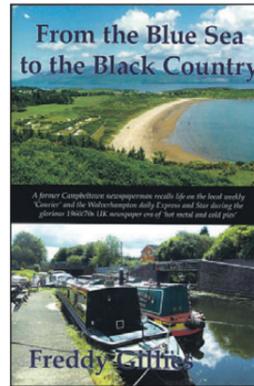
*From the Blue Sea to the Black Country* explores his journey from newspaperman in the small Kintyre town to his progression to the *Wolverhampton Daily*

*Express and Star*.

From hearty colleagues who have become life-long friends, to memorable incidents a journalist has to cover, Freddy tells about them in a light-hearted and humorous way.

Amongst the tales in Freddy's book there is one in particular that will bring back memories for Campbeltown folk – when the sheriff's chair was stolen from the courthouse, with the thief seen by police going down Castlehill with the chair on his head. He later received a three-month prison sentence after being caught.

Freddy, who is now



a skipper on the Tayinloan to Gigha ferry service, changed his career path when his family announced they were going ahead with the building of a state of the art herring trawler whilst he worked on the *Express and Star*.

*From the Blue Sea to the Black Country* is available from McMillan's newsagent on Main Street as well as the Old Bookshelf on Cross Street, Campbeltown.

## Letters to the Editor

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### Festive period thanks from Alan Reid

Sir,  
Christmas is a time for celebrating with friends and family, and it is important to thank all those working at this time of year to keep our essential services running so that the rest of us can enjoy ourselves.

I pay especial tribute to the men and women of our armed forces who are serving around the world, and my thoughts are with those families who will spend Christmas apart from a loved one who is serving abroad.

After a long period of economic difficulties, recent growth and employment statistics have been moving in the right direction and hopefully 2013 will see more growth.

The old year is ending with work being carried out on the emergency relief road at the Rest and Be Thankful and the publication of the Jacobs Report.

Let's hope the New Year sees the implementation of the measures recommended in the Report and the end of landslides closing the A83.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all readers.  
**Alan Reid MP**

### Year of Natural Scotland 2013

Sir,  
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Scotland's tourist industry supports 270,000 people, all of whom are waiting to welcome Scots visitors.

Hogmanay will signal the start of the Year of Natural Scotland 2013, a celebration which is all about getting every man, woman and child appreciating Scotland's great natural icons and we're ready to grasp this with both hands.

I want to make next year the year that everyone in Scotland gets out and about and explores not just what's on their own doorstep -



The festive season is well and truly upon us and *The Courier* this week is filled to the brim with Christmas parties and nativities.

As we look back on the last year, Campbeltown in the last 12 months is looking fantastic.

With various developments, including the Royal and Ugadale Hotel refurbishments, the community buyout of the former airbase, the creation and opening of Aqualibrium Avenue and the re-development of the New Quay – 2013 is set to be very prosperous for the area.

Over the year thousands of pounds have been raised for charity and local clubs have been going all out to boost their coffers.

This would not be possible without the support of this wonderful community, and I'm sure each and every organisation is grateful for all the money put forward to good causes this year.

We would like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2013.

but the amazing natural environment across the country.

For Argyll this is the perfect time to shine - there is already so much to see and do. But there is so much more that can be done by sectors to capitalise on this opportunity - that's why we've created a special toolkit so that all businesses can get involved.

Added to this, there is also our Year of Natural Scotland Growth Fund, a £150,000 cash pot for tourism industry groups and communities to boost marketing projects themed around the Year of Natural Scotland 2013 - a fantastic chance for collaboration so everyone can benefit.

For more information go to [www.visitscotland.org/natural2013](http://www.visitscotland.org/natural2013) and as we move into Year of Natural Scotland, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2013.

**Mike Cantlay,**  
Chairman of VisitScotland

### Thanks for the hamper

Sir,  
I would like to thank the staff and pupils of Campbeltown Grammar

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I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

**Mary Wilson,**  
Glebe Street,  
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### Another missed opportunity

Sir,  
The redirection of additional public funds towards direct capital investment in the chancellor's autumn statement is hugely welcome, particularly at a time when the Scottish construction industry continues to suffer reduced output and weak confidence.

But, the release of these funds places an even greater onus on policy-makers at Holyrood to implement urgent reforms to our constipated public procurement system so this money can put more shovels in the ground as quickly as possible.

In addition, the chancellor could have given a far greater boost to smaller building companies in particular if he had cut VAT on building repairs and improvements as the industry has long campaigned for him to do.

From that point of view, the autumn statement was another missed opportunity for more radical action to get the building industry back on its feet.

**Michael Levack,**  
Chief Executive,  
Scottish Building Federation,  
Edinburgh.

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# Funding might not be enough for tearoom

by PAMELA PATERSON  
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FUNDING to repair a tearoom in Carradale may not be enough to fix the damage.

Worries were voiced at last week's East Kintyre Community Council (EKCC) for the Network Carradale tearoom next to the new activity centre.

Plans by Network Carradale to create a mountain biking centre are well underway and there are hopes that funds they have secured from

the Big Lottery Fund can be used to repair the building.

Through the funding the group has been given £10,000 to repair damage to the tearoom caused by damp, which also has structural damage.

However, there are questions over whether this will be enough money to sufficiently repair the 50-year-old building.

Alistair Bennett from

Network Carradale speaking at the EKCC, said: 'Damage to the tearoom from damp is more severe than we thought.'

'Hopefully we will be able to repair it with the funds available.'

He added they were up against it with regards to getting it finished by Easter, which is when they hope to open the activity centre.

He said: 'There is a question of if the tearoom can be repaired within the budget we have.'

## Write a poem about Campbeltown

BUDDING poets are being encouraged to write a poem about Campbeltown, with the chance of winning £1,000.

The aim of the competition is to encourage more people to get involved in poetry writing and the best poem will win the prize money.

### Hometown

Entries can be about a hometown or a person from there and can include no more than 25 lines or 160 words.

Each person can enter up to three poems. A spokesman from United Press, which is running the competition, said:

'We find that poems written from personal observation and experience are the most heartfelt and expressive, so we're expecting some great entries from Campbeltown.'

For more information on how to enter visit [www.unitedpress.co.uk](http://www.unitedpress.co.uk).

The closing date is December 31.

## Bumps and babies party

CAMPBELTOWN Hospital's maternity ward held its annual bumps and babies party.

Babies who were born over the past year in Campbeltown and Glasgow were invited to the event with their mums.

### Fundraising

The party is the ward's yearly fundraising event, which this year included



Amber Grace Glen, who was born on December 23 last year, with mum Carina McDougall.

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A very festive looking Archie Lee, who is five months old, with his mum Louise Lee.

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## Extension to Beinn an Tuirc wind farm

AN EXTENSION to existing wind farms on the Kintyre peninsula is in the pipeline.

Scottish Power confirmed this week that a feasibility study to create Beinn an Tuirc III wind farm is in the process of starting.

A spokesman for Scottish Power said it was 'in the early stages' and would be a second extension to the original Beinn an Tuirc.

At Campbeltown Community Council last Monday convenor Andrew Hemmings explained that in a letter to him from Scottish Power, the company was not expecting to go to planning permission until the end of 2013 at least.

## Pubwatch proves a success

AN INITIATIVE to stop people who cause trouble in licensed premises is still proving successful.

'The main strength is that all the licensed premises are on board across Kintyre,' said chief inspector for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, David Pettigrew.

a raffle and a guess the baby's birthday competition.

Those hoping for a Christmas baby in Campbeltown this year have been left disappointed, as all the area's December babies are planned for Glasgow. However, they are prepared for any unexpected arrivals.

### Closest

Last year, Campbeltown had no Christmas Day babies, with the closest being born to December 23 and 26.

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# Music club holds Christmas concert



Southend Primary School's choir sits ready for the start of the Kintyre Music Club Christmas Concert in Lorne and Lowland Church Hall. 08\_c51musicclub01

PIANO solos and duets, performances from primary and secondary school children and a string ensemble were some of the aspects that made up the Kintyre Music Club's Christmas Concert.

Children from Southend School Choir, Castlehill School Choir and some of Campbeltown Brass

took part with woodwind and brass solos also making up the evening.

### Enjoyed

The compère was David McEwan and after the performances the audience enjoyed mince pies and shortbread.



Hannah Black was another soloist at the event who sang *Walking in the Air* and *My Favourite Things*. 08\_c51musicclub05



Louise Dott, one of the soloists at the concert, was playing *Tonight* and *The Skye Boat Song*. 08\_c51musicclub02



The Kintyre Fiddlers rehearsed in the church before their turn on stage. 08\_c51musicclub04



Castlehill Primary School Choir was also performing at the event. 08\_c51musicclub03

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# Gaelic choir records its first album

A PRIZEWINNING Gaelic choir from Argyll, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012, has marked the occasion by recording the first album ever produced by a male

voice Gaelic choir. Còisir Ceann an Tuirc - translated as The Boar's Head Choir - takes its name from the crest of the Clan Campbell, which has its ancestral seat at Inveraray Castle.

And, in another first for the choir, four of the songs from its 14-track album, Deich Bliadhna (Ten Years) of Còisir Ceann an Tuirc, were recorded within Inveraray Castle, by permis-

sion of choir supporter His Grace, the Duke of Argyll.

Deich Bliadhna was recorded by Finlay Wells of Nutshell Music in Oban. The album includes solos by choir members and conductor Joy Dunlop, a successful Gaelic singer in her own right and well-known Gaelic teacher and broadcaster.

### Fantastic

Joy, who hails from Connel but now lives in Glasgow, said: 'I think it's fantastic that an Argyll-based choir has produced the first ever male voice Gaelic choir CD.

'In my opinion, community singing is so important because it brings people together to enjoy a common pastime and has been proved beneficial for both your mental and physical wellbeing.

'The men of Cei-

sir Ceann an Tuirc are a real pleasure to work with and I feel very privileged to conduct such a talented and truly lovely group of singers.'

Many of the choir members travel huge distances from places in Argyll as far afield as Carradale and Isle of

Mull to attend the regular choir rehearsals held in Lochgilphead.

The choir, which won Mull and Iona Shield as the best male voice choir at the Royal National Mòd in 2008, is made up of singers with an age range of 28 to 88.

The album has been recorded thanks to funding from the Awards For All and Argyll and Bute Council's Third Sector Grant Scheme and is available to buy through www.joydunlop.com/shop, Highlander Music and local shops throughout Argyll.



Còisir Ceann an Tuirc won Mull and Iona Shield as the best male voice choir at the Royal National Mòd in Falkirk.

## Festive fun and frolics at lifeboat Christmas party

CAMPBELTOWN Lifeboat held its children's Christmas party on Saturday. Many children and parents went to the event, which was held at the life-

boat station. There were balloons and treats for both children and adults, while a number of party games were played including pass the parcel.



Some of the boys playing pass the parcel. 08\_c51lifeboat02



The children with some of their parents at the lifeboat party on Saturday. 08\_c51lifeboat01



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- 19 The night before Christmas (3)
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- 22 Hazardous (5)
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# It's Christmas party time in Campbeltown

Tesco held their Christmas night out on Saturday in Café Bluebell in Campbeltown.



Lindsey Semple and Kim Donnan from the Campbeltown branch of Lloyds TSB also had their Christmas night out in Cafe Bluebell. 08\_c51lloyds01



Tesco staff enjoying their Christmas night out. 08\_c51tesco05



The supermarket took over four tables. 08\_c51tesco03



There was plenty of fun during the night. 08\_c51tesco04



Raising their glasses for Christmas. 08\_c51tesco01



Alison Millar and Meggie Robertson, waitresses at Café Bluebell on Saturday night. 08\_c51bluebell01

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# School cleaning hours to be cut by 20 per cent

CLEANING hours at Argyll and Bute schools are to be cut by 20 per cent, prompting warnings from staff that pupil health could be affected as a result.

The local authority has notified cleaning, catering and janitorial staff of the intended changes, with meetings to be held across the county next month.

It is understood the proposals are part of a long-term plan to cut millions of pounds from the education budget over the next five years, with the council looking to reduce its overall spend by £42million over the next seven years.

It is thought school support staff, vehicle costs and extra-curricular

activities likely to suffer the brunt of the education cuts, with the authority keen to maintain teacher numbers.

Plans to reduce cleaning hours could come into effect ahead of the new financial year. They come after several voluntary redundancies last year and the introduction of measures to only clean schools during term time.

A spokeswoman for the council said: 'Like all local authorities, we are faced with making savings and reducing costs across all service areas.

'The proposed changes to the catering, cleaning and janitorial service have been reviewed in close and extensive con-

sultation with staff and trade unions, as well as benchmarking with other Scottish councils.

'The process for making decisions about changes to services is based on an extensive range of factors and the impact on valued council employees is always taken into consideration. Throughout this process, every effort has been made to mitigate the impact on staff as far as possible.'

With regards possible further cuts, the spokeswoman said: 'Currently all areas of the council budget, including education, are under review. No detail is available at this stage prior to the council budget meeting in February.'



Clann Na Ceol performing at the Kirk Street Hall on Saturday morning. 08\_c51fiddle01

## Clann Na Ceol fiddlers hold coffee morning

THE Clann Na Ceol fiddle group held a coffee morning on Saturday in Kirk Street Hall.

The aim of the coffee morning was to raise funds so the group can go to the National Mòd next year.

The money will go towards transportation costs.

**Home-baked**

There were cakes for sale, which were all home-baked, and the fiddle group played a number of songs.

## Agricultural waste to be cleared from Machrihanish

ASBESTOS corrugated roofing and metal frames are some of the items cleared from a common fly-tipping spot at Machrihanish.

A grant of £6,000 was awarded to the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB) Trust from Zero Waste Scotland to clear illegally dumped waste.

**Waste**

The trust is targeting dunes at Machrihanish where one-off agricultural waste which has been there for a number of years and has been showing signs of deterioration.

Aisa Nebreda from The GRAB Trust said: 'We have been working with the landowner, Argyll and Bute Council street scene officer and Scottish Natural Heritage to remove this eyesore and we are grateful to get the funding from Zero Waste Scotland to carry out the work.'

## Drug searches to continue

A NUMBER of people, who have had their homes repeatedly searched for drugs, will be leaving town, according to the local chief inspector.

Campbeltown Community Council was told on Monday night by chief inspector Dav-

id Pettigrew that he has colloquial evidence that a number of people will be leaving town.

**Fed up**

He said these are people who are fed up getting stopped and searched in Campbeltown.

'If we can persuade

more of these individuals to leave Campbeltown and never return we will do our best,' said CI Pettigrew.

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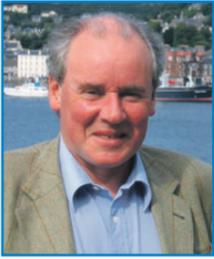
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# £1,100 raised by Alistair's Movember moustache

## 'I didn't like it and my wife hated it'

A MAN from Tayinloan has managed to raise £1,114 by growing a moustache for Movember last month.

Alistair McKinlay decided to take part in the annual moustache-growing event for Prostate Cancer UK after hearing about it on the radio in October.

Despite not having a moustache for more than 20 years, which only lasted two months, Alistair decided to try

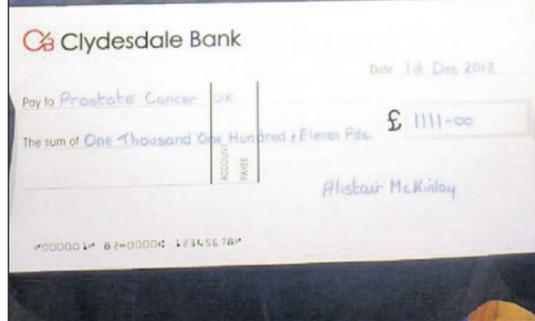
something different and grow some hair on his upper lip.

He said: 'I didn't like it and my wife hated it.'

As soon as November was over, Alistair headed to The Headquarters Barbers in Campbeltown to get his moustache shaved off.

He added: 'I would just like to thank everybody who gave me money.'

All the money he raised goes to Prostate Cancer UK.



Alistair McKinlay about to get his moustache shaved off at The Headquarters Barbers in Campbeltown. He raised £1,114 for Movember last month.

### Festive concert at Dalintober

DALINTOBER Primary School held its Christmas concert on Monday and Tuesday.

The show, called *Dalintober Rules the Waves* featured a number of songs performed by all the children in the school.

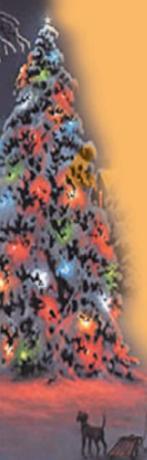
There were three performances, at 7.30pm on Monday and at 1.30pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday.

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### Grant awarded to explore idea of a new multi-purpose arts centre

A GRANT to explore the idea of building a new multi-purpose arts centre in Campbeltown has been awarded to Kintyre Cultural Forum (KCF).

KCF received the £9,500 from the Big Lottery Fund's Investing in Ideas and will use the funds to commission a community consultation and business plan to look at the viability of the project.

Michael Russell MSP congratulated KCF on securing the funding.

### Southend Scouts entertain over 60s with magic

THE 4TH Argyll (Southend) Scouts were the entertainers at the over 60s party in Southend on December 8.

The party took place at St Blaas's Hall and the scouts had a varied programme of entertainment for the partygoers. This included acting out sketches, doing card tricks, playing musical instruments and a final chorus of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

The troop starts up again on January 15.

**Councillor Sandy Taylor**



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Ardrihaig at 11:00am  
Achahoish at 12:30pm

Carols Round the Tree  
Car Park, Ardrihaig at 6:30pm  
(in North Hall if wet)

**Christmas Eve**

Carol Service  
Achahoish at 7:00pm

Watchnight Service  
Ardrihaig from 11:15pm

**Sunday 30th December**

“Fear Not — I Am still with You”

**Sunday 6th January 2013**

“Fear Not — Only Believe”

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**23 December** - 10am Fourth Sunday of

Advent Lochfyneside (Minard)

**24 December** - 11.30pm Christmas Eve

Service Furnace Hall

**25 December** - 11.30am Joint Christmas

morning service Inveraray Church

**30 December** - 10am End of Year

Service Furnace Hall

**6 January 2013** - 11.30am

New Year Service Lochgair Church

**Glenaray and Inveraray**

Charity No. SC016665

**23 December** - 11.30am Fourth Sunday

of Advent Inveraray Church

**24 December** - 11.30pm Christmas Eve

Service Inveraray Church

**25 December** - 11.30am Christmas

morning service Inveraray Church

**30 December** - 11.30am End of Year

Service Inveraray Church

**6 January 2013** - 11.30am New Year

Service in Inveraray Church

**6 January 2013** - 2.30pm New Year

Service in Chalmers Court, Inveraray

*Christmas Timetable,  
St. Margaret's RC Church  
(and All Saints, Inveraray), 2012.*

**Monday 24th December**  
(Midnight Mass)

Carol Singing at 11:30pm  
followed by Midnight Mass

**Tuesday 25th December**  
(Christmas Day)

Lochgilhead Mass at 10am  
Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

**Sunday 30th December**

Lochgilhead Mass at 10am  
Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

**Tuesday 1st January**  
Lochgilhead Mass at 10:30am

**Sunday 6th January**

Lochgilhead Mass at 10am

Inveraray Mass 12:30pm

*North Knapdale  
Parish Church*

Charity Number SC001002

**Sunday 23 December**

Inverlussa Church 11:30 am  
Morning Worship

**Monday 24 December**

Tayvallich Front Green 4:00 pm

Carols on the green followed by mince

pies and mulled wine

Tayvallich Church 11:15 pm

Watchnight Service

**Tuesday 25 December**

Christmas Day Worship 11:00 am

Bellanoch Church

**Sunday 30 December**

Tayvallich Church 11:30 am

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*Lochgilhead  
Parish Church*

Rev. Hilda Smith

**Sunday 23rd December 2012**

11.00 am Nativity Service  
(conducted by the Youth Fellowship)

**Christmas Eve**

**24th December 2012**

11.15 pm Watchnight Service  
(Festive drinks, mince pies and music  
from 10.45 pm)

**Christmas Day**

**25th December 2012**

11.00 am – 11.30 a.m.

All Age Carol Service

**Sunday 30th December 2012**

11.00 am Morning Worship

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*Christ Church*

Scottish Episcopal Church,  
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**Sunday 23rd December**

11.00am. Service led by the Bishop of  
Argyll and the Isles.

**Christmas Eve**

11.30pm Watchnight service led by Rev.  
Michael Kitchener

**Christmas Day**

11.00am. Family Carols and Anthology  
Birthday Celebration.

**Sunday 30th December**

11.00am Morning Eucharist

**+ Kintyre**

*Campbeltown  
Community Church*

**Sunday 23rd December**  
Christmas Family Service  
followed by coffee & mince pies

**Sunday 30th December**

All Age Family Service  
“The Mystery of Christmas”

**Sunday 6th January 2013**

Communion Service  
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and are held at the Guide Hall,  
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*Highland Parish Church  
Campbeltown (SC002493)*

**Sunday 23rd December 2012**

11.15am All Age Family Service  
Mr. W. Crossan

**Monday 24th December 2012**

Watchnight Service 11.30pm  
Lorne & Lowland Church

**Sunday 30th December 2012**

Session meet in Church 10.30am  
11.15am Morning Service  
Mr. M. Ramsay

*Kilcalmonell linked with  
Killean and Kilchenzie*

**A'Chleit Church**

**End of term service for Glenbarr**

**and Rhunahorine Primary Schools**

1.30 pm on Friday 21st December

Members of the community and

parents/carers and friends of the

school all welcome

Ms Marilyn Shedden

(Schools Chaplain)

**11.30am on Sunday 23rd December**

**Christmas Eve Service**

11.30pm on Monday 24th December  
Ms Marilyn Shedden

**Worship on the final Sunday of**

**2012 and the first Sunday in 2013**

11.30am Sundays 30th December and

6th January

Rev Catriona Hood

(Interim Moderator)

**Clachan Church**

**End of term service for Clachan**

**Primary School**

1.30 pm on Friday 21st December

Members of the community and

parents/carers and friends of the

school all welcome

Mr William Crossan

**10am on Sunday 23rd December**

**Community Christmas Eve Service**

7.00pm on Monday 24th December  
Mr William Crossan

**Worship on the final Sunday of**

**2012 and the first Sunday in 2013**

10.00am Sundays 30th December and

6th January

Rev Catriona Hood

(Interim Moderator)

*Lorne And Lowland  
Parish Church*

Scottish Charity Number SC011686

**Sunday 23rd December**

Morning worship 11:15 am  
(Triple C and Bible Class Nativity  
Play and Choir items)

Rev Philip Burroughs

**Monday 24th December**

Joint Christmas Eve worship at Lorne  
and Lowland Church 11:30pm

Mince pies served from 10-45pm

**Tuesday 25th December**

“O come let us adore him”

Morning worship 10:30 am

Short service to celebrate Christmas  
Day

Rev Philip Burroughs

*St Kieran's Scottish  
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10.45 am Family Communion  
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**Friday 21st December at 8pm**

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Christmas Services

**Sunday 23rd December**

Christmas Family Service conducted  
by Springbank Youth Group

11.15am

**Monday 24th December**

Carols by Candlelight

7.00pm

*Saddell And Carradale  
Church*

**Sunday 23rd December**

12 Noon

Christmas Service

Service conducted by Matthew  
Ramsay (Locum)

Hot Christmas pies, shortbread, tea  
and coffeee will be served at 11.30am  
prior to the service.

**Monday 24th December**

Watchnight Service

Service conducted by Rev Chris  
Fulcher

Retiring offering for the Jen Fisher  
School in India

**Sunday 30th December**

End of Year Service

Conducted by Rev Steve Fulcher

*Southend Parish Church  
Christmas Services*

**Christmas Family Service**

Sunday 23rd December 2012

11.30am

Rev Steve Fulcher

**Watchnight Service**

Monday 24th December 2012

11.30pm

Rev Steve Fulcher

**Family Service**

Sunday 30th December 2012

11.30am

Rev Chris Fulcher

*Tarbert, Lochfyne and  
Kilberry Church of  
Scotland*

**Sunday 23rd December 2012**

Tarbert Service 11.45am

Sunday School 11.45am

to be held in Tarbert Free Church

Kilberry Service 2pm

Rev. Tommy Bryson

**Monday 24th December**

Watchnight Services

Kilberry 7pm

Mr Peter Minshall

Tarbert Service 11.30pm

to be held in Tarbert Free Church

Rev. Tommy Bryson

**Tuesday 25th December**

Christmas Day Service

Tarbert Service 10.30am

to be held in Tarbert Free Church

Rev. Tommy Bryson

**Sunday 30th December**

Tarbert Service 11.45am

to be held in Tarbert Free Church

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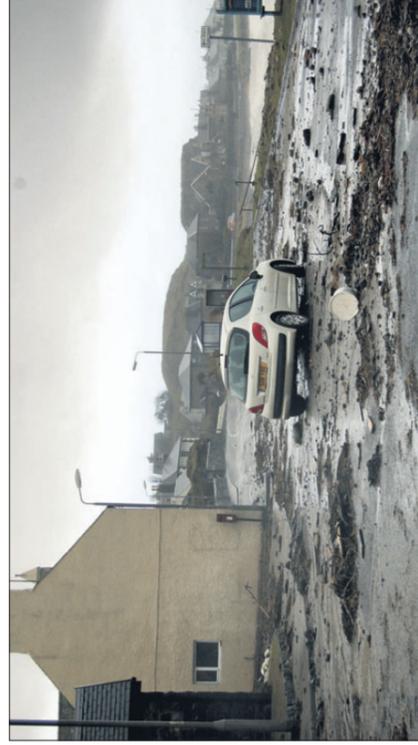
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# Review of the Year - January to April

## JANUARY



### Kintyre and Islay battered by strong winds

STORMS in the first week of the year saw Machrihanish and Islay topping the highest gusts of wind recorded in the west of Scotland. Throughout the early hours of Tuesday January 3 and into the afternoon Kintyre took a battering, and wind gusts were recorded as 92 miles per hour at Machrihanish at 8am by the Met Office. Islay is reported to have been as high as 100 miles per hour around the same time. Roads were closed in some areas due to debris from beaches and the sea washing onto the road, with some buildings suffering structural damage. **Damage** Electricity was also off for most of Tuesday for West Kintyre and a lot of damage was caused to properties at the Sound of Kintyre. 21\_01ma001

### Open plan space at Campbelltown Grammar School

A STATE of the art, open plan space on the top of the south block to look and Campbelltown Grammar, influencing how the new school would be built. The new 'try before you buy' area which is part of a national project Argyll and Bute Council is involved in was officially opened. The pupils and staff worked with the architects to input on how space.

### Aiden was the first baby of 2012

AIDEN James McConnachie was Campbelltown's first baby of 2012. Aiden was welcomed into the world at 4.50am on January 3 at the town's hospital weighing 6lb 5 1/2oz. Mum Hayley Meacham, aged 22, was due to have him on Christmas Day and thought she might have to be sent away to give birth. However Aiden had other ideas, and Hayley started having pains on New Year's Day. This is the first baby for Mum Hayley and Dad Steven McConnachie's, they have now set up home in Dungleigh Farm, Southend. 21\_01ba001



## FEBRUARY

### Community club formed in Kintyre

A COMMUNITY football club was formed to bring together all the bodies and organisations in the town that are involved in the sport. Campbelltown and District Community Football Club was formally founded in February following a meeting where representatives from football organisations in Campbelltown came together. Club representatives from Campbelltown Soccer Centre, Campbelltown and District Juvenile Football Association and workshops.

### Filling station has new owners

A WHOLE village turned out in February to show its gratitude to Cathy and Calum McLean who retired as shopkeepers of Clachan Filling Station after 15 years. They passed on the reigns to Lochgilphead couple Rhian Thomas and Eilwyn Davis.

### A man is led away after a quantity of drugs were seized from two houses in Campbelltown.

QUANTITIES of drugs were seized in raids involving five houses being searched in Campbelltown. Officers from the Criminal Investigation Department, Dog Branch and the local Community Policing Team, carried out the proactive, intelligence led operation. As a result of the operation, quantities of drugs areas identified by the local community as giving greatest concern.



Cathy McLean, right, with Rhian Thomas, who will be running Clachan Filling Station. 21\_02da001

The couple have always gone out their way for the villagers and visitors, and were thanked for their hard work and kindness over the years when the whole village turned out on Tuesday evening. Calum and Cathy are originally from Islay, and have lived in Clachan for 35 years. The then chairman of West Kintyre Community Council Elizabeth Beth Ball paid tribute to the couple.

### Elise Glendinning putting the final touches to her make-up before going on-stage at Campbelltown Grammar School for the annual drama festival in February.

The Kintyre and District Drama Festival took place over two nights and saw performers from across the area taking to the stage. 20\_027da002



## MARCH



### Schoolchildren during the parade down the main street led by Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

GIGHA celebrated 10 years since its community buyout in March - and the spirit was not dampened at all by the wet weather. A wee bit of drizzle did not stop a crowd of several hundred enjoying the magnificent sight of Kintyre Schools Pipe Band marching down the main street on Gigha followed by the village schoolchildren. Speeches were made and a plaque commemorating the anniversary was unveiled by Alasdair McNeill, current chairman of the Gigha Heritage Trust, and Willie McSpornan MBE, the former chairman. The 17 primary school children sang a specially written song, *Tenacious Gigha*, before everyone poured into the Gigha Hotel for some welcome refreshment. And the Gigha folk, along with numerous friends who came in from off the island, continued the celebrations long into the evening with a ceilidh.

### Gigha's 10-year buyout celebrations

### Playpark opens

CHILDREN and parents in Machrihanish enjoyed a day of fun to mark the official opening of their new play park. The kids had the chance to take advantage of the superb new facilities the £100,000 play park has provided them with, following a long fundraising campaign by the Laggan Opportunity and Amenities Fund (LOAF).



### Marie is named Citizen of the Year for 2011

MARIE Kennedy was named as Campbelltown's Citizen of the Year for 2011 in March. Partners, friends and guests gathered in the local Argyll Hotel to celebrate two prestigious awards given by the Rotary Club of Campbelltown. Marie was recognised for her long service to the town, including her involvement with the local trading association and the Christmas lights group. As the youngest entrant, Frank received great praise for his playing on that occasion. 01100ay01

## APRIL

### Three in a row in Scarecrow Challenge

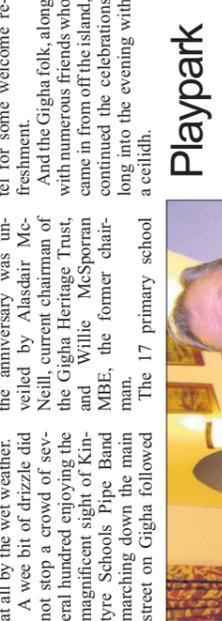
SOUTHTOWN'S Scarecrow Challenge was won by Iain MacPherson - for the third year running. Having been a familiar sight along roadsides in the Southend area over the past week, the scarecrows had until 3.30pm on Sunday to take as many public votes as they could. And after a quick count of the ballots, the crowd in St Blaas's Hall heard that yet again nobody had managed to match Iain's creation, as his 'Highway Robber' gained 37 votes to win. Susan Paterson, one of the event organisers, said it was a great day with £757.20 raised, which will go into the pot for a new village hall in Southend. Susan said: 'It was a busy day and the ladies in the kitchen were kept hard at it as they served a sumptuous tea and for those a bit hungrier there were burgers for sale.'



One of the more laid back scarecrows to be seen during the competition. 20\_015ca001

### Victoria Hall concert for Young Farmers

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers held its first concert since the 1990s in April. The members met over several months to put everything into the sell-out concert. Filling the Victoria Hall, Campbelltown, John Armour, who is an ex-member of the young farmers and has been donning the stage for local drama productions, was involved behind the scenes for 35 years, praised the group. John went out of his way to help the young people put on the concert, and has been working with them since the end of October. 'Considering most of the cast have never really performed on stage before and they were absolutely fantastic,' John told *The Courier*.



John Armour, who is an ex-member of the young farmers and has been donning the stage for local drama productions, was involved behind the scenes for 35 years, praised the group. 20\_015ca001

### Heather Millar was one of the children who tried out the new equipment at Machrihanish Play Park on Sunday.



Heather Millar was one of the children who tried out the new equipment at Machrihanish Play Park on Sunday. 20\_011me005



### Alexandrina is 100 years young

AN AVID reader of *The Courier* celebrated her 100th in April in style. Alexandrina Guitierrez featured in a Down Memory Lane feature in *The Courier* last year when she spoke about her memories of staying and growing up at the town's Dalraun Terrace. Alexandrina was piped into her 100th birthday by Campbelltonian John Morrens, who also lived at Dalraun and has strong connections to the town.



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# Dippen Charolais cross is Oban champion



Duncan Semple's father Wum is pictured, centre with judge Jean MacKay, right of Harelaw Farm, Barrhead, who later bought the champion, and Karen Love, left, representing show sponsors Reid and Robertson and Novartis Animal Health. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

CALEDONIAN Marts (Oban) Ltd sold 1,189 store cattle and suckled calves last Tuesday.

Bullocks (657) averaged 222p to 427p per kg for a 375kg Limousin from Barcaldine Home Farm and £1,600 gross for a 375kg Limousin from Barcaldine.

Heifers (532) averaged 201p to 364p per kg for a 385kg Charolais from Dippen, Carradale and £1,400 gross.

Leading prices: Bullocks: 251-300kgs - £640, 217p Ardpatrick; 301-

350kgs - £610, 191p South Ardnachlach; 351-400kgs - £870, 218p No.8 Killeonan; 401-450kgs - £900 Dunand, 200p Keil; 451-500kgs - £1050, 216p No.8 Killeonan; 501-550kgs - £1060, 208p Achnacree more; 601-650kgs - £770, 119p Carrabus:

Heifers: 301-350kgs - £700, 219p South Ardnachlach; 351-400kgs - £840, 213p Killocrow; 401-450kgs - £1150, 274p Killocrow; 451-500kgs - £1040, 217p Pollywilline; 501-550kgs - £1000, 198p Killocrow.



DUNCAN Semple from Dippen Farm, Carradale took champion at Oban Livestock Centre last week with an eight-month-old Charolais cross heifer calf. This calf is out of the same cow that also produced last year's Oban Christmas sale champion. Photo: Kevin McGlynn



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Alistair Cousin is one of six veterinary surgeons who have put together a new publication to raise money for the Veterinary Benevolent Fund.

## Campbeltown vet gives tips in a new book

A VETERINARY surgeon from Campbeltown is one of six who have put together a book of tips, collected from practising vets from across the UK.

Alistair Cousin, who worked as a partner in the local veterinary practice for around 43 years has given his expertise to *The Pocket Book of Tips for Practising Vets*.

Although he is retired from the practice itself, Alistair still practices in the area.

The book, available for £10 will raise funds for the Veterinary Benevolent Fund (VBF).

The collection started as a 10-tip presentation on an annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD) sailing trip. With more than 200 years of experience between them, the six mixed-practice veterinary surgeons are aiming the publication at new or recent graduates.

'Vets of all ages and levels of experience will find plenty of tips they

can use on a day-to-day basis,' said Alistair.

'During the collection process, all of us have picked up a surprising number of ideas that we were able to take back to our own practices,' he said.

## Consultation on reducing red tape in the industry

KINTYRE'S farmers are being urged to take part in a consultation aimed at reducing red tape in the industry.

The farming community is encouraged to get involved in the hope their opinions will help ease the burden of bureaucracy in future.

The overall review was announced in January, with the latest phase – unveiled this week – giving farmers the chance to express their views.

Some of the proposals under the consultation include a single national database for reliable sheep traceability as well as moving to web-based systems to simpli-

fy data returns and provide tailored guidance.

Scottish Conservative rural affairs spokesman Alex Fergusson MSP said: 'All farmers should take advantage of this opportunity to play a part in trying to reduce the amount of red tape that so bedevils agriculture and, in many cases, acts as a constraint of farmers' ambitions.

'Farmers rightly and understandably complain of the amount of bureaucracy that they have to deal with on a day to day basis, so this review offers the perfect opportunity to put forward practical solutions on how that bureaucracy can be minimised.'

## Management plan officer sought for Islay

AN OFFICER to develop a management plan to help Islay farmers and land managers is being sought.

The appointed person would support internationally important population of geese on the island's land.

### Protected

The island's habitats are vital for barnacle and Greenland white-fronted geese which are protected under European law.

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## Supervision order

A TEENAGER who assaulted her sister before kicking and punching a police vehicle in Tobermory is to be supervised for 18 months.

Linda Hughes, 17, of 1 Princes Street, Campbeltown, appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week to be sentenced for both charges.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court

Hughes had 'kicked off' and remained aggressive after punching her sister to the face in Lephin Cottage, Glengorm, Mull on October 20.

### Benefit

Sheriff John Herald imposed a community payback order on Hughes. He said: 'It seems to me you would benefit from some help and some supervision.'

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MEMBERS and friends of the Monday Social Club gathered at Broom Cottage in Campbeltown to mark their last meeting of the year. Roger Gillespie and Robert McShannon played a few tunes, and Santa paid the ladies and gents a visit to give them special gifts for Christmas. 20\_c51social01

## Bollards to be removed

A SET OF bollards, put up outside a house in Carradale 'to improve road safety' are to be removed in the New Year.

The bollards were paid for and installed outside the house former-

ly known as Old Sea View West on the B879 in September by Argyll and Bute Council.

This prompted concerns at last Thursday's East Kintyre Community Council from resi-

dents who claimed they are difficult to see at night and could cause accidents. Other residents have questioned why the council paid for the bollards outside a private property.

At the public meeting, a letter to one of the residents who had complained about the use of public funds was read out. Charles Reppke, head of governance and law at the council, wrote: 'The location of the bollards was not appropriate and the situation will be rectified.'

The residents of the property adjacent to the bollards said at the meeting they would be appealing the decision.

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Some of the children from Rhunahaorine taking part in the nativity play. 08\_c51rhunahaorine01



The older children in their Gruffalo costumes in the Tayinloan Village Hall. 08\_c51rhunahaorine02

**Rhunahaorine Christmas concert**

TAYINLOAN Village Hall played host to Rhunahaorine Primary School's Christmas concert on Monday.

Children from the school put on two plays in the hall. The younger children performed the *Hoity Toity Angel*, a nativity play, while the older children took part in a production of *The Gruffalo's Child*.

The children all got fully involved in the show, which took place during the evening.

**CARRADALE**

**Goldilocks at Carradale Village Hall**

CARRADALE Village Hall had a packed audience two days in a row as the Carradale Drama Club performed *Goldilocks*.

The club put on three shows over the weekend of December 7 and 8, with a big audience at each one.

They performed a Scottish version of the fairytale, written by Isabella C Rae, which was full of jokes and songs to get the crowd going.

Children from the village also got involved by playing villagers and spirits.



Lynn Galbraith as Goldilocks and Sue Stansfield as Fluff McDuff in Carradale Drama Club's performance of *Goldilocks*.

**TARBERT**

**Nostalgic afternoon for church members**

MEMBERS of Tarbert and Kilberry Church of Scotland Guild recently held a nostalgia afternoon to celebrate its 125th anniversary.

Some ladies were presented with long-service certificates at the event, whilst members of neighbouring church guilds joined in the celebrations.

Donations were also collected for the Tarbert Church Restoration Fund.

**New youth worker for Tarbert**

A NEW youth work assistant has been appointed to work with young people in Tarbert to help them achieve their goals outside the classroom.

Innes Paterson, 25, will work with staff at Tarbert Academy and Tarbert Youth Group to help develop youth programmes in the village.

Employed by Argyll and Bute Council, Innes can be contacted at the academy.

**GLENBARR**

**Christmas show at Glenbarr Primary School**

PUPILS at Glenbarr Primary School put on their Christmas show last Thursday evening at the school.

The show featured a mixture of nativities, music and singing.

In the first half, pupils showed off their musical talent by playing a variety of musical instruments including chanters and clarinets, followed by a nativity called *Hey Ewe* about a curious sheep.

In the second half there was another play called *Away with the Manger* with several songs.

**SOUTHEND**



Steven MacPhail, Fraser MacBrayne and Caitlin Russell as the butler, cook and maid during their dress rehearsal.

**Southend panto**

STAFF and pupils at Southend Primary took part in the pantomime *Dick Whittington and His Cat* last Wednesday December 12.

All 22 pupils in the school performed in the show. They had to learn lines, songs and follow stage directions, while also producing artwork and writing to fit in with the project.



Some of the Primary 1s as the mice in the pantomime.

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Sarah Holroyd, via email: Rhum pony, September 2012. T51holroyd1no



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Brian McMahon, Mull Terrace, Oban: Caledonian Macbrayne's pride of the fleet sailing into KennaCraig on a very still crisp morning on Sunday, November 2. Photo taken by me from MV Lord of The Isles. t51brianmcmahon1no



Alexander Clark, Ganavan Road, Oban: Taken beginning of December 2012, in the afternoon, at Wee Ganavan beach Oban - a favourite local walk of ours. Typical winters day - bright, bright sun with sky to match. t51alexanderclark1no



Mark James, Haverhill, Suffolk: The white sands of Calgary Beach - Isle of Mull April 2012. t51markjames1no



Nita Eriksson, Oban: A frosty morning at Loch Creran. T51nitaeriksson1no



Bob Goodman, Campbeltown: View of Glen Catocal Arran, taken December 2012. T51bobgoodman1no



James Collett, Campbeltown: This is a picture from a bridge in Bridgend woods in the island of Islay at the start of the winter. T51jamescollett1no

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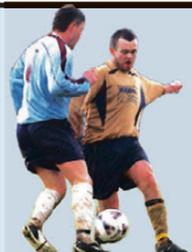
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LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...

This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are: Crawford/Gorrie, Jewson, Lochgilhead and A McNaughton, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown

**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

'... a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:11).

**BIRTHS****HENDERSON**

Kevin and Laura (Williamson) are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Charlotte Rose, born on December 10, 2012, in Kirkcaldy. First grandchild for Alison Henderson and first granddaughter for James and Allison Williamson.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**GALLAGHER** – **BYRNE** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of David Gallagher, son of Sid and Jane, Campbeltown, to Rebecca Byrne, daughter of Jackie and stepdaughter of Richard Williscroft, West Sussex.

**GILMOUR – SIMPSON** – Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Nicola, youngest daughter of Ronald and Valerie Gilmour, Largiemore Farm, Campbeltown, to Scott, only son of Robert and Jeanie Simpson, Ballycaul Farm, Isle of Bute.

**MCCLYMONT – MCMILLAN**

Ewan and Elaine are pleased to announce their engagement, on December 14, 2012. Both families are delighted.

**DEATHS**

**MACAULAY** – Peacefully, after a long illness, borne bravely, on December 18, 2012, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Thomas (Tommy) Macaulay, in his 78th year, of 16 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, beloved husband of Marie and much loved father of Thomas, Julie, Alec and the late Diane. Adored grampy of Donna-Marie, Chloe and great granddad of Connor. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A much respected member of the local community, a good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Monday, December 24 at 11.00am, thereafter to Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**HENDRY** – Anna and family, of the late Duncan Hendry, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, for the kind attention received, to Rev Louis Bezuidenhout for his visits and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, George Hotel for catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for the Church and British Legion raised £470.

**MACDONALD** – Donald. The MacDonald family would like to thank all who attended at Cardross, and also for the many cards, phone calls and letters received. We would also like to thank the local police and ambulance services for their care and attention. Many thanks to Rev Cliff Acklam for a comforting service; to Donald MacDonald for efficient arrangements and to the Coachhouse Inn, Cardross for fine purvey. The retiral collection raised £280 for the SSPCA.

**MACNAUGHTON** – Mairie, Catherine, Kirsty and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, letters, and phone calls received following the recent sad loss of Mary. Sincere thanks to doctors, ambulance crews and all local care staff for their care and attention to Mary. A very special thank you to the nursing staff of Glenaray Ward for their excellent care. Grateful thanks to Margaret Sinclair and Rev Fiona Ogg for comforting services both in Ardrishaig and Acharacle; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and arrangements and to the Loch Shiel House, Acharacle for fine purvey. Finally our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised £600 for M S Centre, Lochgilphead and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital.

**MCARTHUR** – The family of the late Neil McArthur would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, letters, and phone calls received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to doctors and nursing staff at both Mid Argyll and Lorn and Islands hospitals for their care and attention to Neil. Our thanks also to Rev Roddy MacLeod for a comforting and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements and to the Stag Hotel for fine purvey. Finally, thank you to those who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection raised over £400 for Mid Argyll Hospital.

**PRATT** – Margaret and family would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends, for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following the recent sad passing of Derek. Grateful thanks to local police and ambulance crews for their efforts and assistance. Special thanks to Rev Catriona Hood, for her support and a most comforting service at Cardross and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements. Thank you to all who attended at Cardross Crematorium to pay their respects. Donations, to date, have raised over £200 for WWF.

**ROBB** – The family of the late Duncan Robb, wish to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy received during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to the Macmillan nurse and doctors and nursing staff at Tarbert, Lochgilphead and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, for all the kind care and attention received. Thanks also to Cathie and Angus for their caring help and friendship, to Rev David Carruthers for his support and comforting services at Cardross and Ardrishaig, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig for excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at crematorium and church. The collection for Macmillan Cancer Support raised £430.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ADCOCK** – Keira, 11.8.00 - 19.12.03. When nights are cold and stars are few We close our eyes and think of you A silent hope, a silent tear A silent wish that you were here. Missing you. - Love from Mum and Dad xxxx.

**ADCOCK** – In loving memory of our granddaughter and niece, who died December 19, 2003, aged three years. Your smile we cannot see, Your voice we cannot hear, But in our hearts you live forever. - Nanna and Pappa. Forever in our thoughts. - Uncle Colin and Uncle Stuart.

**DUFFY** – Tragically taken from us, with no chance to say goodbye, on December 19, 2004. In loving memory of our much loved son and brother, Craig. Quietly remembered every day and missed so very much. "We'll see you on the far shore". - All our love to you, Craig, from Mum, Colin, Shane and Eilidh xxxx.

**DUFFY** – In loving memory of my beloved partner, Craig, who died so tragically on December 19, 2004.

Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered every day, No longer in my life to share, But in my heart, Craig, you will always be there. Remembered every day. - With all my love as always, Jane xx.

**DUFFY** – Craig, December 19, 2004. Deep in our hearts you'll always stay Loved and remembered every day. - Uncle Colin, Auntie Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma x.

**DUFFY** – In loving memory of our precious grandson, Craig, died December 19, 2004. Today tomorrow our whole life through, We will always love and remember you - Gran and Papa. **FITZPATRICK** – In loving memory of my precious husband, Terry, who died December 26, 2007. Missed every day. - Forever love Vivien and family xx.

**GATNER** – In loving memory of Andy, who died December 22, 2005. Sadly missed, loved and remembered always. - Sarah and family. **MACARTHUR** – In loving memory of our parents, John (Jock), who died December 24, 2002 and Janet, died September 6, 2009. Loved and remembered always. - William, Lucy and families.

**MACFARLANE** – In loving memory of Dugald, Mary, Angus and Donald, who passed away. Loved and remembered every day. - Euphie and Eric, - Mhairi. Goodnight Grampa Tom Lorimer - From Mhairi, Eilidh and Tom.

**SCOTT** – In loving memory of our mother, Euphemia Scott (Johnson), who died December 21, 1963, aged 48 years. Also Alexis, granddaughter of Euphemia, daughter of Catherine and the late Alex Wotherspoon, who died November 15, 2009, aged 48 years. 'They will never be forgotten'. - Inserted by Catherine, Janette, Walter and families.

**WILKIN** – In loving memory of John Alan Wilkin, who left us bereft on December 20, 2010. A dearly loved husband, dad, granddad and great granddad. Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts. - Nancy and family.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES****CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 23rd December** Christmas Family Service followed by coffee & mince pies  
**Baby & Toddler Group and Youth Group** will resume after the New Year  
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!  
We meet in the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road  
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk  
SC043322

**Highland Parish Church**

SC002493  
**Sunday 23rd December 2012** 11.15am Morning Service All Age family Service Mr W. Crossan  
**Monday 24th December 2012** 11.30pm Watchnight Service Lorne & Lowland Church  
Everyone very welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
**Sunday 23rd December** Morning worship 11:15 am (Triple C and Bible Class Nativity Play and Choir items) Rev Philip Burroughs  
**Monday 24th December** Joint Christmas Eve worship at Lorne and Lowland Church 11:30pm Mince pies served from 10:45pm  
**Tuesday 25th December** "O come let us adore him" Morning worship 10:30 am Short service to celebrate Christmas Day Rev Philip Burroughs

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

75 Longrow, Campbeltown  
**Sunday 23rd December 2012** 10.00am Breaking of Bread Mr R H Craig 10.50am Coffee 11.15am Christmas Family Service with Crêche Springbank Youth Group  
**Monday 24th December 2012** 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight All Welcome  
**Sunday 30th December 2012** 11.00am Breaking of Bread Service Mr Gordon Cosgrove  
For details & other enquiries contact The Church Secretary 01586 551237  
www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
For Furniture Recycling Project call 01586 551547 SC014646

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

All Welcome  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson  
**Sunday 23rd December 2012** 11am Morning Service Family Service followed by Mince Pies 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight featuring Harry Bell  
**Christmas Day** Family Service 10.30 Scottish Charity SC015187

**ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH** LOCHGILPHEAD Holy Mass Sunday 10am  
**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY** Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm Fr. David Connor 01546 602380 All Welcome (SC0002876)



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH** SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2012 11.00 am ...Nativity Service (conducted by the Youth Fellowship)

**CHRISTMAS EVE 24th DECEMBER 2012** 11.15 p.m. Watchnight Service (Festive drinks, mince pies and music from 10.45 pm)

**CHRISTMAS DAY 25th DECEMBER 2012** 11.00 am - 11.30 a.m. All Age Carol Service

**SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER 2012** 11.00am ...Morning Worship  
Further information (01546) 606218 www.lpchurch.co.uk Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 23 December** Inverlussa Church 11:30 am Morning Worship  
**Monday 24 December** Tayvallich Front Green 4:00 pm Carols on the green followed by mince pies and mulled wine Tayvallich Church 11:15 pm Watchnight Service  
**Tuesday 25 December** Christmas Day Worship 11:00 am Bellanoch Church  
All welcome  
Enquiries 01546 606926 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday, 23rd December, 2012** Kilmartin 10a.m. Rev. Cliff Acklam  
Lessons and Carols for Christmas  
**Monday 24th December 2012** Ford 11.30p.m. Watchnight Service  
**Tuesday, 25th December 2012** Family Service Bellanoch Church 11a.m. Rev. Cliff Acklam All welcome SC002121

**TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**

**Sunday 23rd December 2012** Tarbert Service 11.45am Sunday School 11.45am to be held in Tarbert Free Church  
Kilberry Service 2pm Rev. Tommy Bryson  
**Watchnight Services** **Monday 24th December** Kilberry 7pm Mr Peter Minshall  
Tarbert Service 11.30pm to be held in Tarbert Free Church Rev. Tommy Bryson  
**Tuesday 25th December** Christmas Day Service Tarbert Service 10.30am to be held in Tarbert Free Church Rev. Tommy Bryson  
For all church enquiries and pastoral care Telephone 01880 821012  
Everyone very welcome SC002622

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 23 December 2012** 11.00am Christmas Carol Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean "Bring forth the Son"  
All Welcome



Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
Scottish Charity No SC023277  
**Sunday 23rd December 2012**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent** 10.45am Holy Communion  
**Tuesday 25th Christmas Day** 10.45am Family Communion  
Details of services are on the church door  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141  
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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

"Taste and see that the Lord is good"  
**Sunday Services** Ardrishaig at 11:00am Achahoish at 12:30pm  
Registered Scottish Charities SC010713 and SC010782

**CHRIST CHURCH, SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BISHOPTON ROAD, LOCHGILPHEAD**

**Sunday 23rd Dec. 11am.** Service led by the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.  
**Christmas Eve** Watchnight service led by Rev. Michael Kitchener at 11.30am.  
**Christmas Day, 11am.** Family Carols and Anthology Birthday Celebration.

**WEST LOCHFYNESIDE Christmas Services - all welcome!**

**Cumloddan Lochfyneside and Lochgair** Charity No. SC016097  
**23 December** 10am Fourth Sunday of Advent Lochfyneside (Minard)  
**24 December** 11.30pm Christmas Eve Service Furnace Hall  
**25 December** 11.30am Joint Christmas morning service Inveraray Church  
**30 December** 10am End of Year Service Furnace Hall  
**6 January 2013** 11.30am New Year Service Lochgair Church

**Glenaray and Inveraray** Charity No. SC016665  
**23 December** 11.30am Fourth Sunday of Advent Inveraray Church  
**24 December** 11.30pm Christmas Eve Service Inveraray Church  
**25 December** 11.30am Christmas morning service Inveraray Church  
**30 December** 11.30am End of Year Service Inveraray Church  
**6 January 2013** 11.30am New Year Service in Inveraray Church  
**6 January 2013** 2.30pm New Year Service in Chalmers Court, Inveraray

**THE SALVATION ARMY Burnside Street, Campbeltown**

**Sunday Services** 3.00pm Family Carol Service  
**Tuesday** 12.15pm Lunch Club (Over 60s) 1.30pm Home League

For Funeral Directors Blair, MacDonald & Lupton please turn to page 24.

# Fun Fours teams pick up their medals

TEAMS who took part in the final week of the Fun Four League received medals for their efforts.

The primary three and four from Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association ended the term with a

full house of teams playing in the league at the all weather pitch over the last five weeks. It featured six local

teams playing small-sided games against one another and the celebrate the season end and mark the progression of the P4 children to seven asides next year, a presentation took place.

All 28 children were presented with a medal for their hard work by Martin Rae, Argyll and Bute Council's football development officer.

Owen Reid and Aiden McGeachy of P3 and Scott Graham and Niamh McEachran of P4 were also awarded trophies for best attendance during 2012 with Owen Reid only missing one out of 74 sessions during the whole year.



The Fun Fours League came to an end with six local teams playing, including Calton Thistle.



Football development officer Martin Rae presents Owen Reid with a trophy for best attendance during 2012; he missed only one out of 74 sessions.



THE mini kickers from Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association received a visit from Santa last Friday. The two groups were given presents in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown over the two sessions. 08\_c51minikickers01

## Coaching Champions event in Oban

AN AWARD winning sports coaching programme returns in 2013, with bookings now being taken.

Sports enthusiasts throughout Argyll and Bute will descend on Oban at the start of February and various courses are on offer include triathlon, netball, rugby and archery, as sport flourishes within the county.

Coaching Champions is recognised across the country as the premium event for training in sports coaching, and attracted more than 450 participants to the 2012 event.

It has grown steadily over its six-year life to offer local opportunities for coach-

es, teachers, instructors, clubs, youth leaders and community volunteers to train in quality sports coaching.

Outdoor adventure sport requires leaders to be competent and confident of their own skills, and Argyll and Bute Council works with Stramash Outdoor Social Enterprise to provide a mixed programme to build these skills.

Also included for the first time are Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Supervisor and Assessor courses where volunteers within this excellent programme can train under competent tutors and pass their skills on to local young people.

Argyll and Bute Coun-

cil's lead councillor for sport, councillor Dougie Philand said that Coaching Champions is an opportunity not to be missed by anyone wishing to become a quality coach, or wanting to improve their skills.

'It has a number of distinct elements which will appeal to a wide range of people who are currently involved in sport or who would like to take the first step on the sports coaching ladder, and I would encourage anyone interested to sign up. It's a fantastic event,' said councillor Philand.

Free minibus transport to Oban is available for participants from Dunoon, Campbeltown, Rothesay and Helens-

burgh, and anywhere en route during these journeys, however places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

During the weekend, those taking part will also be able to vote for their chosen sports coach and volunteer of the year in a number of categories. This peer recognition gives winners not only a memento of their achievement, but also qualifies them for the Scottish Sports Coach awards later in the year.

A full list of the courses on offer, cost and how to apply is on Argyll and Bute Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coaching](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coaching) champions.

### Wee Toon darts

AT THE half way stage of the Campbeltown District Darts Association the Burnside lead by five points.

Week nine results: Southend 4 Commercial 6, Kilbrannan B 7 Kinloch 3, Burnside 6 Kilbrannan 4, Ailsa 1 Fiddlers 9, Fiddlers B /Bye.

Gregor MacGregor scored two 180s for the Burnside, Alan Anderson scored 180 for the Kilbrannan and there were finishes of 116 by Kirsty Cairns for the Kinloch and 111 by Alan Glen for the Kilbrannan.

	P	Pts
Burnside	8	22
Fiddlers	8	17
Kilbrannan	8	17
Commercial	7	14
Kilbrannan B	8	13
Southend	7	6
Fiddlers B	7	3
Kinloch	7	3
Ailsa	8	3



Primary three and four with their gifts from Santa. 08\_c51minikickers02



The primary ones and twos from the Mini Kickers received their presents.

## Promotional material

Posters, flyers, leaflets, calendars, tickets

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## Alan picked to play for regional squad

A CAMPBELTOWN teenager has been chosen to play for an under 16s regional squad.

Alan Glendinning went to football trials at Toryglen Football Centre in Glasgow and at Airdrie before being chosen to play for the Scottish Youth Football Association Central Region Development Squad.

There were 45 keen footballers at the trials, which were eventually whittled down to the squad of 22, including Alan and two boys from Lochgilphead.

He has already started training with them, but has had his

first two matches called off due to bad weather. The 15-year-old plays for Ardencaple Boys Club in Helensburgh, but due to the distance he is unable to go to every training session with them and so trains in Campbeltown with the Campbeltown Pupils twice a week.

He said: 'I would like to thank Norrie, Duncan and Campbell for letting me train with them. It's been a real help to my progress.'

He added he felt good about being chosen for the regional squad and he would 'see how it goes'.

## Dunaverty Golf Club lottery

THE jackpot for this weekend's Dunaverty Golf Club lottery three-number lottery is £400.

There were no winners in last week's draw when the numbers drawn were six, 14 and 15.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

## Winter league at Islay Golf Club

RESULTS from week six of Islay Golf Club's winter league played on December 16: 1 Ian MacCuaig 39 pts, 2 Keith McDonald 35 pts, 3 Jim Rozga 35 pts. CSS 72.

## Colonsay Golf Club news

WINTER League scores from Isle of Colonsay Golf Club: 1 D Binnie: 43 gross, 31 nett; 2 S Weatherstone 38 gross, 32 nett; 3 D MacDonald: 53 gross, 36 nett.

## Nominations sought

NOMINATIONS for Scotland's annual sailing awards are being sought.

The deadline for the Royal Yachting Association Scotland's annual awards is January 7. Clubs, coaches, instructors, and young volunteer will be some of those recognised.

If you know a volunteer, instructors or club which has made an outstanding commitment to sailing in 2012 then please complete a nomination at [www.ryascotland.org.uk](http://www.ryascotland.org.uk).

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