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Proposed £22,000 cut may 'destroy' nursery centre

by MARK DAVEY
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SCROOGES at Argyll and Bute Council are under fire for threatening Campbeltown Nursery Centre's (CNC) future.

Under the current Service Choices a recent addition to the proposals has been to reduce CNC from opening 52 weeks of the year to only opening in term times.

This would save 13 weeks' salaries but leave staff facing a wages shortfall, a gap in the provision of early years nursery services and affect non-profit charity The Meadows Pre-Fives which shares CNC's building.

More than 670 people have signed an online petition and a paper version against the threatened cuts.

The Meadows offers a range of childcare options partly dependent on CNC staff.

On the petition Meadows claims that closing the centre in school holidays would: '...de-

stroy holiday respite for children with additional support needs, wrap-around care and vital provision which prevents children becoming accommodated.

'This could ultimately shut Meadows down as we would not be able to sustain our service.

'This would mean no nursery care in Campbeltown for under threes and no lunch club; up to 166 families a year would be affected.'

At a public meeting, last Thursday, more than 60 parents and staff of the Meadows Pre-Fives charity, angrily heckled the council's Policy Lead for Education, Councillor Rory Colville.

Councillor Colville, who is part of the council administration team handling the cuts, was left floundering as he admitted not knowing the precise figures.

It emerged this week that the saving is equivalent to 0.13 full time



Meadows staff, mums and children outside the nursery centre. 25_c51nursery01

equivalent posts and a cut of £22,637, from a budget of £193,835.

A parent who works for the council and asked not to be named said: 'Is it true that these proposed cuts to early years have been added because the cuts to Additional Support Needs services have been removed but the education department still has to save money?'

Mr Colville said that a potential cut of £1million still had to be made. Councillors Donald

Kelly and John Armour also attended and advised people to complete the council's online service choices document.

Argyll First Councillor Kelly added: 'Campbeltown Nursery, including Meadows Pre-Fives, provides a valuable and much-needed service. It should have never been part of service choices.'

'I will do all that I can to support the nursery.'

Speaking this week, Councillor Colville said: 'There are no op-

tions that suggest closing Campbeltown nursery, only that it would move to term time provision. Building running costs during holiday periods were not factored into savings – only staffing costs and there may be potential for Meadows Under Fives to become key holders to access the building.

'Consideration could be given to the potential of Meadows providing for vulnerable children during these holiday periods.'

Councillor Colville added that in the last five years, Meadows gained about £6,000-£8,000 annually in third sector grants. He said: 'Not all providers in Argyll and Bute benefit from annual grants. If this funding is reduced, Meadows will have to consider its financial model to ensure it is sustainable.'

'We would offer advice and support to help it get external funding through the council's social enterprise team.'

A parent, who did not

want to be named, said: 'Mr Colville's view is narrow minded and unrealistic.'

'He fails to recognise the invaluable holistic service Campbeltown Nursery Centre currently provides and the impact these proposed changes would have.'

'Families become more vulnerable in holiday periods.'

'Removing this service for children with additional support needs will undoubtedly put families into crisis.'

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‘We will have to invest a large amount of money on the building to bring it up to a standard’

AN ARGYLL hotelier has toasted successfully adding Campbeltown's White Hart to his growing chain.

Stan Craig, from Lochgilhead, bought the Main Street hotel, which shut with the loss of 12 jobs in late April, for an undisclosed sum.

It had been for sale at £350,000 through Edinburgh business agents Cornerstone.

Four years ago Mr Craig completely revamped Lochgilhead's Stag Hotel and says that he has turned it into a thriving business.

Mr Craig said: ‘The White Hart's bar is functional and I hope to get that open as soon as possible. As for the rest of the building, the first priority is to get it wind and water tight.’

Up to standard

‘We will have to invest a large amount of money on the building to bring it up to a standard, if we are in doubt about anything we will just rip things out.’

‘There is a good sized function suite and what we did with the Stag is the basis for what we plan to do here.’

‘My aim is to be accommodation-led but there will be some major building work before we can start on the cosmetics.’

‘We are looking to recruit a good team and have bar positions at present.’

Mr Craig also owns Kintyre's Putechan Hotel, just beyond Westport beach at the side of the A83, the Tarbert Hotel and the Marine Hotel in Dunoon.

Mr Craig added: ‘The whole idea is to fit in with our general strategy in Argyll and Bute.’



Olaf at home before he went missing.

Toddler is distraught over missing kitten

FINDING Olaf, an eight-month-old missing moggy, would be the best Christmas present for three-year-old Ilsa Townsley.

Birthday present

Olaf was a birthday present for Ilsa earlier this year and although he has

gone walkabout previously, from his Shore Street home, it was only for a week. This time he has been gone for a fortnight.

Anyone with information of his whereabouts should call Marin Townsley on 01586551812.

Latest hybrid ferry may serve Campbeltown

THE NEWEST ferry on the Clyde may pull into Campbeltown harbour in the near future.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited's latest ferry, MV Catriona, set sail on the Clyde last week, following the announcement that the Campbeltown - Ardrossan summer ferry route has been made permanent.

The route MV Catriona takes will be announced by government-owned CalMac Ferries early in 2016.

She follows MV Lochinvar, another hybrid ferry which runs from Tarbert to Portavadie and launched in May 2013.

MV Catriona incorporates a low-carbon hybrid system of traditional diesel power and electric lithium-ion battery power, is 43.5m long and can accommodate 150 passengers and 23 cars, or two HGVs.

Derek McKay, transport and islands minister, said: ‘The official launch of the MV Catriona marks a further milestone in our improvements to the fleet serving the Clyde and Hebrides network.’



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Public meeting called about Syrian refugees

IT IS planned to invite an English speaking Syrian refugee from Bute to a meeting in Campbeltown. In advance of five Syrian families, due to arrive in the Wee Toon next February, Campbeltown Community Council members have agreed to hold a special public meeting in January.

Members of the public will be able to discuss the Syrians' imminent arrival and it is hoped to find out how the refugees are settling in on Bute. Catherine Dobbie, speaking at a meeting last week, described her own experience of working abroad and being welcomed by everyone she met.

Mrs Dobbie said: ‘We should be welcoming the Syrians on humanitarian grounds.’

She added that their arrival may help with the serious depopulation across Argyll and Bute especially in Kintyre.

She said that the Campbeltown Grammar School roll had dropped from more than 700 pupils to less than 500.

The date for the meeting has not been fixed.

Islay man stalked his ex-partner

A MAN who 'terrified' his ex-partner by stalking her for five months this year was warned prison may be an option at sentencing in January next year.

Duncan McPhee, 57, of 1 Coastguard House, Kilhoman, Bruichladdich, Islay pleaded guilty to a charge of stalking his former partner, when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Tuesday afternoon.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court that McPhee, whose relationship with the woman broke down in 2013, had repeatedly followed his ex-partner when she left the house.

He had previously appeared before the court for similar offences but had been admonished by a sheriff.

The latest sets of incidents, including staring through her window and entering her house uninvited, began in April.

They ended when he went to the house while she was talking to two police officers in September.

Despite not physically threatening her, he left her in such a state that she felt terrified and a prisoner in her own home.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC asked for social work reports after hearing McPhee had not worked for seven years, claims no benefits and was supported by his brother. Summing up Sheriff Anderson said: 'It is wicked and quite criminal. While on bail Mr McPhee must not enter [the village] and have no contact whatsoever with his ex-partner including not sending a Christmas card, no bunches of flowers and no messages passed through friends.'



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'Show off' teenage driver fined after car rolls on its roof

A DRIVER with a month's experience has been fined £400 and given eight penalty points after rolling his car on its roof, almost on the seashore.

On Wednesday at Campbeltown Sheriff Court, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil Aiden Laing, 18, that his driving came at the top end of the scale for carelessness.

As Laing left the court, the sheriff said to his defence solicitor that it was a miracle nobody had been hurt and no doubt he had been showing off before the crash.

Sheriff Anderson said: 'He was driving too fast and is a daft big boy. Sometimes we see people dead in situations like this.'



Aiden Laing's crashed car teetering above the seashore.

'He was driving too fast and is a daft big boy'

Earlier the court heard that Laing of 51B High Street, Campbeltown, who passed his test in February this year, had been out in the car, at

lunchtime, with three pals on Thursday March 26 and decided to go for a spin.

He drove at speeds slightly below 60mph

on the unclassified single track road between Kildalloig and New Orleans cottage along the seashore.

Despite his friends

saying that he should slow down he pressed on and failed to make it round a bend, the car hit the verge and rolled on its roof coming to rest about 10ft from the seashore teetering on a wall.

When emergency services arrived they found that no one had been seriously hurt but the car was an insurance write off. Laing complained of pains in his neck and

was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Laing had originally pleaded not guilty and was due to go to trial but changed his guilty on Wednesday.

Laing's defence solicitor told the court that his client was a young firefighter with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in Campbeltown and as such had attended more road traffic collisions than many 18-year-olds.

Court witness faces Christmas in custody

A WITNESS, who twice caused Campbeltown trials to be cancelled by her non-appearance, faces Christmas in custody.

Demi Dolinski, 20, from Livingston, was told by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC that she did not like locking people up who were witnesses but was left with no choice. Dolinski appeared from custody at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday after being arrested by police acting on a warrant for contempt of court.

The procurator fiscal told the court that Dolinski had twice failed to appear

when she was cited as a witness, despite having hotel bookings and being paid cash travel expenses by Bathgate fiscal's office.

Dolinski's solicitor said that the gravity of what she had done did not sink in until Tuesday last week when she was arrested and that she had never been held in custody before.

Dolinski's explanation was that she had lived in Campbeltown for a number of years but found it was dragging her down.

She will be held in custody until the trial she is a witness in is heard.

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Dalintober's fireside favourites of Christmas

DALINTOBER Primary School made merry when pupils staged three identical shows.

After the first performance, on Monday evening this week, the show was repeated twice to give everyone a chance to see it.

Against a backdrop of a huge hearth decked with streamers, pupils played and sung their way through a medley of traditional tunes.

There were some interactive compositions such as P6's '12 Days of Kintyre Christmas', complete with posters in an attempt to get mums

and dads singing along.

The show opened with the Dalintober Pipe Band playing 'Jingle Bells' and 'Deck the Halls'. Band members were: Isla Campbell, Logan Colville, Kayleigh Dickson, Euan Dott, Glynn Harvey, Amy Lowrie, Lise McKellar and Greg Sargeant.

Brass duet

Emily Bennie and Beth MacPherson gave a brass duet of 'Deck the Halls', followed by the Dalintober Chanter Group playing 'See in Yonder Manger Low'.

Chanter group mem-

bers were: Isla Campbell, Euan Charlwood, Andrew, Jamie and Logan Colville, Amy Lowrie, Lise McKellar and Lorne Paterson.

Dalintober's Christmas Brass and Woodwind Ensemble played 'Santa's Elves' and 'Jingle Bells'. Playing in the ensemble were: Katelyn Burnfield, Jamie Duncan, Calum Ellis, Charlie Flaws, Hannah Jackson, Douglas Kenny, Megan Lines, Rachel McCallum, Tianna McMillan, Sophie McSpornan, Lois Norrie and Charmaine Vick.

The musicians were followed by separate groups from each primary class each singing a 'serious song' and something more light hearted.

First up were P1 with 'Away in a Manger' and 'When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney'. P2 sang 'Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly' and 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree'. 'I



'12 Days of Kintyre Christmas' including posters by P6. 25_c51dalintober12

Saw Three Ships' and 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' were P3's choice. P4 entertained with 'Good Christian Men Rejoice' and 'Mary's Boy Child'.

'Here comes Santa Claus' and 'Ding Dong Merrily on High' complete with actions was performed by P5. Tradition was maintained with P6's 'The Holly and

the Ivy' before their new composition: '12 Days of Kintyre Christmas' including: 'Two Dali-doats', 'Four Blocks of Cheese', 'Three Calmac Ferries' and 'Seven

Seals Swimming'. P7 finished the performance with 'Silent Night,' in German and English, 'We wish You a Merry Christmas' and 'Jingle Bells'.



Dalintober choir. 25_c51dalintober04



P4 making sure everyone can hear. 25_c51dalintober08



P5 singers. 25_c51dalintober09



Dalintober chanter group. 25_c51dalintober02



P7 conclude the show. 25_c51dalintober13



Dalintober Pipe Band. 25_c51dalintober01



P1 singers. 25_c51dalintober05



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P2's performance, with actions. 25_c51dalintober06

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Super Saddell stylist in national final

'I thought this might have been a joke'

THE STUNNING make up and hair skills of a village stylist have grabbed the attention of the nation's public.

Diana MacKenzie, from Saddell, has been nominated for the first ever Confetti Wedding Awards in the category of 'Best Hairdresser of the Year'.

The awards, which are run in association with a national newspaper group, have been created to reward the very best from Scotland's wedding industry.

Competing

Hundreds of businesses have been competing for public votes over the past three months, but Diana has made the cut to reach the final in her category.

Diana, vying with nine

others for the title, will find out who scoops the inaugural prize at the Crowne Plaza in Glasgow on Sunday January 31 next year.

On being nominated, Diana said: 'It came as a complete surprise to me.

'I did not know about the award or that people had been voting for me, it was really nice to know that previous clients have been happy with my work.

'I first found out when I received an email from the Scottish Confetti Wedding awards saying I had been shortlisted in the top 20. I then got in touch with past brides and their nominations helped boost me into the final 10.'

Diana, 40, was astonished to find out she

made the final cut despite already enjoying success at award ceremonies, picking up the hair and make up specialist of the year award in the north west category at the Scottish Wedding Awards last year.

Joke

She said: 'I thought this might have been a joke. I am not very good at taking compliments.'

Diana attended the Scottish Wedding Awards with her husband, Douglas, while their newborn son John stayed with her mother, Dianne Brodie.

While her boy is now 20 months old, it will be a little too early for him to join his parents on the red carpet this time around.

Diana was previous-

ly an admin worker at Argyll Voluntary Action, before chasing her dream by taking an advanced make up course at Make Up Academy Glasgow.

While still working part time at Donald McLean, her business, particularly with weddings in the summer, is coming on leaps and bounds.

She said: 'I have always been artistic and crafty, so I wanted to try something which I could gather all my knowledge of and see how far I could take it.

'My expertise is in occasion styling, particularly weddings. I love making such a meaningful contribution to one of the biggest days in people's lives'.



Holding the unexpected finalist Certificate for the Confetti Wedding Awards.

Drop-in couples clinic to ease separation or divorce

FAMILY Mediation and the Civil Legal Assistance Office have come together to offer free advice to struggling couples.

The two groups will offer guidance to those contemplating or going through separation or divorce.

The clinic will be held on Monday January 18, from 11am to 3pm at the Kintyre Community Education Centre in Campbeltown.

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Kintyre talent shines at Christmas concerts

THE Wee Toon has been ringing with Christmas cheer this week.

Concerts have shown that even though it is a relatively small place, there is a remarkable amount of musical talent in many different forms.

The Kintyre Music Club's evening featured a number of technically difficult pieces played exceptionally by youngsters, whose flair and expertise with their respective instruments far belies their age.

Kintyre Choral, meanwhile, gave a truly soul warming and classy performance. With the audience joining in, the hymns easily filled the great hall in the Lorne and Lowland Church.

David O McEwan featured heavily in both concerts, and must be commended for continuing to promote and contribute to the musical excellence of Kintyre, despite also enjoying his retirement from Campbeltown Grammar School.

Campbeltown's primary schools were greatly involved, with Dalintober and Castlehill giving lovely performances, which had parents and teachers alike filling up with pride.

As with the other concerts, the level of talent was beyond what could be expected from children of such young age.

With the wee voices and their instruments ringing out Christmas tunes, even Scrooge could have been converted to pop on a Santa hat and join in the fun.

They also gave parents an excuse to get their phones out and capture what will likely be long treasured memories, which may come in handy when looking for embarrassing photos for 18th birthday parties in the future.

Christmas is often cited as a time for coming together and music is always an excellent excuse to join in, even if some need to be coaxed into doing so. The Wee Toon showed it has already come together in time to hear those sleigh bells ringing overhead on Christmas Eve.

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Proposed nursery centre cuts could create economic misery

Sir,

As a service user of Campbeltown's Meadows Under Fives I am writing to state the case against proposed cuts.

As a working mother and foster carer I have used the facility for almost 15 years and without it I simply would not be able to work.

As a foster carer, I have worked in tandem with the centre with several looked after children and the support offered not only allowed me to work in my day job but helped with the continued development of these children.

The service is not only educational but allows parents to work with a clear conscience knowing their children are well looked after all year round.

Without it many people could not work - there are very few term time jobs. The economic situation in the area is bad enough.

Although free child care is available to some people, those working and receiving over the threshold do not qualify for this and other child care options are unaffordable.

I truly hope these proposed cuts are reconsidered immediately.

Moyra Paterson,
Campbeltown.

Senior citizens' concert hits all the right notes

Sir,

Campbeltown senior citizens

were treated to an array of entertainment at this year's community council concert.

Held in the Victoria Hall on October 31, attendees enjoyed the Kintyre Pipe Band, Robert McCallum, Kintyre Kiltie and Ceilidh Band, Sheena Armour, James McCorkindale Dancers and Upbeats choir.

There was also a free raffle which was generously supported by donations from local shops, hotels, bars and various individuals.

Campbeltown community council would like to thank the kitchen volunteers for helping with service and the staff from the Aqualibrium for helping set up the hall, as well as the appreciative audience for coming along.

Alan Baker,
Chairman,
Campbeltown
Community Council.

Glenbarr Abbey trustees' thanks

Sir,

The Glenbarr Abbey trustees would like to thank everyone who helped make the two Christmas open days on December 6 and 13, such a success, once again.

The group of volunteers who help Jeanne Macalister with the Abbey throughout the season and on events such as these are so valued and, in particular, on this occasion, Santa, who was able to spare us some time from his busy schedule.

We are also grateful to Frank MacNaughton, Peter Grub and Graham Sharkie, who played for us on December 6 and the Fynesiders barber shop choir who sang

on December 13, delighting everyone.

The Mairi Semple committee provided wonderful soup and teas and raised a good amount for the cancer relief fund.

For the Abbey, we would like to thank all our visitors who supported us through donations, the tombola and the prize draw.

It all helps keep the doors open until we can be in a position to apply for the funding necessary for the regeneration project.

A ring was found on December 13, please contact the Abbey on 01583 421090 if you think it may be yours.

Finally, the trustees would like to thank Jeanne Macalister, without whom the Abbey could not stay open, for her hard work and wonderful Christmas decorations which are appreciated by all who visit.

The Trustees of the
Clan MacAlister
Charitable Trust.

What cuts should be made to balance budgets?

Sir,

Mr Paton attacked me in last week's letters page for supporting the Union, but failed to answer my question about what spending cuts he would make in order to balance an independent Scotland's budget.

Due to the oil price collapse, an independent Scotland would be forced to cut £1 from every £10 that the Government and Councils plan to spend next year. That is on top of the cuts already proposed which are attracting

furious opposition.

So, come on, Mr Paton - answer the question.

You say you possess a 'passionate patriotism,' but people would have a high price to pay in terms of cuts to pensions, schools and hospitals for your 'passionate patriotism.' What would you cut?

Alan Reid,
Fairhaven,
Dunoon.
(Lib Dem candidate
for Argyll & Bute)

Painting raffle raises dialysis money

Sir,

Many thanks to everyone who supported my watercolour exhibition and raffle at both Links View Studio Gallery in October, and the Christmas Market Campbeltown.

Thirteen of 20 new pictures were sold at the exhibition, something I never expected at such a quiet time of the year.

The conclusion, and draw of the raffle at the Christmas Market was indeed the icing on the cake, as I was quite overwhelmed by the many compliments 'The Wide Close' painting attracted from all who viewed it, and bought tickets.

I also enjoyed meeting so many new people, old friends from the past and the buzz of the market.

However, there can only be one winner, and Liz Johnson who did so, was delighted. Between the exhibition and raffle the sum of £1,520 was raised which will go to Kintyre Dialysis.

Morag Docherty,
Links View Gallery,
Southend.

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Volunteers thanked for their years of dedication

THE ROYAL National Lifeboat Institution has rewarded two Campbeltown volunteers with



From left, Grace Rae, Marjorie Leighton and Margaret Houston.

an extra special note of thanks.

At a festive mulled wine and mince pie party held at the lifeboat station last week, volunteers Grace Rae and Margaret Houston were presented with the RNLI's official certificate of thanks.

Presented

The award was presented to the ladies by Marjorie Leighton, chairperson of the Campbeltown lifeboat fundraising branch.

The award is a token of gratitude for the years of dedicated service which Ms Rae and Ms Houston have given to help run the lifeboat shop, as well as helping with countless fundraisers.



Reaching for the roof. 20_c51pilates03

Candlelit pilates classes raise cash for Shopper Aide

THE FREE Church on Campbeltown's George Street shaped up well as a pilates haven.

Charity Classes

Leonie Shaw Tulloch held two special charity classes, last Fri-

day, to raise money for Shopper Aide.

Ambient

More than 30 people attended the two ambient candlelit sessions, with £550 raised for the

local charity.

Leonie said: 'It was a fantastic turnout, and even people who could not attend the sessions made donations which was really lovely.'

EU Funding available to ease cash flow problems

A NEW £40 million deal created by the European Investment Fund can be tapped into by small Kintyre businesses.

Lend

The guarantee scheme will allow credit facility IWOCA to lend capital, that is backed financially by the European

Commission, to help local businesses facing cash flow problems.

The risk-platform IWOCA automatically analyses each application, allowing local businesses to be approved for up to £100,000 within a few hours.

Alyn Smith, MEP,

said: 'This could be a considerable boon for those small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurs which need rapid access to finance to grow their business.'

Cash flow

'At a time when credit can be hard to come by and cash flow remains

the single biggest problem facing business, this scheme might not be for everyone but it has its place, and businesses in Argyll and Bute should certainly be aware of it'

Small businesses can apply for funding under the programme at www.iwoqa.co.uk

Glen Scotia's award winning malts are spellbinding

STEPPING into Glen Scotia Distillery's visitor centre is like going back in time to the days when Campbeltown was the Victorian Whisky Capital of the world.

One of the best days out in Campbeltown has just become 100 per cent better with the news that Glen Scotia's 15-year-old and Victoriana have both been given 'Gold Awards' at the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Wines and Spirits Competition.

In addition, the Glen Scotia Double Cask collected a silver award, a very good showing for the distillery's first competition.

In May, at the Campbeltown Whisky Festival, the single cask Distillery Edition 001 was launched and it rapidly sold out, with many visitors buying two bottles, one to keep and one to drink.

This Distillery Edition 001 gained a rave review in Jim Murray's latest issue of the Whisky Bible

picking up a 'Liquid Gold Award' and a score of 94.5 out of 100.

The good news is that, just in time for Christmas, Distillery Edition 002 has just been launched.

It is a lightly-peated single cask with just 204 bottles available - which are already proving to be popular. Most Glen Scotia whisky is unpeated which distillery manager Iain McAllister describes as 'a Campbeltown-style whisky - oily, salty and typical of the region'.

In the atmospheric visitor centre, where the warm glow of the bottled whisky adds to the ambience, Campbeltonian Shannon Brodie operates a till straight from the industry's glorious past.

There is no need, though, for crowns, guineas, old pennies or farthings to make a purchase as there is a modern card terminal tucked in next to the till.

Alongside the whisky is Glen Scotia's Heritage Range of bespoke cloth-

ing including jackets, bags, polo shirts, key rings and a bespoke Glen Scotia tweed.

Also on show in the visitor centre is a spirit safe which only recently come out of service after being replaced earlier this year during some of the Loch Lomond Group's investment in the future.

Glen Scotia has a small team compared to some distilleries, with just seven dedicated members of staff. Shannon, one of the latest recruits, says that no two days are the same.

She is very keen to encourage more people in the Wee Toon to take a look beyond the door and discover where Glen Scotia is going.

Glen Scotia will be offering gift vouchers in the distillery in the run up to Christmas as well as a special offer of 10 per cent off whiskies and merchandise on December 21/22/23, as well as a free dram of Double Cask for visitors over these three days.



The intimate tasting room which reflects Glen Scotia's heritage credentials.



Bottles lined up for tasting.



Distillery manager Iain McAllister with the single cask Distillery Edition 002 released in time for Christmas



Choir singers find perfect pitch for Auchinlee

ON A bitterly cold night, Kintyre Chorale's voices warmed the souls at their annual Christmas concert.

At Campbeltown's Lorne and Lowland church, the group performed an array of Christmas carols to stir the crowd and at the same time raise money for Auchinlee care home.

Directed by Carolyn and Mhairi Renton, all proceeds from the night

went to the much-loved care home and the concert was kicked off in rousing fashion by Campbeltown Brass.

They played a selection of festive tunes as people arrived, before compère for the evening Mary Graham warmly welcomed everyone to the evening.

Campbeltown Brass then played the sacred Christmas carol 'Gaudete', before the entire choir took to the stage to



Compère for the evening Mary Graham. 20_c51choraleconcert08



The choir in full flow. 20_c51choraleconcert04



The crowd welcomed the chance to join in. 20_c51choraleconcert05

sing 'Panis Angelicus' and 'O Holy Night'.

They then sang 'O Come All Ye Faithful', the first of three hymns which the crowd were encouraged to participate in, which they duly did.

Hazel Barr and Alison Semple then sang a wondrous rendition of 'A Stable Cold and Barren', before being joined by a selection of the rest of the choir to sing 'Calypto Carol', 'A Festive

Noel' and 'Hark The Herald Angels Sing', again with crowd in tow.

There followed four rousing solos, first Kathleen Campbell with 'In The Bleak Midwinter', followed by Moira Foreman with 'Away In A Manger'.

David O McEwan, who was the accompanist for the evening, then played a terrific organ solo rendition of 'Air An Oir'.

Myra Millar wrapped up the solos with 'Star Of Bethlehem', before the rest of the choir rejoined to perform two more Christmas classics.

Wendy Beasley performed the final solo of the night with 'Still, Still, Still', before the crowd joined in once more with 'The First Noel', 'The Snow' and 'Jingle Bells' to wrap up an excellent evening's entertainment.

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Everyone in tune at merry Music Club concert

by **BEN RAMAGE**
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KINTYRE Music Club put on a Christmas concert which treated spectators to an array of festive talent.

Co-ordinated and presented by David O McEwan, retired head of music at Campbeltown Grammar School, pupils from schools across Kintyre played a selection of festive tunes.

The Lorne and Lowland church hall was nearly full when the Castlehill school choir, conducted by Elizabeth Hill, gave rousing renditions of 'All around the world' and 'Frosty the Snowman' to get the crowd into the Christmas spirit.

Alex Wotherspoon then played an excellent version of 'Indian Pony Race' on the piano, before Chloe Twynham performed two pieces

on the flute. Charles Turner, fresh from his panto performance in Aladdin, sang 'Consider Yourself' and 'Moscow Nights', before youngster Grace McTaggart played lullaby on the piano.

Rona Campbell, of Castlehill P6, then produced a flawless rendition of 'Share My Yolk' on the flugel horn.

Erin Soudan then took to the stage to sing 'I'd like to teach the world to sing' and 'Iona Boat Song', before Amy Paterson gave a technically excellent performance of 'The Gentle Light That Wakes Me' on the violin.

Iona Renton expertly played two challenging numbers on the piano, 'L'Orage' and '60s Swing Number One', before Ruairidh Wallace confidently sang 'If

I Loved You' and 'Deep River'.

Linsey Cairns, also fresh from performing in Aladdin, gave a rousing rendition of 'Andantino' on the clarinet, which was followed by some emotive traditional Gaelic singing by Bethany Kelly.

Suen Yee Walker expertly breezed through a technically difficult piano number 'Carousel', before Andrew McMillan played 'The Return' on the tenor horn with similar flair.

Oliver Twynham closed the concert with a flourish, singing 'Caro Mio Ben' before Abba's 'Thank You For The Music', which aptly had the whole crowd joining in.

Mr McEwan said: 'This is the third year of running the club's Christmas concert, and it is great to see so many people turning up to hear these wonderful young musicians.'



Castlehill school choir opening the concert. 20_c51musicclub01



Andrew McMillan on the tenor horn. 20_c51musicclub06



Rona Campbell on the flugel horn. 20_c51musicclub03



David O McEwan accompanied several performers. 20_c51musicclub08



Oliver Twynham closing the show with Abba. 20_c51musicclub07



Ruairidh Wallace on stage. 20_c51musicclub04

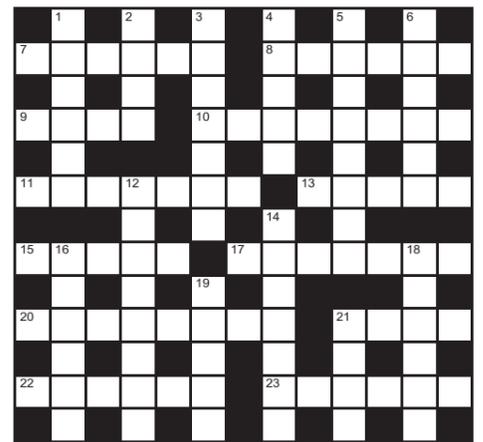


Charles Turner singing an Oliver Twist classic. 20_c51musicclub02



Suen Yee Walker dazzled on the piano. 20_c51musicclub05

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- 18 Unstraight limb (6)
- 19 Many fish (5)
- 21 Something owed (4)

Last week's solution



BELLOCHANTUY

Bellochantuy institute

CHRISTMAS came early for Bellochantuy Women's Institute November meeting in Glenbarr Village Hall.

Members arrived to find tables laid out with tinsel, candles, baubles, glue, scissors, greenery and scateurs.

All were used when members decorated their yule logs following a demonstration by Tricia Fair.

The Christmas theme was continued in the subjects for competition which were:

Three Mince pies: gold - Lois Fell and Libby Kerr, silver: Tricia Fair and Diane Roberts, Blue: Morag Benson, and Elaine Hemmings, green - Karen Kendrick and red - Marjorie Steel.

Advent Calendar: gold - Lois Fell, Elaine Hemmings and Libby Kerr

and silver - Karen Kendrick. Fun competition spoon: gold - Margaret Cameron, silver - Linda Bryson, Lois Fell and Libby Kerr, red - Morag Branson, Tricia Fair, Elaine Hemmings, Karen Kendrick, Diane Roberts and Angie Smith.

A Christmas dinner was held at the Argyll Arms, Bellochantuy for the December meetings. Vice chairman Lois Fell gave the vote of thanks and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The next meeting will be on Monday January 18 in Glenbarr Village Hall when Professor J. Thompson will talk on 'Property Matters'.

Dunskeig Singers.

Villagers provided a large spread of food and a licensed bar to keep everyone well fuelled to stand the pace.

The grand prize draw held in two sessions provided both excitement and time to rest the legs.

The winners of the 25 prizes were scattered across Kintyre with the £100 cash prize going to Campbeltown.

A spokesperson said: 'A big thank you to all who took part, look out for the next one.'

GLENBARR

Glenbarr Abbey building repairs urgent

GLENBARR Abbey Trust has had a year fraught with changes that have delayed grant applications.

The trust has just accepted a letter of offer from the Architectural Heritage Fund for a project viability grant and the process of grant applications for building repairs has begun.

The Abbey has been lucky that recent rain has not found any extra ways to get inside.

This may not last and extra fundraising just to help keep the elements at bay is now essential.

CLACHAN

Clachan ceilidh boosts hall development fund

YOUNG ceilidh band Chora Lark kept Clachan dancers on their toes till midnight and helped the village hall development fund raise £1,600.

More than 70 people of all ages filled the hall for the recent event.

The music and dancing were interspersed with fundraising games and entertainment by the

SOUTHEND

Forever young seniors see Santa



Diners at the party.



Dancing at the seniors' Christmas party.

SANTA'S sleigh slid into Southend's special Christmas party.

The community council held its seniors' Christ-

mas party last Saturday with a buffet dinner, dancing and many folk had a word in Santa's ear with gift requests.

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Store Cattle sale in Stirling

AT A Caledonian Marts Ltd sale in Stirling, 185 store cattle were sold.

Held on Monday December 14, the results were: 94 bullocks averaged 192p per kilogram (kg), selling to 252p per kg for Aberdeen Angus from W Adam & Son, Shankhead, Stirling and to £1100 gross for Aberdeen Angus from University of Glasgow, Cochno.

Eighty-one heifers averaged 191p per kg, selling to 248p per kg for a Aberdeen Angus again from Shankhead and to £1190 for a Lim, from D&L Graham Mains of Burnbank Farm, Blairdrummond.

Ten black and white bullocks averaged 130p per kg, selling to 158p per kg from T Patterson & Sons, Stenhouse, Kirkcaldy and to £800 from the same farm.

Leading prices: bullocks per head: £1,000 Redhall & Cochno; £980 Acres; £950 East Kerse; £940 Stenhouse. Heifers per head: £1000 & £920 East Kerse; £870 Redhall; £860 East Kerse.



From left, Ina Semple, Thomas and John Ralston, judge Willie Fleming, Sandy Pirie and chairman Gavin Semple.

Kilkivan crowned Kintyre kings of Holstein heifers

KILKIVAN farm were best of breed at this year's Kintyre Holstein Breeders heifer competition.

The annual contest took place on Wednesday December 2, with Willie Fleming, Hillhead Farm, judge for the day.

Thomas and John Ralston of Kilkivan farm were crowned overall points winners, pick-

ing up the White Hart Trophy in the process.

William Ralston of West Darloch Farm was runner up in the overall points category.

Individual

Sandy Pirie of Machrihanish Farm won the individual competition and picked up the P McKerral and Co Trophy.

Ina Semple presented the tro-

phies and, following the prize giving, there was a dinner at The Ugadale Hotel, Machrihanish.

Heifer competition results as follows: team: 1 and White Hart Trophy; Kilkivan Farm; 2 West Darloch Farm and 3 West Trodighal Farm.

Individual: 1 and P McKerral and Co Trophy; Machri-

hanish Farm; 2 Kilkivan Farm and 3 West Darloch Farm.

Dam and daughter: 1 and Same Tractor Trophy; Kilkivan Farm; 2 West Trodighal Farm and 3 Machrihanish Farm.

Most points overall: Messers Ralston, Kilkivan Farm. Runner up: Mr William Ralston, West Darloch Farm.

Lambs and feeding ewes

CALEDONIAN Marts Ltd sold 605 store lambs and feeding ewes in Stirling.

Top price of the day went to K and A Graham, Easterton Farm, Doun at £60 for a pen of Beltex X Lambs purchased by J Taylor Easter Ochtermuthill.

Leading prices of the sale, which took place on Monday December 14, were as follows: Suff - Hillhead £59; Cont - Hillhead £58; Beltex X - Turdees £58; Suff X - Craiganet £58; Tex - Hillhead £57; Mule - Easterton £56; Suff X - Easter Fordell and Balceachy £55; BF - Ardchnonell and Craiganet £40, BF ewe Lambs - Todholes £36. Feeding Ewes: Chev - Craiganet £45; BF - Boreland £44; BFX - Bridge Farm £40; Chev X - Bridge Farm £40.

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WW2 invention powering latest food passion

BRITAIN'S biggest food trend of recent years is being served up by technology developed in Scotland at the start of the Second World War.

Smoked meats like pork ribs, brisket and pulled pork have recently become hugely popular, and are making even the most discerning restaurant menus in the UK. This year they have become the big seller for British restaurateurs.

They would never have been possible, though, without the invention of the Torry Kiln in Scotland in 1939.

Created at the Torry Research Station

in Aberdeenshire, the kiln allowed for uniform mass-smoking and is considered the prototype for all modern large-scale commercial smokers.

In 1929 the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research set up the research station to look at developing fish preservation, due to growing concern surrounding the loss of thousands of tons of fish annually through decay.

World War Two had a significant impact on Torry's research programme and from 1939 the research station took on a more advisory role. It was tasked with de-

veloping innovative ways to use under-utilised fish and make cheaper cuts of meat more palatable to make rations go further. The result was the invention of the Torry Kiln and the first widespread UK trend for smoked meats.

Refinements

Although refinements in technique and advancements in technology have made smoking much easier, the basic steps involved remain essentially the same today as they were back then.

Food historian and writer Seren Evans-Charrington said: 'Dating back to be-

fore the ice age, smoking was initially used to preserve meats. The distinctive flavour that the smoking process imparts was preferred and became widely used as much for its additional taste to the food as its preservation quality.

'Microwaves and ready meals put paid

to the old smoked meat style and in the 1990s the final nail in the coffin came as Britain looked for new, more modern, cooking methods and different cuisines to excite their taste buds. However, the ancient method is experiencing a revival for the modern day.'

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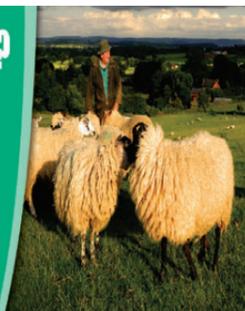
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Kilmory Road
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to all my relatives & friends from Hamish McMillan, 28A Calton Avenue.

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to neighbours & friends from Emily McDonald, 15 Lochend Street.

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to all my relatives & friends. Also thank you to all my friends from Lesley Mitchell, Campbeltown.

FLORA ANDERSON
Auchinlee, wishes all relatives & friends a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all my relatives & friends from Jenny & Donnie MacMillan, Kintyre Gardens.

David & Florence McEwan
wish all their relatives & friends a very Merry Christmas & prosperous New Year.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
to all my relatives & friends from Margaret Ralston, Conieglen.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all my relatives & friends from John Smith, Oban

HAMISH MUIR
Wishing all relatives, neighbours & friends a Merry Christmas.

DAVE & ISOBEL DAVIS, PERTH
wish all their family & friends a Merry Christmas & very best wishes for the new year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives and friends from Betty Ronald, Craigowan Park, Campbeltown.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
to family, friends & neighbours from Mary Robertson & family, 6 Castleacres.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all friends & neighbours from Patsy Johnston. Supporting Cancer Research

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Betty Dawson, 6 Wallace Cottages, Southend.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all relatives, good friends & neighbours from Archie & Mary Clark, Drumore Villa.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
To all my friends in Ardishaig and Lochgilphead, especially the Ardishaig Wednesday Morning Coffee Club, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year from Jean Berrie.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all my friends and neighbours, also thank you all for your help and support during my recent illness, from Catherine Cameron. Best wishes to all!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives & friends from Marie Macaulay.

CATHIE & JOHN MARTIN
86 Crosshill Avenue wish family & friends a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all my friends, relatives & neighbours from Mary Paterson, Broomfield, Carradale.

CATHIE ARMOUR, GLEBE STREET
would like to wish all friends & family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our relatives & friends with love from Hector & Esther.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Cissie McMurchy, 55 Dalaruan Street.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Annie Thompson, 20 Meadowpark.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
to relations & friends from Katie McNaughton & Danny.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all from Betty Munro, 197 Ralston Road, Campbeltown.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all our relatives & friends from Flora & Colin MacBrayne.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives & friends from Reggie McManus, 48 New Parliament Place.

GEORGE, JOY & JACK
7 Burnside Cottages, wish relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our relatives & friends from Elizabeth & Sharon, Roading.

MARY DOCHERTY
wishes all family, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my friends & neighbours from Neil Kennedy, 27 Argyll Street.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives and friends from Isabel McConachie, Garavoine.

HAMISH THOMSON
Dahlrae, Hazelbank Court, Campbeltown wishes all friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my family, friends & neighbours. All the best for 2016 from Agnes Graham, Braemore.

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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives and friends from Donald Sinclair, 16 Glenfield, Tarbert.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
to all my relatives & friends from Alastair McKinlay, Ciaran Court.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives & friends from May Currie, Tayinloan.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all my friends & relatives from May McDonald, Craigholm, Glenbarr.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives & friends from Katherine McIntyre, 23 Meadowpark.

ELLA JOHNSTON
Auchinlee, wishes all relatives & friends a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our relatives & friends from Nancy, Allan, Jakob, Mima & Ruben in sunny Florida.

MARY MCMILLAN
wishes all family & friends a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
Lucy Cunningham, Catriona & David Vick & family of 54 Kirk Street, Campbeltown wish all relations, friends & neighbours, far and near, a Merry Christmas & a Happy Prosperous, Peaceful & Blessed New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Dorothy McConnachie.

MCSPORRAN
Iain & Hilda wish Season's Greetings to all our relatives, friends & neighbours.

Season's Greetings
to friends & neighbours from Jenny, 24 Meadowpark.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives & friends from Marjorie & Arthur, Campbeltown.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives & friends from Duncan MacKinnon, Low Tiferghus.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives & friends from Mrs Catherine Thomson.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Donald & Margaret, 57 Meadows Avenue.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
to all my relatives & friends from Bobby Duncan, 35 Castleacres.

Refurbished town hall to marry community and business

CAMPBELTOWN'S fully refurbished Town Hall is set to shoot back to the heart of the community.

With building and renovation work nearing completion, the South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) are now planning how to get the best social and economic use from the historic building.

Claire McFadzean, 25, recently appointed Town Hall manager, said: 'We hope to play a huge role in community events once we have reopened.'

'We will be looking to be involved as much as possible with community events, includ-

ing music festivals like the Kintyre Songwriters and MOKFest, as well as with other opportunities such as film and other leisure activities.

'To supplement this we will also get the best business use from the venue, with the main hall being used for weddings, functions and conferences, and the old chambers rented out as modern office space.'

After a long campaign to save the Town Hall from being mothballed by the council back in 2009, SKDT took full ownership in 2014 after receiving funding from the National Lottery Fund, Argyll and Bute council and others.

The hall will have a new lift, toilet facilities, office spaces and kitchen in order to support the wide variety of activity planned for the venue. Work began in November 2014 and were aimed to be completed by November 2015 but as with most major projects that was an estimate and some unforeseen occurrences have caused the project to overrun.

Ms McFadzean, who was previously marketing officer at Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, said: 'We aimed to have the works done in a year, but as with all big projects some things popped

up we were not expecting.'

'There was water found at the bottom of the lift system we had to install, so that had to be cleared up, and the painting of the external walls has also been an issue.'

'The stonework has long been completed, but the Keim mineral paint used on the external walls is very specialist, and can only be applied if the temperature is above five degrees Celsius and the moisture level of the stone is lower than 20 per cent.'

'Obviously that has presented us with an issue given the winter we have had so far.'

Claire is convinced that the Hall will be finished by no later than April next year, with bookings already in

place next spring.

'We already have two weddings booked in May, so we really have to be ready to reopen by then.'

Ms McFadzean also said she could not wait for the public to finally see the finished product, with it having been under scaffolding for so long. The whole community can only see the scaffolding. They cannot see the vast amount of work being done behind the covers. I cannot wait for them to get to see their Town Hall restored to its former self.'

'We have made sure that we have kept the best of the original features, like the woodwork downstairs, restoring the clock faces and the outer stonework, to get the hall back to its best.'



The majority of the work inside the hall is now complete. 20_c51townhall02



An impression of the hall upon completion.



Builders at work upstairs in the new control room. 20_c51townhall05



The hall's brand new kitchen. 20_c51townhall03



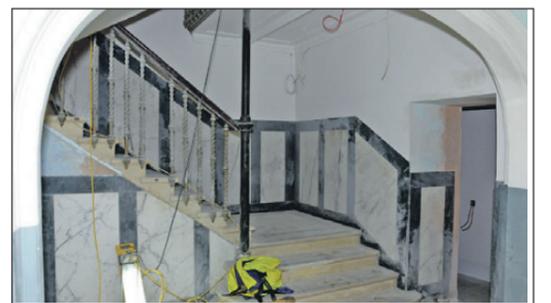
Original features like the chamber's wood panelling has been kept. 20_c51townhall10



The spire has also been restored. 20_c51townhall07



One of the renovated clock faces. 20_c51townhall06



The original ironwork in the lobby. 20_c51townhall09



The town crest overlooking the main hall. 20_c51townhall08

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The newly installed lift. 20_c51townhall04

Castlehill Christmas spirit warms bumper crowd's hearts

CASTLEHILL Primary School's pupils put on a super festive show for parents and teachers alike.

Before the concert in the school hall, there was also a Christmas craft fair, which sold Christmas presents made by the children, while afterwards there was a bumper raffle.

Everything was in aid of fundraising for both the school and World Vision, a charity in which the P7s sponsor a vulnerable child, Eric, from Armenia.

Highlight

Mrs Valerie MacKay, head of P6, was the most involved in putting on the show, although she was quick to highlight

that the children organised a lot themselves, including advertising the event in the town.

Talent

A vast array of talent was displayed during the concert, including pipers, brass bands, Highland dancers, recorder players and choirs.

The Castlehill Pipe Band kicked off proceedings with a performance of a Christmas classic.

The Brass Players and Group proved there is plenty of talent coming through to join the successful Campbeltown Brass in coming years.

The P6 singers, consisting of Kelsey, Erin B, Erin C, Erin H, Sarah, Chloe, Millie, Rona,

Sophie, Kelly and Holli, wonderful rendition of 'Fight Song' by Rachel Platten was one of the highlights of the show.

High quality

The Highland dancers, woodwind players, chanters and P6 recorders were all equally high quality, adding to the school's talented Christmas performance.



Head teacher Richard Long draws the raffle. 20_c51castlehill06



The P6 Singers were the hits of the show. 20_c51castlehill02



Some of the young chanters in action. 20_c51castlehill03



Some of the Brass Group. 20_c51castlehill05



The Highland dancers getting some air. 20_c51castlehill01



The P6 recorders took to the stage. 20_c51castlehill04



The Castlehill Pipe Band. 20_c51castlehill07



A bumper crowd enjoyed the entire show. 20_c51castlehill08

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Obituary:

NEIL MacDonald, a well respected Tarbert general practitioner and Gaelic enthusiast, has died suddenly in his 80th year.

Neil spent his early years in Surrey where his parents worked as doctors, but most of his life, until he finished university, was spent in Edinburgh and Scourie.

His father was from Scourie and the family home is still there.

During the war all the

Dr Neil Macdonald

Born May 23, 1936 - died November 27, 2015

family evacuated from London for the peace and quiet of Sutherland.

Neil's route to being a GP in Tarbert was interesting. He worked for

a spell on the banana boats going between the River Forth and the Caribbean as a ship's doctor.

On his return he

worked in Inverness as a peripatetic locum.

Aged 34, Neil married in 1967 after meeting Hilary due to a broken ankle which needed

a new cast at least once a week.

They married within nine months and were wed for 48 years.

The honeymoon was a disaster with Neil taking to his bed with bronchitis. A second honeymoon in Paris was marred by Vietnam talks and student riots.

Baby Kirsteen arrived after 15 months and Jamie two years later.

The family moved to Tarbert in 1974.

Nowadays, one would call Neil an old-fashioned doctor. He visited older people at home so he could see that they were coping and looking after themselves.

Proud

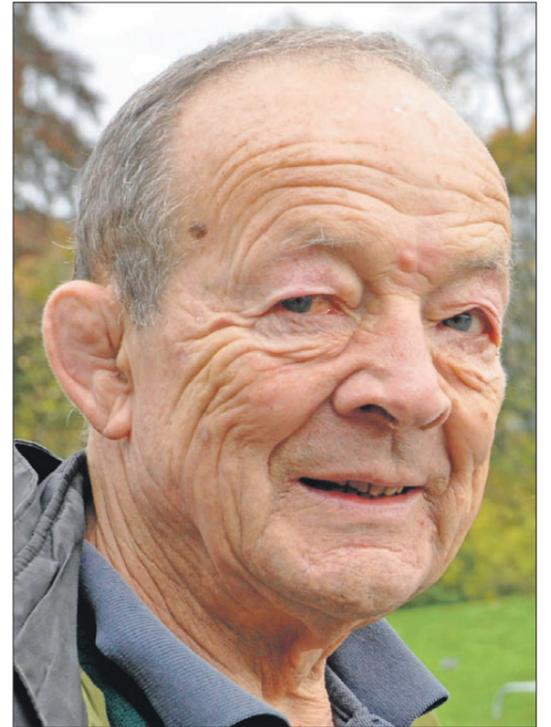
Neil was a trainer for young GPs just starting out and was proud when they became good doctors.

He loved the people and area of Argyll, plus being beside the sea. The family were used to staggered dinners as Neil would often just sit down to eat when the phone would go.

Neil became a member of Tarbert Gaelic Choir; in Aviemore he had brought together two struggling Gaelic choirs, Kingussie and Newtonmore forming the Badenoch Gaelic Choir.

Through his enthusiasm he kept Tarbert choir going through some thin times.

Any opportunity to



Dr Neil Macdonald.

sing solo or with a choir and Neil was there. He won the Silver Pendant at a Fort William Mòd.

When the Argyll male voice choir, Ceann an Tuirc was formed, he was involved as one of the founder members.

Both Tarbert and Ceann an Tuirc Gaelic choirs have been successful over the years and the men won their Royal National Mod competition this year while Tarbert were a creditable second in the Sheriff MacMaster competition.

Neil's other singing interest was Barbershop with the Fynesiders.

Latterly Neil teamed up with Susan Rhodes, teaching songs to the successful Na Seudan Ùr, who were national Mòd winners in the folk group competition.

He was proud of his grandchildren, Nuala and Finlay, who attend Gaelic primary school and love singing at different events. The new-

est addition, Fearghas, goes to Gaelic playgroup and already has a fantastic set of lungs.

Neil supported charities in Tarbert, Skipness and Kilberry.

He was instrumental in fundraising for Tarbert's new hall.

Neil was a member of Tarbert Nursing Aid, which raises funds for equipment which is not available through the NHS.

He arranged consultants to hold clinics in Tarbert to stop patients having to trek to Glasgow.

Neil played bridge at university and was addicted to it for the rest of his life.

A love of rugby started at George Watson's where he played 15-a-side and sevens.

He played in the Watsonian sevens which won the Jedburgh sevens.

He also played for the Co-optimists and the Wednesday club.

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Everyone Welcome

Christmas Eve 24th December
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Mass of Christmas with Carols
11.30 pm - Christ Church, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25th December
9 am - St Columba, Poltalloch
Holy Communion
11 am - Christ Church, Lochgilphead
Christmas Eucharist

Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
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ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Thursday 24th December
Midnight Mass
Carols from 11.30pm
Christmas Day 10am.
St. Kieran's, Campbeltown

Thursday 24th December
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Christmas Day 11am
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(SCO002876)

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Charity Number SC001002

We wish you a Happy Christmas and hope that you will join us for our special Christmas Celebrations:

Thursday 24 December
Tayvallich Green 4 pm
Carols on the Green
Tayvallich Church 11:15 pm
Christmas Eve Service

Friday 25 December
Inverlussa Church 11 am
Christmas Celebration
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Sunday 27 December
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Morning Worship
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Rev. Hilda Smith
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ARDRISHAIG & SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 20th December
"Who Do You Think You Are?"
(Matthew 1:18-25)
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm
(followed by Seasonal Food and Drink)

Christmas Eve
Carol Service

"Stamps of Approval"
Achahoish at 7:00pm

Watchnight Service
"O What a Mystery I See"
Ardrishaig at 11:15pm
(Carol Singing from 11 o'clock)

Sunday 27th December
"Have You Ever Wondered?"
(Luke 2:8-20)
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

Sunday 3rd January 2016
"What Are You Looking For?"
(Matthew 2:1-12)
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

KINTYRE

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 20th December
"Come and join the Celebration"
A presentation by the Sunday school children
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Sunday 27th December
All Age Service
"No need for a telescope at Christmas"
Sunday 3rd January 2015
New Year Communion Service
"This is how we know what love is"

All our services start at 11.00 am and are held at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
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SADDELL & CARRADALE PARISH CHURCH LINKED WITH SOUTHEND PARISH CHURCH

SADDELL & CARRADALE

Sunday 20th December
10.00am Morning Worship

Thursday 24th December
11.30pm Watchnight Service

Friday 25th December
10.30am United at Lorne & Lowland Church

Sunday 27th December
10.00am Morning Worship

SOUTHEND

Sunday 20th December
11.45am Morning Worship

Thursday 24th December
8.00pm Carol Service

Friday 25th December
10.30am United at Lorne and Lowland Church

Sunday 27th December
11.45am Morning Worship

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT, LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Thursday 24th December 2015
Watchnight Services
Skipness Family Service 7pm
Kilberry Service 7pm
Tarbert Service 11.30pm
All congregation led

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11am Christmas Family Service

Thursday 24th December
Christmas Eve
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 3rd January 2016
11am Family Communion Service
with
Songs of Praise

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"For to you a Child is given"

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 20th December
Morning Service 11.15am
Choir Items
Next Generation, Triple C
Nativity Play
Rev P Wallace

Thursday 24th December
Joint Watchnight Service
at the Highland Parish Church

Friday 25th December
"O Come let us adore Him"
Morning Worship 10.30am
A short service to celebrate
Christmas Day
Rev P Wallace

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ST KIARAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday 20th December
Advent 4
Holy Communion 10.45am

Friday 25th December
Christmas Day
Holy Communion 10.45am

Sunday 27th December
Christmas 1
Holy Communion 10.45am

GIGHA & CARA LINKED WITH KILCALMONELL LINKED WITH KILLEAN & KILCHENZIE

(Interim Moderator:
Rev Catriona Hood)

GIGHA CHURCH

Sunday 20th December
Morning worship at 11.00am led by the congregation

Thursday 24th December
Watchnight Service at 11.30pm
Mr Alasdair MacNeill

KILCALMONELL CHURCH (CLACHAN)

Sunday 20th December
Morning worship at 10.00am
Rev Catriona Hood

Thursday 24th December
Christmas Eve Service at 7.30pm
(followed by Christmas refreshments)
Mrs Elizabeth Ball

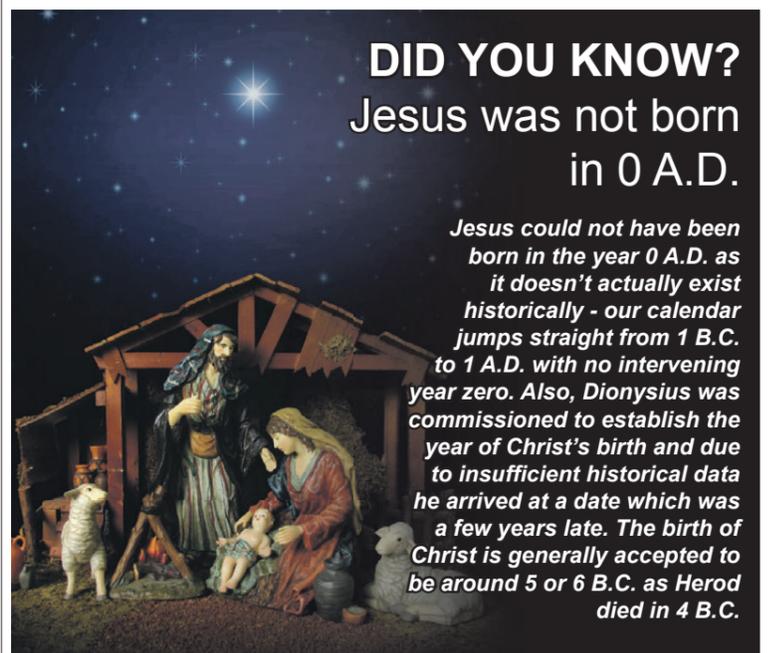
KILLEAN & KILCHENZIE CHURCH (A'CHLEIT)

Sunday 20th December
Morning worship at 11.30am
Ms Marilyn Shedden

Thursday 24th December
(Mince Pies/non-alcoholic punch at 11.00pm in the Hall)
Watchnight Candlelit Service at 11.30pm
Ms Marilyn Shedden

TAYINLOAN CAROL SERVICE

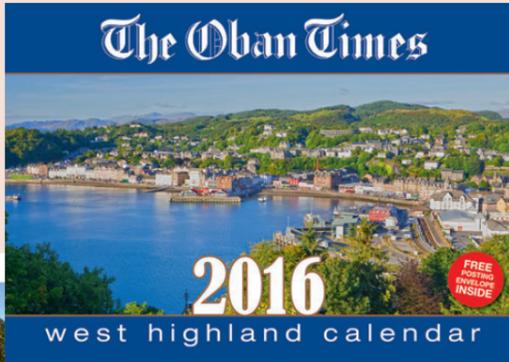
Wednesday 23rd December
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Christmas Supper
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Everyone welcome



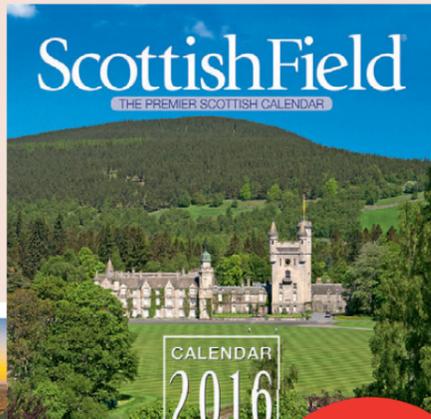
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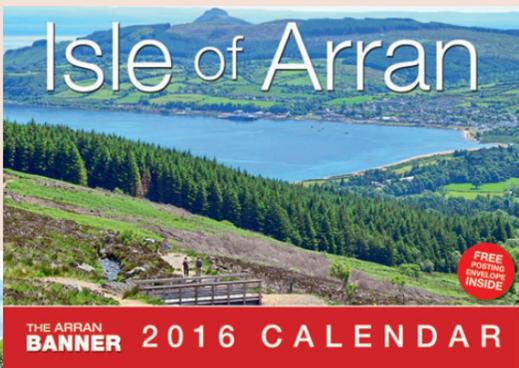
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Placing requests for session beginning August 2016 should be sent to the Executive Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000) by 11 March 2016 for primary and secondary schools.

Gaelic Medium Education
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Parents who are interested in such provision are advised to register at the Gaelic Medium School in their area in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 4 January 2016.

Parents of children due to start school in August 2016, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 4 January 2016.

CLELAND SNEEDON, Executive Director - Community Services

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PLANNING

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

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/02435/PP	Installation of hydro-power scheme and associated works	Land At Bardaravine Wood Tarbert Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/03249/PP	Change of use of agricultural land to form parking facilities	Land Adjacent To Rhunahaorine School Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll	Sub Post Office Tayinloan

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD.

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

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
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This Order applies to all Argyll and Bute Council off street car parks that are not already covered by a controlling order.

A copy of the Order is available to view at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk or can be inspected at Argyll and Bute Council Offices during normal office hours Monday to Friday at:- 1) 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead; 2) Burnet Building, St John Street, Campbeltown and 3) Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from 18th December 2015, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

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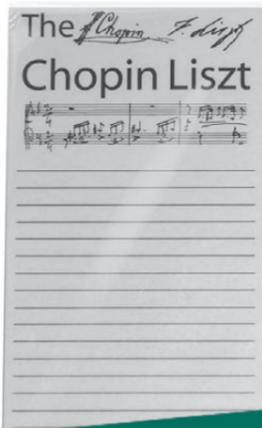
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THANK YOU

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT IS a weekly delight to have lunch with the children at Glenbarr school and there is always much chat and fun with the young people.

Last Tuesday there was a lot of talk about the forthcoming Christmas show, and all the excitement around it.

For me this is one of the highlights of the Christmas season and I know how much preparation goes into making it the success that it is.

I was chatting to Hannah about the show. Hannah is a very wise five-year-old who is never stumped for an answer.

I asked what parts she would be playing and was told that she would be a cat and a seal.

However when I asked what song she would be singing, Hannah looked just a little disconcerted for a moment.

She thought about it carefully and finally told me that she 'would be singing the same song as everyone else'.

I thought this was a brilliant answer for a five-year-old and I have smiled about it many times since.

However, Hannah's response gave me pause for thought.

At this wonderful time of year, I wonder if we are all singing 'the same song as everyone else'.

Are we all singing the song of peace that we are called to sing?

Are we all singing the song of love we are required to sing?

What song are we singing as we prepare to come again to the manger?

Is our song the song of the angels as they brought the good news to the sleepy shepherds?

Is our song the song of joy of these shepherds as they hurried to find the baby?

Is our song the song of wonder of the wise men as they bowed down low at the Christ child?

Let's be like Hannah and sing the same song together and let it be a resounding song of praise.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 21 1990

Council throws out 76-year-old granny

EBENEZER Scrooge could take some lessons from Argyll and Bute District Council, which is effectively evicting a 76-year-old granny from her daughter-in-law's house at Glenside, Campbeltown, this Christmas.

Alice Townsley wrote to the council asking permission for her mother-in-law, Mary Townsley to stay with her.

She received a letter stating that Mary Townsley was a lodger or sub-tenant and permission was refused 'due to

breach of tenancy conditions'.

A council spokesman said that those conditions apply to everyone related or not.

FIFTY YEARS AGO December 16 1965

Colliery's future: employment committee moves to save jobs

KINTYRE (Campbeltown) Employment Committee at their quarterly meeting last week discussed the future of Argyll Colliery in the light of the recent National Coal Board Statement on pit closures in Scotland. And they agreed to ask Campbeltown Town Council to do everything possible to publicise the

fact that the future of Argyll Colliery depended to a great extent on the sale of large coal locally.

They also agreed that an approach should be made to the marketing division of the National Coal Board to enquire if everything possible was being done by them to stimulate the sale of 'Argyll' coal.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO December 18 1915

National Egg Collection

IN connection with the national Egg Collection for the Wounded 42 dozen eggs were this week sent to headquarters from this district.

Argyllshire continues to stand at the head of the list for the western counties, the figures being 6,935 in October and 5,403 in November.

Campbeltown and Kintyre lead as the largest collecting agency in November, the total number of eggs contributed being 2,085, compared with 1,688 in October.

Lieut.-Colonel Hay, Commanding 3rd Scottish General Hospital, Stobhill, Glasgow in a letter states that the eggs collected are used exclusively for the wounded soldiers, given especially to cases on special diet, and otherwise used to supplement ordinary rations.

No tears at annual Campbeltown baby party (well ... a few)

THERE was much year's Campbeltown has to take some frivolity and just a few Maternity fundraiser. responsibility, as it was upset wee faces at this The Courier the camera flash which



All the newborns line up with their proud parents. 20_c51babies03

set a few tears flying.

Aside from the dazzling light, the fundraiser went off without a hitch with almost all the mums who had given birth this year attending and a few dads in tow as well for good measure.

The annual fundraiser, which has been running for 10 years, consisted of a raffle, with some very luxurious prizes including bottles of single malt whisky, and a 'find the baby' game which invited contestants to guess

where the prize baby was on a map of Campbeltown.

Katrina Dregghorn, senior midwife of the Maternity unit, said: 'It is nice to see so many turn up, especially ones who were born at the start of the year and who we have not seen as often as we did then.'

'We have had 14 births in Campbeltown this year, but there are also more who went to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.'

'We have over 60 here today from the area which is terrific.'

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS



O'MAY

Jamie and Amanda (née Crawford) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Oran, on December 5, 2015. The best Christmas present ever! Thanks to midwives in Lochgilphead and Paisley RAH.

DEATHS

SMALL - Peacefully, at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 14, 2015, Jolyon Small, aged 80 years, of Crockness, Glenburn Road, Ardriahga, beloved husband of Marjorie and much loved father of Gavin and Hamish. Loving grandpa of Julie, Sandra, Gavin, Callum and Charlotte. Dear Brother of Hazel. A dear neighbour and friend to many. Funeral service will take place at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, at 12.15pm. Black tie optional. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to RNLI and Alzheimer Scotland.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

GILCHRIST - Helen, John and Andrew would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, kind messages and phone calls received on the sad loss of their mum, Maureen. Thanks to Alasdair Blair for funeral arrangements, Rev P Wallace for words of comfort, Argyll Bakeries (Valerie and Chloe) for the catering at Stronvaar and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection for Kintyre Dialysis raised £686.25.
SLINGER - The family would like to thank all neighbours and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following the recent passing of Bob. Special thanks to Doctors and medical staff at Mid Argyll Hospital, and to Carer's for their consideration and care of Bob. Our thanks also to Rev. David Carruthers for a comforting service; Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for caring and efficient arrangements and to the Coachhouse Inn for catering. Finally our thanks to all who attended at Cardross to pay their respects.

TAYLOR - The family of the late Craig Dixon Taylor would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their kindness and support, along with the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits received following the tragic loss of Craig. Special thanks to local ambulance service for their efforts; to Rev David Carruthers for a most comforting and appropriate service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for dignified funeral arrangements, to the Kilmartin Hotel for providing all catering, especially given the large numbers in attendance. Finally, our thanks all who attended at church and graveside, in such large numbers, to pay their respects. Your support was greatly appreciated. The retiral collection has raised over £1,500 for the Mid Argyll Agricultural Society Sheep Gates.

IN MEMORIAMS

ADCOCK - Keira, 11.08.00 - 19.12.03. Every day in some small way Memories of you come our way Though absent, you are ever near Still missed, loved, always dear.
- God bless from Mum, Dad, Cassie and Annie xxxx.
Memories never fade They get more precious as time goes by.
- Love Nana and Papa xx.
Forever in our hearts.
- Colin, Stuart and Maria xxx.
BROWN - In loving memory of James, died December 13, 2009. The hand of time keeps turning, And years keep slipping away, But memories are keepsakes, Nobody can take away.
- Agnes
Six years granda, and you are still missed.
- George, Alasdair, Kyle and Jaimee.
BROWN - James, died December 13, 2009. Always in our hearts.
- Fiona and Alasdair.
CAMPBELL - In loving memory of Marion McKenzie, who died December 19, 2009. We hold you close within our hearts, And there you shall remain. To walk with us throughout our lives Until we meet again.
- Archie, Moira, Fionnagh, Christine and families.

DUFFY - Treasured memories of Craig, a much loved grandson. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.
- Love from Granny Tottie.

DUFFY - In memory of Craig, a fellow fisherman and friend, taken too soon, December 19, 2004. Gone but not forgotten.
- TT Boys.

GATNER - In loving memory of Andy, died December 22, 2005. Dear husband and father. Loved and remembered always.
- Love Sarah, Andrew and Rita.

MACAULAY - In loving memory of Tommy, died December 18, 2012, aged 77 years. Devoted father, grandfather and great grandad, much loved husband of Marie.

MACAULAY - In loving memory of a much loved dad and grandad, Tommy, who died December 18, 2012. Close to our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day.
Julie and Chloe xx

MACKINNON - Christina. Fond memories of a dearly loved mum, gran and great gran, who passed away on December 18, 2014. Always in our thoughts.
- From all the family at home and abroad.

MCALPINE - Duncan. In memory of dad, died December 15, 2011. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts, Missed always.
- Mary and James

MCALPINE - In memory of a much loved papa. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide Although we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
- Andrew and Siobhan.

MCALPINE - In loving memory of my dad, Duncan, passed away December 15, 2011. Sadly missed.
- Donnie, Fiona, Ross and Fiona.

MCALPINE - Forever remembered wee papa, sorely missed every day.
- Jamie, Duncan and Pam.

WILKIN - Treasured memories of John Alan Wilkin, who left us bereft on December 20, 2010. A dearly loved husband, dad, granda, papa tin and father-in-law. Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts.
- Nancy and family.

Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 20th December 2015
The service will be held in the Church at 11.15am and will be conducted by Rev G. Middleton.
Thursday 24th December 2015
Watchnight Service; Come and celebrate Christmas at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.
Service will be conducted by Rev. W. Crossan. 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 SCO11686
Sunday 20th December
Service 11.15am
Creche, Triple C, Next Generation
Rev P Wallace
Thursday 24th December
Choir 7.30pm



Campbeltown Corps Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359
Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046
Sunday 20th December
2.00pm Family Carol Service
Lead my Majors Russell & Catherine Wyles
All welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 20th December 2015
Christmas starts with Christ 11.00am
Christmas Family Communion Service
Mr Gordon Cosgrove
Thursday 24th December
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
For details, contact the church office on 01586 551200 or the Church Secretary on 0586 551237.
www.springbankchurch.co.uk SCO14646



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 20th December
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer 10.45am
Holy Communion
Details of services are on the church door.
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
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CHURCH NOTICES

Scottish Episcopal Churches

Everyone Welcome
Christ Church
Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
Sundays 11.00 am
Eucharist service
Coffee & Cake follows the service
Christmas Eve 24th December
11.30pm
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 25th December
11am
Christmas Eucharist
St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin
(SC031391)
Sunday 20th December
3.30pm
Service of Lessons and Carols
Christmas Day 25th December
9am Holy Communion
All Saints, Inveraray
(SC025646)
Christmas Eve 24th December
5pm
Mass of Christmas with Carols
Father Simon Mackenzie
Priest in Charge of the charges of Mid Argyll & Arran
01546 602315

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Sunday 20th December 2015
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am (with Church Choir)
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Annual Carol Service
Lochgair Church 6.30 pm (with Church Choir)
Christmas Eve Watchnight Services
Thursday 24th December
Cumlodden Church 7.30 pm
Inveraray Church 11.30 pm
Christmas Day Service
Friday 25th December
Inveraray Church 10.30 am
All Welcome

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 20th December 2015
Skipness Service 10.00am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
featuring Sunday School Nativity
Mr John Morrison
Thursday 24th December
Watchnight Services
Skipness Family Service 7pm
Kilberry Service 7pm
Tarbert Service 11.30pm
All congregation led.
For all church enquiries and pastoral care
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622
Skipness SC004280



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 20th December 2015
11.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
Nativity Play - Come along and be a king, shepherd or sheep!
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland)
SC016311

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 20th December
11.00 am
Christmas Family Service
A presentation by the Sunday school children with Campbeltown Brass Ensemble followed by coffee and mince pies
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

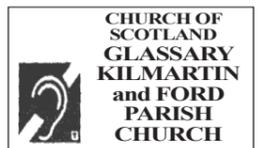
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Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm
ST KIERAN'S CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor
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All Welcome (SC0002876)

NORTH Knapdale PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002
Sunday 20 December
Bellanoch Church 10 am
Lessons and Carols
Rev. C. Acklam
Monday 21 December
Prayer meeting 10 am
Tayvallich Church
Thursday 24 December
Tayvallich Green 4 pm
Carols on the Green
Tayvallich Church
11.15 pm
Watchnight Service
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Mondays 1.15 - 1.45pm
Soup lunches last Thursday of the month - 12.00 - 1.30.
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 20th December
Lessons and Carols
Kilmartin 11.45 am
Rev C Acklam
Thursday 24th December
Christmas Eve - Watchnight Service
Kilmartin 11.30pm
Friday 25th December
Christmas Day - Family Service
Kilmartin 11am
All welcome
SCO 02121

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

SUNDAY 20th December 2015 11:00am
Christmas Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
SPEAKER: Graham McLean
'Is there room in your Inn'
All Welcome

Lochgilphead Baptist Church

All Welcome
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 20th December 2015
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11.00am
Carols by Candlelight
6.30pm
Friday 25th
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Kintyre rugby far from kicked into touch

CAMPBELTOWN Kintyre Rugby Club are proving the Wee Toon still has a big appetite for scrums, breakdowns and conversions.

They are training hard throughout the winter with some of their biggest squad turnouts yet.

At the Kinloch 3G pitch, seniors' coach Sandra Bell recently put more than 20 players through their paces with a keen emphasis on fitness and technique.

Captain Stewart Ireland mucked in as Sandra, a former Watsonian and Scotland international player, gave no mercy on the whole squad through a combination of technical and physical drills, designed to knit the team closer together.

Sandra said: 'We are trying to build confidence in the players in what is a very new side. When I took over we only had six or seven regulars turning up.'

'They all have different levels of skill, so

I put the emphasis on drills and set-up with future games in mind.'

Sandra is something of a coup for Campbeltown Kintyre RC, with over 20 years' playing experience at university level, club level and international level, as well as a sports coaching and leadership programme she took before heading to university.

Work commitments brought her to Campbeltown, but she is thankful the club have allowed her to keep a toe in the sport she loves.

Missing

She said: 'I came down here for work, as a police officer in Campbeltown, and I was missing playing after I arrived.'

'I was asked to do a few sessions by John Forster, head of the club, and have since gone on to take over as coach of the senior side.'

'It is ideal because it is a foot back in the door.'

'I have missed playing, and while it is strange being on the other side



Coach Sandra Bell explaining tactics to the team. 04_c50rugby01

giving out the orders, some rugby is definitely better than none.'

The training load has been lightened in the winter, with one session a week on a Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm for the senior side.

The juniors' training takes place on a Saturday from 11am to 12.30pm.

John said: 'This is an excellent turnout for us; we are even missing a few as well, who could not make it tonight.'

'We are trying our best to build up social rugby within Argyll.'



The coach explaining the best way to defend a ruck. 04_c50rugby07

'It is not easy for rugby in this area.'

'There are a lot of organisations scrounging for funding, and we have had to live on a minimal funding.'

On the seniors side, John said: 'It is not easy

getting at least 15 guys for games on a Saturday.'

'There are always timing issues, work commitments, a lot of our players have farming backgrounds and cannot commit to every Saturday.'

'This is a small acorn that we are trying to grow.'

Campbeltown KRC welcomes players of all abilities, who would like to improve their rugby skills to their training sessions.



A tricky passing and crossing exercise. 04_c50rugby02



Sandra hands the boys a painful crawling exercise. 04_c50rugby05



The boys get a welcome rest at the breakdown. 04_c50rugby09



It is not all tough play, as some of the members dress in drag for their annual dinner. 25_c51rugby10

Argyll teams progress in the Scottish Amateur Cup

THE THREE remaining Argyll teams left in the Scottish Amateur Cup all fought their way through to the fifth round (last 64) last Saturday.

Campbeltown Pupils made the long trip through to play Kettle United in Fife and returned home with a fine 3-2 win under their belts.

Dunoon had little difficulty in disposing of New Cumnock Afton 11-1 and Oban Saints had a hard-fought 1-0 away win over Central Scottish League outfit Postal United.

Pupils now play host to either Arklestone Athletic or St Patrick's FP; Dunoon are at home to either Leven United or Carluke and Oban Saints have been drawn at home to last year's Scottish Amateur Cup finalists Craigshill Thistle. The Livingstone side defeated Pupils in the cup last season so Saints are expecting a very tough match against one of the top teams in the country.

These ties are scheduled to take place on Saturday January 9.

Last Saturday's league games between - Lochgilphead Red Star v Jamestown; Tarbert v Rosehill Star and East Kilbride YM v Dunoon Athletic were all postponed due to unplayable pitches. All league and cup fixtures will resume on January 9 after the Christmas and New Year break.

Dunaverly lotto results

THERE were no winners of Dunaverly Golf Club's three-number lottery on Sunday December 6.

The winning numbers were 4, 5 and 6. The next draw will take place on Sunday December 20, with a jackpot of £400.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Muneroy Stores and Burnside Bar.

McConnachie shines as classy Carradale clobber Cardross

Carradale	5
Cardross	1
West of Scotland AFL	

CARRADALE shook off four weeks of competitive rustiness by firing five past Cardross. Despite their lack of game time, an excellent hat-trick from 19-year-old Ryan McConnachie helped the football team to an impressive 5 - 1 victory, reversing their score last time out when they went down 5 - 1 to Broomhouse in the cup. On a crisp, sunny day on Kinloch Park's 3G pitch, 'Dale took their time to warm up but were still the brighter of the two sides early

on, with McConnachie and Jonnie McCormick both testing the visitor's keeper in the opening five minutes. Carradale were struggling to cope with Carradale's passing moves, and had to haul McConnachie down after 10 minutes in the centre of the park. **Long range** The resulting free-kick was laid off to captain Ewan McIlroy, whose long range effort was only just palmed away. There was a delay shortly after, with the

referee insisting the Kilbrannan-sponsored match ball be changed because it did not have the official stamp required, which riled both teams, who were keen to get on with the game. The new ball made little difference to McConnachie, who opened the scoring with a stunning strike, beating two defenders on the edge of the box before curling a long range effort into the far corner past the despairing keeper. With momentum behind them, 'Dale raced through minutes later as Blackstock charged into the box only to be brought down. The referee only gave a free-kick, when a penalty



Ryan McConnachie rising highest for a corner. 20_c51carradale03



Ryan McConnachie netting his hat-trick from the spot. 20_c51carradale02

looked more than likely after but could not find the right decision. Carradale, sponsored by Andrew Smith and Son, were in total control of the match, with midfielder 'DJ' bossing the centre of the park. The visitors finally mustered a few attempts on goal after half an hour, but could not capitalise and McConnachie punished them when he raced onto an excellent through ball from Daniel Docherty and blasted home to double 'Dale's lead. McCormick was sent through on goal shortly

after but could not find a way past the keeper as the 'Dale went into half time 2-0 up. Striker Cammy Maguire was introduced after the break and he made an instant impact with his clever runs and link-up play bringing more pressure on the creaking Cardross back line. He was crudely brought down in the box after he had pierced the defence, 10 minutes into the second half, the referee rightly giving a penalty this time. Maguire selflessly let McConnachie take it

to try and complete his hat-trick, which he duly did by calmly sending the keeper the wrong way. 'Dale put the game to bed shortly after when McCormick was sent through by McConnachie once again, making no mistake this time by assuredly placing the ball past the onrushing keeper. Carradale switched off shortly after though, blowing their clean sheet by not clearing the ball in their own box when they had the chance, with Cardross's

striker helping himself to an easy goal. The home side tightened up following their slip up, and dominated the rest of the game before picking up their fifth when 'DJ' went on a run into the Cardross box. His effort was saved, but Maguire picked up the loose ball and placed an excellent shot into the far corner to seal all three points for the 'Dale. Ryan McConnachie was named man of the match for his terrific all-round display.

Week 1 of 2

SPOT THE BALL

To allow for our Christmas deadlines Spot the Ball will run for 2 weeks
all entries must be in by 10am on Tuesday 29 December

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1050

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:

W McMillan
Crosshill Ave
Campbeltown

D macMillan
Ardpatrick Place
Lochgilhead

All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 10am on Tuesday 29 December. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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Keeper's late heroics seals Scottish Cup tie

A MAGNIFICENT save by goalie Reid Anderson denied Kettle United an equaliser and took Campbeltown Pupils into the Scottish Amateur Cup fifth round.

The long journey to Kettlebridge, Fife, produced the result that everyone at the club wanted.

However, it was not all plain sailing as the McFadyen-sponsored Campbeltown Pupils were in a generous mood and allowed their hosts back into the match after making the perfect start with a goal in the first five minutes.

The visitors started brightly and looked to have the pace to disrupt the home side's square defensive system. A through-ball gave Robin Barr the opportunity to charge down on goal, and the fleet footed winger left everyone in his wake to deftly clip

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The Grumoli brothers - Gary, left, and Shaun scored for the Pupils.

the ball over the advancing goalkeeper to open the scoring in the fourth minute.

The Pupils dominated early exchanges and should have extended their lead, however, a late whistle from the referee culled the visitor's ambitions with a hotly disputed offside decision.

The nature of the tie

changed in an instant when the Pupils defence failed to deal with a harmless long ball over the top. Hesitation proved the culprit, with the ball before the home side's winger swept the ball across the face of goal for the incoming forward to score with ease.

The park was extremely good considering re-

cent weather, but the ball proved difficult to control on what, early on, were firm wet conditions.

Ryan Deans on the right flank was in fine form and the youngster was instrumental in the second goal. He slipped the ball behind the home defence for Martin McCallum to drive the ball at goal. The ball took a wicked deflection and landed at Gary Grumoli's feet. He drove it home inside the six-yard box restoring the Pupil's lead.

Kettle United were in no mood to surrender advantage and were level again with 10 minutes of the first half remaining.

With it all square and everything to play for at the interval, the Pupils management called it right by appealing for 100 per cent effort.

By now the surface

was a quagmire and the requested effort would play a major part in winning this cup-tie.

The game became a war of attrition, with Fraser Wylie and Grant Grant giving no quarter in the middle of the park.

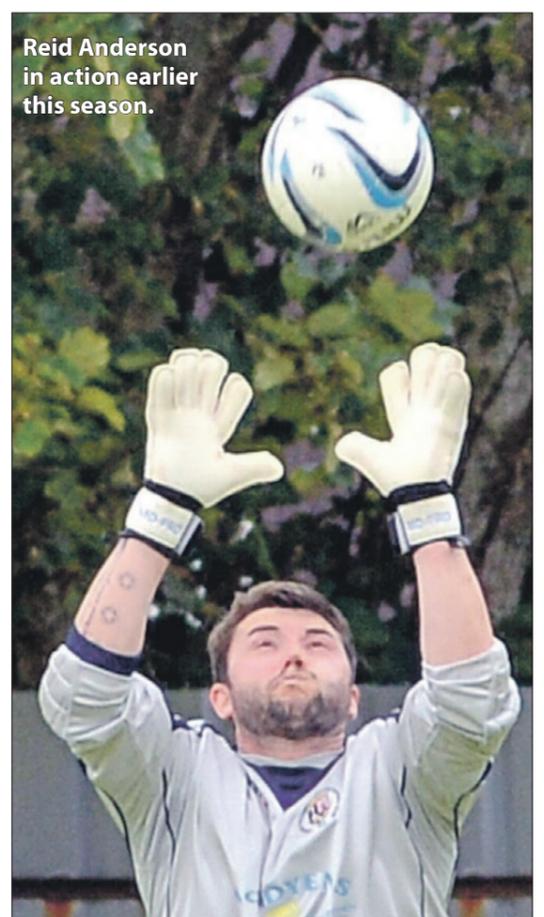
Barr's driving runs were also a feature of a gutsy second half performance.

A well-driven corner kick from McCallum found Shaun Grumoli's head, and the centre-half put the Pupils into the national cup's round five.

It just remained for Anderson's last-minute save to assure victory.

The Pupils are drawn at home to Arkleston or old friends and twice winners of the Scottish Cup, St Patrick from Dumbarton.

The tie is scheduled to take place on Saturday January 9.



Reid Anderson in action earlier this season.



From left, Robert MacCallum, David McKillop, David Brown and Robert Hendrie.

Stronvaar's short carpet star David Brown

A SHORT carpet bowls specialist gave his first year partner a lesson on the way to winning the Tennent's Pairs competition.

On Sunday last week Campbeltown Bowling Club's Stronvaar clubhouse was a hive of activity as it hosted a keenly contested pairs competition.

The round robin sections produced a final between David Brown, partnered

with first year member David McKillop and Robert Hendrie and Robert MacCallum.

David Brown once again proved that he is one of the club's top exponents of the short carpet game as he and his partner won the match with ease.

President Dugald Graham was on hand to present the finalists with their prizes.

Runner Turner bags a silver

A TANGY runner raced to second senior man and bagged a silver medal in the West District Cross Country.

Matthew Turner's 37.49 in the 10K race also took his team, Shettleston Harriers, to the top of the podium at Belahouston Park in Glasgow. Kenny Campbell was 11th in 40.04 and Stuart McGeachy 48th in 43.57. Former Courier man Graham Crawford finished third in the M55 category in 45.22.

The Campbell brothers from Glenbarr had a good race with Gregor sixth in the U/13s in 12.39 and Cameron 14th in the U/15s in 16.10.

The Campbell brothers were also running for Shettleston.



Also Stuart McGeachy was a respectable 48th in the senior race with his time of 43:57. Jennifer Reid came 40th in the 6,300m race in 32.35 and Elaine McGeachy in her first attempt at cross country came 64th in 35.13.

Matthew Turner earlier in the year winning the Crinan Puffer Race. 25_c51turner01

Golf club lottery

THE winning numbers in the Machrihanish Golf Club lottery drawn on Monday December 14 were 3, 4 and 18.

There were no winners and next week's jackpot will be £300.

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