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Hearing the sound of success

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RECENT triumphs for an Argyll health-care team have proved something to make a noise about.

The Audiology Argyll team, including Campbeltown's associate practitioner, Lorraine MacPhail and senior assistant technical officer Sandra Mathieson, are finishing the year on a high after winning three prestigious awards in recent months.

At the end of September, the chairman of NHS Highland health board,

David Alston, presented them with a Quality Approach Award.

The winning team, including the two Campbeltown members, was: chief audiologist Drew Ferguson, audiologist David Owens, Emma MacDonald and Margaret Turner.

Hot on the heels of their first triumph came a second success when the team headed to Edinburgh's Corn Exchange for the Scottish Health Awards on November 3 where they won the prestigious Team of the Year Award.

The trio of awards was



The team picking up one of their awards. c50audiologist01no

topped off as the team travelled to Glasgow on November 10 for a two day conference held by The British Academy of Audiology.

There, they were presented with the award

for Audiology Team of The Year for Britain.

They previously won the British Academy Team of the Year award in 2013 when Roslyn Cook was part of the team.

Sadly, Roslyn passed away at the beginning of November but she was thrilled that they had been nominated yet again.

The team has also found time this year

to make a DVD of information on hearing loss, hearing aids and the links between the good use of aids and reducing the impact of dementia.

A spokesperson for the team said: 'There is a lot of information given at appointments and this DVD allows patients time to take in this information at their leisure in the comfort of their own home.'

'The team is delighted to have its work recognised and constantly strive to ensure that Argyll patients get the best possible service on offer.'

INSIDE YOUR COURIER THIS WEEK

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PARENTS take to the field to show the youngsters how to play.
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Darts match

THE COURIER would like to apologise for misnaming the darts match in last week's paper. The match in the Kilbrannan the previous Friday was the Andy Rennie mixed triples memorial.

MP is on board for prize-giving

BRENDAN O'HARA, the SNP's defence spokesman at Westminster, sailed into Campbeltown to present prizes to the sea cadets. Prize-winners in the picture with Mr O'Hara, the Argyll and Bute MP, are: Able Cadet (A/C) Yvonne Graham, Cdt Amy Lowrie, O/C Ellie Lowrie, Cdt Alex Lang, Cdt Beth MacPherson, A/C Connor Chinn, A/C Shona Bassett. For full details of the trophies won see page seven. 25_c51cadets01_prizegivingBrendanO'Hara



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Kintyre mums and babies of 2016. 25_c51babies01

Toddlers take Christmas in their stride

Kintyre recycling reminder

KINTYRE Recycling Limited (KRL) has issued a reminder saying that paper Christmas wrapping but not shiny, foil or glitter types can be recycled.

The west side kerbside collection scheduled for Monday December 26 will be collected on Thursday December 29.

The east side/Carradale kerbside collection scheduled for Tuesday January 3 will be collected on Thursday January 5. Anyone with issues or queries of what can or cannot be recycled should phone 01586 553858 or visit the KRL website: www.kintyrerecycling.com.

THE KINTYRE class of 2016, including almost all babies born in Kintyre this year, celebrated Christmas in the Ben Ghulean day room.

Mums and their toddlers gathered at the unique event in Campbeltown hospital last Friday, to enjoy party food and raise money for the maternity unit.

Born

One of the stalls at the event had a map gridding off Kintyre into Battleships'-style squares and for 50p a go it was possible to guess where the selected baby was born. *The Courier* can state that its reporter did not win.

Police files

Street fight

A TEENAGER aged 18 and two other men aged 21 and 30 were charged with suspected breach of the peace after fighting in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Police were called in the early hours of Sunday morning and arrested the men.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal.

Speeding

A 22-YEAR-OLD driver was stopped at 9am last Wednesday on the A83 near Tayinloan for allegedly exceeding the speed limit.

He was later charged with the offence.

At 7.55am last Thursday on Tarbert Road Campbeltown

a 68-year-old man was also stopped and charged with suspected speeding. Separate reports for both incidents were sent to the fiscal.

Man charged

LAST Thursday afternoon police arrested a 24-year-old man who had allegedly been behaving abusively in a car near Southend.

He was charged and a report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

Disturbance

FOLLOWING an incident in Longrow at 11.10am on Saturday morning, a 37-year-old man who allegedly shouted abuse at another man was charged with abusive behaviour and a report sent to the procurator fiscal.

Picture House appeals for votes

CAMPBELTOWN Picture House is asking people to vote in the Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund to raise funds for a winter wonderland it is planning for 2017.

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Church charity orders urgent meeting to discuss Auchinlee

by **MARK DAVEY**

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THE FATE of Campbeltown's Auchinlee care home may be decided at an imminent Church of Scotland meeting.

The closed meeting on Monday December 19 in Glasgow will draw together the Church of Scotland's Social Care Council, all stakeholders, including mem-

bers of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board (IJB), relatives, staff, at least two South Kintyre councillors and Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

Auchinlee is run by the Church of Scotland's charity CrossReach, whose spokes-

man claimed the meeting is the result of the Social Care Council having been briefed on the outcome of discussions with the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) over Auchinlee.

However, Mr Russell had already called for a meeting, in the new year, on the possible closure of the home, which currently houses 15 res-

idents suffering from dementia.

Last week CrossReach announced its disappointment that it had not been able to reach a partnership agreement with the HSCP over a sustainable way of delivering a high quality care service at the Auchinlee.

Speaking on behalf of CrossReach, Chief Executive Officer Peter Bailey said: 'The council considered requests

including one from the Save Auchinlee Action Group to defer any action to enable a meeting of all stakeholders to take place in January 2017. The council was sympathetic to this request, but in recognition of the urgent need to find a way forward, a meeting is being arranged to take place before Christmas.'

To try to put pressure on the IJB, the Save Auchinlee campaign

group has published a list, from publicly available information, of the group's eight voting members and their email addresses.

Of the 40-strong IJB those with voting rights are: Kieron Green, Anne Horn, Elaine Robertson, Mary Jean Devon, Anne Gent, Robin Creelman, David Alston and Elaine Wilkinson.

□ For more on this story see page six.

Head teacher banned and fined

A PRIMARY head teacher was banned from driving for 18 months and fined £600 when she appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Caroline Armour, 43, of 3 Drumore Cottages, Campbeltown, head at Dalintober Primary, pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to give a sample of breath when she appeared at court on Wednesday.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court Armour was spotted by police in Lochend Street at 12.15am on Sunday August 21.

He said the officer saw a stationary white vehicle, 'a woman slumped in the driver's seat with the keys in the ignition and the dashboard lights on'.

The police spoke to the woman and found her speech heavily slurred. Armour told the police she was not intending to drive.

The officer asked her to provide a sample of breath but it was insufficient to get a reading and she was detained.

Armour then declined to give a sample saying she knew she was over the limit.

Case against jeweller found not proven

THE CASE against a jeweller from Edinburgh found behind the wheel of her car while over the drink-drive limit was found not proven following a trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Kayleigh Currie, 22, of 43 Kingsnowe Road, Edinburgh, pleaded not guilty to a charge of being nearly twice over the limit when she was parked on Burnside Street, Campbeltown on September 4, 2016.

Following a trial on Wednesday, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'I will be frank - the police evidence could have been a lot better.'

She added that whether she believed any of the rest of the evidence was not the issue. The sheriff added: 'We live in hope that we will be told the truth in court.'

Giving her verdict, Sheriff Anderson said: 'I have found the case against you not proven. That does not mean that I necessarily believed you or your witnesses.'

Santa's dash for cash

FESTIVE runners helped a MACC base business's first Santa dash raise money for the Royal Hospital for Sick Children. More than 60 youngsters took part in the SOS Fitness event on Saturday December 3. There were three events: the Snowman Stroll, for the under-fives and their families, Reindeer Ramble for primary school children and the full Santa dash for the over-12s. The event raised funds as a thank you to the Schiehallion Ward where Kintyre boy Kurt Smiley has been receiving treatment. Kurt and his sister Kahlan went along and helped Santa start the races. The sum of £474 was raised and will be donated to the hospital. Kurt and Kahlan with Santa in his sleigh. c51santadash01no_kurt



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Volunteers Caitlyn and Heather Spree with 1st Campbeltown Company Boys Brigade members who served teas and mince pies. From left: Ben Cunningham, James Reid, Oliver Reid, Ross Gorman, Finn McCallum, Charl Lavery and Aiden Cunningham. 25_c50boysbrigade01

Cat rescuers claw in coffee morning cash

CAMPBELTOWN Cat Rescue (CCR), which runs 'on a shoestring', tasted the cream and raised £1,276 at its annual fundraiser.

Bric-a-brac, baking and bottle stalls helped the charity to its total. Other attractions included a raffle, Danny Hughes' guess the birthday of a cuddly toy and a guess the weight of a cake baked and iced by Muneroy Tearoom's Frances Hill. CCR switched



Emily McLean, 14, who manages Campbeltown Cat Rescue's Facebook page and fosters kittens, ran a guess the number of sweets in the jar competition at the fundraiser. 25_c50catrescue01



Danny Hughes asked people to guess Elvin's birthday. 25_c50catrescue02

A Taste of Argyll

PRODUCE from Kintyre, Arran and Islay was toasted in the capital to celebrate St Andrew's Day.

Scottish Secretary David Mundell welcomed a number of Scottish companies, including Islay's Kilchoman, Loch Fyne smoked salmon and Mull of Kintyre cheese, to Dover House, London, to mark St Andrew's Day.

The aim of the showcase was to highlight Scotland's best food and drink to influential people who can spread the word in key domestic and international markets.

Mr Mundell said: 'St Andrew's Day is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all that is great about Scotland and recognise the huge contribution Scotland makes to the world.'

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Boys Brigade will go to Cinderella

FUNDS raised at 1st Campbeltown Company Boys Brigade's Christmas coffee morning will ensure the youngsters enjoy a January jaunt to the pantomime.

The event last Saturday morning

in Lorne and Lowland Hall raised £386.03.

Lucky dip

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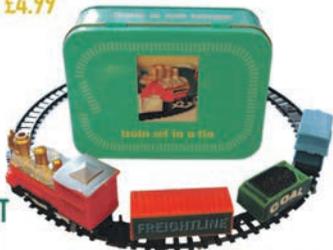
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Award-winners Jan Boyse, William Clement and Peter Lang.

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Service awards for three green heroes

RECYCLING workers have received awards to mark 15 years of service.

Peter Lang, Jan Boyse and William Clement, who work for Kintyre Recycling Limited, collected their awards at a recycling drop-in session at Campbeltown Town Hall on Thursday November 24. The event was open to members of the public and aimed to educate and inform people on what can and cannot be recycled in Argyll and Bute.

On hand to provide information was Love Food, Hate Waste, part of Zero Waste Scotland, which cooked up samples of easy festive fare to highlight how to reduce food waste. Representatives from Argyll and Bute Council were at the event to answer questions and concerns of residents. Also on show was a display of upcycled furniture, examples of

good and bad recycling bags and various recycling bins.

KRL manager Amanda Card said: The recent changes to recycling have been challenging but are getting much better and we have received positive feedback.

'Food waste and glass are something we are working towards in the future.

'We are also going to expand our bike project to include hire and training for young people as well as our retail unit and furniture project.

'We are keen to hear people's feedback and have launched a survey to learn what the community thinks.'

Argyll and Bute Council performance manager for waste management, Harris Fraser, added: 'The session has been very informative and it's great to see a good turnout.

'We have had people come to us with genuine concerns and we are here to answer those questions.

'We are currently undergoing a service review which will look at, among other things, food and glass waste.'

The online survey is available at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L7NLRZX and hard copies are available from Kintyre Recycling Ltd, Glebe Street.

Festive cheer at Guides' grotto

SANTA and his elves found a redesigned grotto when they dropped into the Guide hall.

While his reindeer rested outside, Santa took the chance to meet youngsters visiting the Girlguiding Kintyre Christmas fair last week.

The event raised a total of £1,176, including the raffle, tickets for which had been on sale widely before the fair.

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Billy Gilchrist, 3¾, tells Santa and his elves his wishes for Christmas.

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Saving dementia care in Kintyre

A CORRESPONDENT to this letters page is exactly right when she says that her Auchinlee Care Home resident brother, Neil, is voiceless, vulnerable and powerless.

In addition, he and the other 14 residents seem to have become pawns in the bid by the Church of Scotland's operator, CrossReach, to close Auchinlee as speedily as possible.

It is amazing that an organisation which regards itself as Christian and caring, is determined to hold a meeting on Monday, as near as possible to Christmas, with all the relevant stakeholders about evicting Neil from his home.

If an alternative could not be found in Kintyre, which is pretty likely, for the first time in his life Neil may have to leave Campbeltown where he has been since 1938.

It is also surprising that one of the four points summarised in the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integrated Joint Board's (ABHSCP) (IJB) report on CrossReach's decision is that the organisation is worried about 'reputational risk'.

The more CrossReach pushes for closure, the greater that damage, particularly at a time of year when its board of directors must be most mindful of the Christian message.

All three South Kintyre councillors are united in believing that sooner or later the IJB is going to have to recognise that the peninsula is unique in its remoteness by road and is going to require proper provision for care.

That is why one initiative this week was to look at possible accommodation on the MACC base, which, if necessary, could be extended.

First, though, the aim is to save Auchinlee and a strong campaign is growing.

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Speak up for Auchinlee's Neil

Sir,
My brother Neil is currently a resident in Auchinlee in Campbeltown, which is home to 15 people with dementia.

Neil has lived here for many years and has been in Campbeltown since his birth in 1938.

He is one of the voiceless, vulnerable and powerless faces of Auchinlee as the care home is threatened with closure, and Neil and the other residents may face being scattered to other areas outwith Argyll.

Neil and my brother Duncan were everything I was blessed to have in brothers.

He has always been there for me and I now beg everyone to visit the Save Auchinlee Facebook page where you will find details of how to add your voices to our growing campaign.

We need everyone to be a voice for Neil and the other residents.

Elizabeth Titterton,
Auchinlee relative.

Kintyre Recycling's dedicated staff

Sir,
As a newcomer to Kintyre, I just wanted to express my impressions of Kintyre Recycling Limited's (KRL) AGM I recently attended.

There was the usual paraphernalia of minutes, accounts, election of directors and the appointment of auditors.

I was profoundly struck

by the enthusiasm and sheer dedication of those responsible for its organisation and especially by Amanda Card, the manager.

Her report vividly outlined the good and not so good happenings of the previous year. It highlighted some future KRL plans.

One troubling part of the meeting was the lack of supporters or members.

I thought that almost everyone in the area would have signed up as a supporter, just as I did when I moved here.

It is a good and unique scheme benefiting everyone in the community, and costs me nothing unless it becomes insolvent and then will cost me just £1. Members are important for the future of the recycling organisation as KRL bids for funding and needs to show community support.

Perhaps more residents will become members when they receive and complete Kintyre Recycling's new survey.

The recycling team copes admirably with the significant increase in the roadside collections since the refuse collection became three-weekly; and with only minimal extra expenditure.

How long will it be able to sustain that additional workload without more resources?

The bicycle project fascinated me. KRL has trained, qualified people who repair anybody's bicycle and prepare older ones for sale, all at advantageous rates.

It demonstrates how com-

mitted the group is to recycling and providing a service: and it gains a modest income.

The group plans to hire bikes out as well, which could be very handy for some of the more adventurous, especially tourists.

There are plans to develop a furniture and a 'white goods' scheme whereby furniture will be upcycled and electrical goods refurbished, tested and certified before selling.

There is something special and unique happening in Campbeltown with KRL, which provides employment to people with specific needs and a range of abilities as is evidenced through the capable staff.

Perhaps it's best summarised by this snippet of overheard conversation: 'I don't know how she [the manager] does it; one moment she is negotiating for funding and the next she is immersed in pastoral care; washing the hands of one of the employees...'

Murray Oxborrow,
Sound of Kintyre,
Machrihanish,
Campbeltown.

More upheaval is not needed

Sir,
Labour can't be trusted to prioritise Scotland's place in the UK. Kezia Dugdale made a speech in London calling for a new Act of Union to preserve the future of the UK. She also U-turned on her previous call for a separate Brexit

deal for Scotland, saying it was now important we got a UK-wide arrangement.

The last thing Scotland needs is yet more constitutional upheaval, and Labour should be focusing on being a decent opposition. Ms Dugdale has flip-flopped in the constitutional debate, and Jeremy Corbyn is barely interested.

While Labour's weakness on our union is plain for all to see, the Conservative and Unionist Party has no such problem. In fact, our commitment to Scotland's place in our United Kingdom is in our party's name.

Labour, sadly, isn't the only one flirting with betraying Scotland's unionist majority – the Lib-Dems recently debated a motion at their party conference urging the party to consider Scottish independence.

The motion, from the organisation A Liberal Scotland in Europe, states Scotland should prioritise its relationship with Europe over the UK. It adds the party should back Nicola Sturgeon on her pledge to consider 'all possible options' following Brexit, which would include a second independence referendum. More and more unionist voters across Scotland are rightfully turning their back on Labour and the Lib-Dems and backing the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party as the best choice to stand up for our place in the United Kingdom and take the fight to the SNP.

Alastair Redman,
Islay.

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Broadband move welcomed

COMMUNICATIONS watchdog Ofcom's proposals to open BT's poles and ducts to competitors is great news says Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara.

Last week Ofcom's plans were opened for consultation. They are intended to make it simpler for rivals wanting to create super-fast fibre optic broadband networks to use BT's existing telegraph poles and ducts.

Mr O'Hara has welcomed the move and said: 'I have consistently and openly criticised the roll-out of superfast broadband, particularly across Argyll and Bute which has only achieved 58 per cent roll-out so far.

'Compare this to the UK average of 91 per cent, it is clear the logistics of delivering broadband has been a challenge, to say the least. Allowing competitive access to existing infrastructure is a welcome development for us all. Of all the complaints I receive daily, broadband is consistently the recurring theme.'

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Campbeltown sea cadets all aboard for prizegiving

ORGANISING their own prize-winners' ceremony, complete with MP Brendan O'Hara, was all part of leadership training for Campbeltown Sea Cadets.

Proud parents and friends saw Mr O'Hara, the SNP's Westminster spokesman on defence, present the trophies last Friday at the Guide hall event which included a fun carol sing-along.

Prize-winners were announced by commanding officer Donnie Cameron as follows:

Attendance – awarded to the cadet with the best attendance at parades and events went to Ordinary cadet (OC) Shona Bassett.

John Milloy memorial cup for seamanship was awarded to OC Ellie Lowrie, 14, was the first Campbeltown cadet for many years to gain an advanced or first class seamanship qualification.

The award for exemplary behaviour, which Mr Cameron said is difficult to judge given that standards are so high, was won by cadets Beth MacPherson and Alyx Lang.

The cadet's cadet is chosen by the cadets and is given to their peer who they think displays the best core



Cadets, seen at the ceremony display a 2016 pennant awarded because the unit is in the top 50 per cent for training in the UK, with Mr O'Hara and commanding officer Donnie Cameron. 25_c51cadets02

by **MARK DAVEY**
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

values of loyalty, self discipline, commitment, respect and integrity. It is the cadet who most inspires them and who they would go to for advice. For the second year, the trophy was won by Able Cadet Yvonne Graham.

The First Lieutenant's award for the cadet showing outstanding promise was won by Cadet Amy Lowrie who was praised as a volunteer and for committing to every course she is offered.

Commanding Officer's trophy: Awarded to OC Shona Bas-

sett, judged to be on course to become best cadet because of her commitment, effort and enthusiasm.

Queen's Jubilee rose bowl for best cadet: OC Ellie Lowrie whose 'quiet demeanour disguises a true quality of leadership'. She is always keen to help other cadets and is a role model.

Able Cadet Connor Chinn is joining the Royal Fleet Auxiliary in January, initially in Plymouth. He has been a sea cadet since the age of 10 and was commended for being a credit to the unit.

Housing group toasts decade of operation

AN ARGYLL housing association has toasted a decade of business in Argyll and Bute.

Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) recognised its tenth anniversary recently and, in celebration of the milestone, has launched a new initiative.

The board has announced it is to set

up its 10/10/10 initiative.

This project will invest £10,000 per year for 10 years in 10 schools in Argyll and Bute every year, to work in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council to support young people in particular areas where there are clearly identified needs.

Jim Milne, the Chairman of ACHA's Board, said: 'The ACHA 10/10/10 initiative is aimed at strengthening the relationship between ACHA and the population of Argyll and Bute by reversing the declining population in our area.

'This initiative is aimed at assisting our

young people to grow, to work, and ultimately to remain within their communities in the future.

'I know I speak for all those in the ACHA family in urging Argyll and Bute schools to take up, and make best use, of the resource provided through this initiative over the coming 10 years.'



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New tunes for the Wee Toon

KINTYRE musicians and bands have the chance to hit the high notes at a songwriters' festival next year.

The 10th annual Kintyre Songwriters' Festival is being held on April 28, 29 and 30 in Campbeltown Town Hall and organisers are seeking songwriters to take part.

The event allows songwriters and bands to showcase their

songs while raising money for the arts in Kintyre.

The event includes an informal open stage and a fringe programme where performers can socialise and find out more about the music industry.

Guests

In previous years, the event has attracted performers from as far afield as Los Angeles,

Barcelona and Berlin, with previous guests including top Scottish acts Scott Hutchison of Frightened Rabbit, Louis Abbott of Admiral Fallow, Rachel Sermanni and Scottish album of the year award-winner Kathryn Joseph.

The organisers try to accommodate as many local performers as possible so if you write or perform songs, the festival wants to hear from you.

Material

Non-performing local songwriters interested in having their material showcased at the festival should also get in touch.

Anyone wishing to get involved should email info@kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk before January 15.

For more information see www.kintyresongwritersfestival.co.uk.



U3A perform ahead of their Christmas lunch. 20_c49choir03

Jingle belles

THE SOUND of festive cheer filled the air last week as women of the U3A choir sang festive tunes.

Choir members performed a rousing selection of Christmas carols and songs ahead of its Christmas lunch.

Song list

Included in the song list was *White Christmas*, *Jingle Bells* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

Accompanied by David Gardiner on piano



A bouquet presentation at the end of the event. 20_c49choir01

and conducted by Margaret Nimmo, the group was met with

rounds of enthusiastic applause. A festive display by the U3A craft

group, put together by Sheena MacAlister, was also on show.

Free Church carol service

A THEOLOGY lecturer will be in fine voice when he returns to lead Campbeltown Free Church's carol service.

Bob Akroyd, from New Jersey, USA, is a former pastor and now a lecturer in Edinburgh Theological Seminary.

He has also been a prison chaplain in Edinburgh for many years and has worked with the homeless through

the Bethany Christian Trust.

Bob said: 'It is always a great joy to visit Campbeltown at Christmas time. It's wonderful to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones.'

Christmas snacks and refreshments will be served.

The event begins at 3pm on Sunday December 18.

Win an amazing three island day out for two

You can't wrap a puffin but you can 'gift' one this Christmas



West Coast Tours and Staffa Tours are giving readers the chance to win 2 Three Isles Tour gift vouchers worth £120 as the perfect Christmas present for their nearest and dearest this Christmas. So, if you fancy giving someone special a day to remember in 2017, now's your chance to win this special prize. The Three Isles Tour is an amazing day out which takes in three unique Inner Hebridean islands -

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Question: What island is Fingal's Cave on? a) Mull b) Iona c) Staffa

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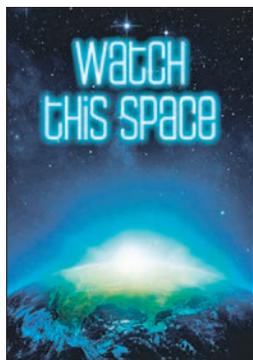
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The front cover of Watch this Space.

Kintyre Writers' Circle anthology

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It is centred on the concept of space – whether the infinity of the stars and planets or the memory of a person or place which is no longer there.

Space has been interpreted in a number of intriguing ways by its various contributors. It is an attractive little book and perfect to pick up to browse. Attractively illustrated, it would make an interesting gift or Christmas stocking filler.

It is priced £5 and is available from George McMillan's newsagent's shop on Main Street, Campbeltown, or from any member of Kintyre Writers' Circle.

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Old Pals relive their glory days

By Alex McKinven
THE LAUGHTER that spills from the Royal Hotel's Harbour View alcove every Thursday afternoon suggests a group of people having a right good time, and it is surprising to find that it is not a gathering of energetic teenagers, but rather a group of senior citizens thoroughly enjoying each others company.

Such is the Campbeltown Old Pals Club, an organisation that started a few years ago and has just been awarded an Age Scotland grant of £2,500.

It provides a regular meeting place where old friends and new can relive their memories, view old photographs and videos, hear specialised speak-

ers, but more importantly just relax and mix freely over a nice cup of tea.

The club has gone from strength to strength during the past 12 months, gaining donations and grants to help fulfil its aspirations and ambitions.

Memories

Campbeltown Common Good Fund donated £1,000 for the purchase of essential equipment to make sure the group's memories are retained for posterity.

The general week-on-week administration has been helped by donations from the Feather's Monday quiz and Campbeltown Rotary Club.

The Royal Hotel and staff are to be congratu-

lated for their outstanding hospitality since the club was formed, and thanks is also extended to Carradale Hotel, Gigha Hotel and Torrisdale Castle for providing a venue for meetings and hospitality during the club's regular away days.

A spokesman for the group said: 'The Old Pals would like to thank everyone who made the last few years so enjoyable, and would also like to extend an invitation to join us on Thursday afternoons at the Royal Hotel between 2pm and 4pm, and/or our planned trips to the surrounding villages in 2017.'

'Be assured you will be made very welcome!'



Members of The Old Pals Club at their Christmas party in the Royal Hotel last Thursday. 25_c51oldpals01



Social club members meet Santa. 25_c51mondaysocial01

A Tin Roof Christmas for the Monday Social

SANTA heard that the Monday Social club had relocated to the Sound of Kintyre's Tin Roof Diner and made an unscheduled stop.

The occasion was the club's Christmas party, organised by Cathy Duncan and assisted by Tin

Roof proprietor Hugh Gilbert and his staff, who gave up their Monday off to open for the pensioners.

Santa entered to a raucous chorus of *Jingle Bells* led by accordionist Roger Gillespie, with some ribald comments about his hands.

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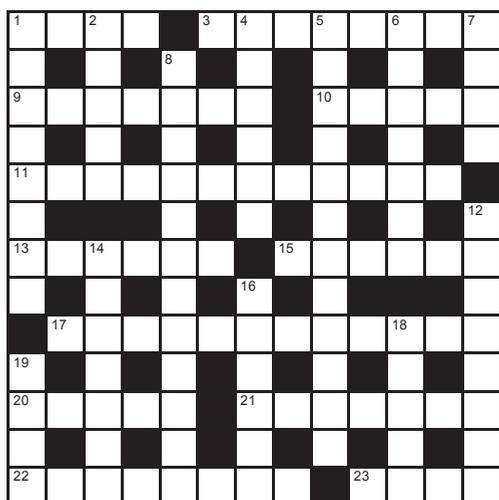


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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



TARBERT

Regeneration fund may lead to sports hub

A QUARTET of Tarbert infrastructure projects are among 11 to benefit from £3 million funding targeted at Tarbert and Lochgilphead regeneration.

At its meeting on Wednesday December 7, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed the projects should be recommended for progress to the council's Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Aileen Morton, the policy lead for sustainable economic growth, said: 'The Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund offers an important opportunity to support community-led proposals which

can help regenerate Mid Argyll.'

Members agreed the projects recommended for possible further feasibility studies and initial design work – which will allow outline business cases to be developed – should be: improvements to the Barmore Road and Garvel Road junction, pavement and public realm improvements, an indoor bowling centre and sports hub, and harbour improvements.

Mrs Morton added: 'As a council we are determined to deliver initiatives that will create jobs, grow the population, help boost our local economy and sustain already prosperous communities.'

Gormley statue funds Carradale hall by £738

A CALENDAR created using Saddell's sculpture of an iron man by Antony Gormley has raised £738 for Carradale's hall.

Bill and May Currie, proprietors of the Glen Bar and Restaurant, sponsored the 2017

Carradale calendar and have now received a cheque for £738 from Karen Murphy, its creator and designer. The calendar, featuring the Antony Gormley statue Land at Saddell was published with permission from the artist's studio.



Bill and May Currie with the cheque presented by Karen Murphy.

GIGHA

The Russians are coming

THE RUSSIAN Consul General and Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute will help dedicate a memorial on the Isle of Gigha.

Andrey Pritsepov and Lord Lieutenant Patrick Stewart will join islanders, crew and Igor Rakitin at special events on Sunday, exactly 25 years to the day since the sinking of the Kartli on December 18 1991.

Earlier this year Igor contacted the Gigha Heritage Trust to see if a memorial could be arranged. He wished to mark the lives lost and to express the gratitude of the Russian people for the part the islanders and the rescue services from Islay and Kintyre played in the dramatic events that led up to the wreck of

the ship at Tarbert Bay on the west coast of Gigha.

The wreck was reported by the *Courier* and is still remembered on the island.

Igor wrote a book about the end of the Kartli and spoke warmly about how the men and women of the rescue services assisted the crew during the dangerous times after the ship was damaged in a storm and left drifting. There are remnants of the ship still visible at low tide near the north of Gigha.

To mark the last resting place of the Kartli, a stone has been raised by islanders overlooking the site. Working with colleagues in Edinburgh and Newcastle, a specially commissioned plaque in Russian and English has been made in Mos-

cow and brought to Gigha to be placed on the memorial stone.

Following a service at Gigha church and simultaneously at all Russian Orthodox churches in Scotland, a blessing at the memorial is planned for noon. Paul Currie, chairman of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, said: 'This event not only marks a tragedy but also celebrates our common humanity when islanders and the brave people from the rescue services reached out to Russian sailors in distress and created friendships that have lasted years.'

People who have memories or anecdotes of the Kartli are invited to contact the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust. Everyone is welcome to attend the event. See page 24: From our Files.

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David Lawson from Perth spoke about levels of potassium, magnesium and the pH of Kintyre soils. 25_c51farming06

Farmers focus on innovative ways to improve livestock output

INNOVATIVE Ways to Improve Livestock Output was the title of a series of talks at Tonrioch Farm, Stewarton.

The event, on Tuesday, organised by SAC Consulting, was funded by the Scottish Government with lunch provided by Ifferdale.

Speakers included Rebecca Audsley from Farming and Water Scotland, the SRUC's Donald Brown on beef nutrition and David Lawson on grassland and soils, and Carol McKenna, from Shearwell Data, who gave equipment demonstrations on animal identification and management systems.

During his talk, Mr Brown compared bulls to athletes in training for the Olympics, which drew some laughs from the audience. He was using the analogy to stress the importance of keeping

the bull in the best possible condition.

He spoke about cow size, what is expected from nutrition, target body condition scores, animal growth tissue deposition, feeding for growth and finishing ration specifications.

Rebecca Audsley, supported by Sam Fenner from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency in Lochgilphead, spoke about the minimum legal working distances from watercourses.

She made sure that every farmer she spoke to collected a sticker titled Mind the Gap detailing the distances.

In addition, she described the operation of the Papa pump, which uses the natural power of a spring, burn or river to pump water to higher elevations and distances, eliminating the cost of mains water, diesel or electricity.

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David Lawson talked about grassland management, checking the pH of soil, the fact that raising the pH from 4.5 to 6.0 increases herbage production per hectare from six to nine tonnes.

He also talked about studies which have shown in the past two to three years that protein in Scottish silage is decreasing and that one theory is that it is due to a deficiency of sulphur.

He suggested making a sulphur application to grasslands.

Mary Turner from Kildalloig said: 'It has been an enjoyable event with lots of good tips.'

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Graham,
Craigruadh,
Tayinloan.

**JANET
FERGUSON,
STRUANBANK**

would like to
wish all their
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all our
friends &
neighbours
from Margaret
& Ian, 84
Roading.

**DONALD, RHONA,
JENNIFER &
BETHANY KELLY**

wish all their
friends,
family &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all our
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Fiona
& John,
Southend.

**NANCY MACPHERSON,
30 LORNE CAMPBELL
COURT**

would like to
wish all her
relatives
& friends
a Merry
Christmas &
a Happy New
Year.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all our
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Archie
& Mary
Clark.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

to all my friends
in Ardrishaig and
Lochgilphhead, especially
the Wednesday Coffee
Group from Jean Berrie.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all my
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from May
Currie,
Tayinloan.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Anne, Sarena and
Rhianna Duff wish you
peace and happiness.
They are supporting
Arthritis Care and British
Heart Foundation.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all my
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Isabel
Stewart, 31D
Albyn Ave.

**STUART
& GAIL
GILLESPIE**

would like
to wish all
family and
friends
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

Love to all my
family, friends
& neighbours,
all the best
from Phemie
Florence,
Millknowe xx.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all my
relatives &
friends from
Hamish
McMillan,
Calton
Avenue.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to my friends &
neighbours.
All the best for
2017 from
Mary Scally,
Kintyre Care
Home.

**ALEX & FAY
MACCUISH,
SKIPNESS**

would like to
wish all their
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all our relatives,
friends &
neighbours from
Alex & John
Johnston,
Stanley
Place.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

to all friends & relatives
from Betty Munro,
197 Ralston Road,
Campbeltown.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all my relatives,
friends &
neighbours from
Betty Ronald,
Craigowan Park,
Campbeltown.

**SEASON'S
GREETINGS**

Merry Christmas
to all my friends &
a good new year,
Moira.

**RICHARD &
ELIZABETH SEMPLE,
SOUTHEND**

would like to
wish all their
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from Eileen Bruce,
Ardrishaig, to
relatives, friends and
neighbours. Also
sincere thanks to
everyone for recent
help and support.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all my
relatives,
friends &
neighbours from
Cathie Baker,
1 Sealand,
Peninver.

**RONNIE &
MARION
BROWN**

would like to
wish all their
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year.

*Dougie & Pearl
McEachran*

would like to
wish all family &
friends a Merry
Christmas
& a Happy
New Year.

**CATHIE ARMOUR,
18 GLEBE STREET**

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

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all my
relatives,
friends &
neighbours
from Ken
Smith,
Peninver.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my
relatives, friends
& neighbours from
Ailsa Scott.

*Merry Christmas
& a Happy
New Year*

to all our
relatives &
friends from
Margaret &
Tommy,
Stirling.

**KATIE & DANNY
MACNAUGHTON,
19A KINLOCH RD**

wish all their,
family &
friends
a Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New
Year.

GREETINGS

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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Dave & Isobel Davis, Perth.

NEIL KENNEDY, 27 ARGYLL STREET

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Jimmy Anderson, 6 Flemings Land, Castlehill, Campbeltown.

ANNIE HAMILTON, AUCHINLEE

would like to wish all her relatives, friends, staff and residents a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy & Healthy New Year.

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Sheena Graham.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all friends & family. God's blessings now & always from Agnes McAlister, Graeholme.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives & friends from Morag Rowan.

DAVID, FLORENCE & CHRISTOPHER MCEWAN

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

McNAIR

Hugh & Katherine wish all their family & friends a Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my friends & neighbours from Lesley Mitchell.

MADGE & FRANCIS MCWHIRTER

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Margaret & George, The Old Rectory.

PRUNELLA MACBRAYNE, 2 CROSSHILL AVE

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mary & Willie MacBrayne, Lorne Campbell Court

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

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from May McDonald, Craigholm, Glenbarr.

NANCY BLACK

would like to wish family & friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 32 Lorne Campbell Court.

Donald, Margaret & Donald Jnr, 57 Meadows Avenue

wish all relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Reg McManus, New Parliament.

MARY DOCHERTY, REDLANDS

would like to wish all her relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Bobby Duncan, 35 Castleacres.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Barbara Lang, Davaar Avenue.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

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

DONALD & MARGARET MILLOY

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Agnes Graham, Braemore.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Mary & John Harvey, 39 Lady Mary Row.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives & friends from Archie Millar, Whitehill.

HUGH COLVILLE

would like to wish his relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Tom McCorkindale, 14 Meadowpark.

JACKIE & JUNE MORRISON

would like to wish all friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & all the best for 2017.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to family, neighbours & friends. A special thank you to Janette & Peter Ferguson, & Isobel & Charlie Dott, from Jenny Tyrrell, Ramsay Place.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Archie Greenlees, 4 Front Row, Drumlembie.

ISOBEL & CHARLIE DOTT, 1 PARK TERRACE

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GAVIN MUIR, 85 TOMAIG ROAD

would like to wish all friends, neighbours & family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DENIS MEENAN, MEADOWPARK

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

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Mrs Renee Davidson, Creagdhu Mansions.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Maggie Ralston, Conieglen.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Mrs Helen Wardrop, Smith Drive.

JAMES & MATTY MCCALLUM

would like to wish all their friends & family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy 2017.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Mr & Mrs MacBrayne & Colin.

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GHD Gift Set
Mark V Styler, Paddle Brush
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& 2 sectioning clips
RRP £160

All proceeds to Campbeltown
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THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO WIN!
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Norwegians ceded Kintyre to people of Scotland in 1266



The burial vault of the Macdonalds of Largie. 25_c50killean03

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COMMUNITY SERVICES : EDUCATION

EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980

CHOICE OF SCHOOL

It is customary for children to attend their local school; however, parents may make a written request to place their child in any school under the management of the education authority. Such a request is referred to as a placing request.

Information concerning the authority's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and at the Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000). This information is also available for inspection or reference at public libraries. Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

Placing requests for session beginning August 2017 should be sent to the Executive Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 704000) by 17 March 2017 for primary and secondary schools.

Gaelic Medium Education

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tìree Primary School, Tìree; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, By Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon. For further information on Gaelic Medium Education please contact Catriona Garvin, Education Support Officer: Gaelic, catriona.garvin2@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Parents who are interested in such provision are advised to register at the Gaelic Medium School in their area in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 2 January 2017.

Parents of children due to start school in August 2017, 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 2 January 2017.

ANN MARIE KNOWLES

Acting Executive Director - Community Services



LAST week *The Courier* told of Calum Morrison's booklet about the ancient and historic churches of Killean and Kilchenzie.

Mr Morrison has agreed to provide an extract from his booklet which is available for £5 to aid restoration funds. This is his chosen extract:

'When the churches of Killean (St John) and Kilchenzie (St Kenneth) were built in or around 1164, it is historically fascinating to realise that Kintyre was still the domain of the Norwegian crown. Vikings had settled in the area, integrating with the local people, farming the land and embracing Christianity brought by the Irish missionaries. The period following the battle of Largs heralded what was known as a golden age in Scotland.

Kintyre was ceded to Scotland by the Nor-

wegians at the Treaty of Perth in 1266.

Peace

The country was at peace, men who had taken up arms now returned to their trades, those who worked the land returned to their fields and farmsteads and there was intermarrying between the Scottish and English royal houses.

There was a wealth developing throughout the land which was unprecedented in previous years. It was also when the Lords of the Isles were expanding their power base into Kintyre. It was during this time that the churches of Killean and Kilchenzie were extended eastward with the additions of new and comparatively elaborate chancels.

At Killean the 13th-century development of the church is the most complex and the most ambitious architecturally.

Elaborate

The double-light window in the east gable is of an unusually elaborate and handsome composition and must have been created by exceptionally skilled stonemasons.

Therefore amongst the assemblage of 12th-century churches spread throughout Kintyre, St John's Church, Killean, stands out as the most architecturally significant and individually of national importance.

Its fine early sculpture detailing and moulding, such as tall lancets, dog-tooth decoration, nook shafts and moulded string courses, are comparable to only a small number of western ecclesiastical foundations of the highest architectural quality.

The construction of such a fine church encapsulates the cultural aspirations of this

emerging Gaelic lordship.

Extension

In the 15th century an extension to Killean was added by the creation of a barrel-vaulted north aisle.

Within this later addition, reused in the 19th century as the burial vault of the Macdonalds of Largie, there is an extensive and nationally important collection of late medieval grave slabs dating to the 14th and 15th century, attributed to the Iona, Loch Sween and Kintyre (Saddell?) schools.

These highly detailed, tapered, carved stones include effigies of knights wearing pointed bascinets, coifs of mail and quilted tunics, while others depict clerics wearing vestments, deer hunts, celtic plaitwork, foliage, scrollwork and animal carvings.'

The Sailor's Grave

By **ANGUS MARTIN**
MAY 2017 marks the centenary of the burial in Inneans Bay of the human remains washed ashore in 1917.

The controversy over who found the remains was put to rest more than 30 years ago when a police report turned up in the archive of Argyll and Bute Council.

The finder was named as Duncan Sinclair, then a shepherd at Largiebaan and later head shepherd at Ballygrogan.

The spot on the grassy foreshore where the body was buried became known as The Sailor's Grave, a reasonable assumption though there was no evidence that the person was a seafarer or even male.

Since that time, the grave has been tended by a succession of hikers and campers, most of them from Drumlemble and Machrihanish.

The customary grave-marker has been

a wooden cross, bearing the inscription God Knows and the date May 16 1917.

By my reckoning, six crosses have stood on the grave, the last two made by Neil Brown in Campbeltown. The present cross is, however, broken, and several visitors to the Inneans have commented on the need to replace it.

The problem is the hereditary custodians of the grave are either dead or no longer fit to

make the journey and the time perhaps has come to think about a more permanent memorial or the setting up of a fund to ensure each future cross is replaced when needed, otherwise there is a danger the grave will become overgrown and forgotten.

It is not my place to make any decisions about the future of the grave, so I propose a public meeting to discuss solutions.

This will be organised for January next year and will take the form of a fundraising evening of music and reminiscence. Close to £300 has already been raised, with more money pledged.

A fund could be set up for the replacement of the cross whenever necessary or a more permanent memorial could be built on the grave, perhaps a small cairn bearing a plaque 'Erected by public subscription in May 2017 to mark the human remains found in this bay on 6 May 1917 by Duncan Sinclair, shepherd, Largiebaan, and ceremonially interred



Alastair Thompson, his wife Liz, George McSparran and Angus Martin at the Sailor's Grave on October 9 this year. The dilapidated state of the cross is plain to see. Alastair, who has contributed a substantial donation to the Sailor's Grave fund, was previously at the Inneans with Angus Martin on August 27 1967, nearly 50 years ago. He has lived in Canada for most of his life. Photograph by Sandy McSparran.



Looking south across Inneans Bay to the slopes of Cnoc Moy, with Largiebaan out of sight around the corner, October 9 2016. Photograph by George McSparran.

in this spot on 11 May. 'This centenary memorial also recognises the dedicated service of generations of local families who voluntarily tended the grave.'

The cairn could be surmounted by a

wooden cross, thus preserving the continuity of that tradition and even if that cross were not replaced, the cairn and its plaque would serve as a permanent memorial.

I hope interest-

ed parties will attend the meeting, details of which will be announced nearer the time.

In the meantime, any suggestions and offers of practical assistance will be welcome.

Pupils get a taste of elected life



DALINTOBER Primary School children recently voted for three pupils' bodies – a Pupil, Eco and School Council.

Left: The Pupil Council.



The Eco Council.



School Council.

WIN
AN OVERNIGHT STAY FOR TWO IN A LUXURY GUESTROOM AT FAIRMONT ST ANDREWS WITH FULL SCOTTISH BREAKFAST AND AN EXPRESS SPA TREATMENT EACH



Fairmont St Andrews resort has recently completed renovating their public areas with a rich colour scheme and nautical elements and a lighting installation called Zephyr by George Singer. With over 200 luxury guestrooms, the resort has a plethora of facilities, including two championship golf courses and an indulgent spa. There are diverse yet luxurious eating facilities within the resort and the lucky winner can be confident that they will experience the best of St Andrews in luxury surroundings with outstanding service.

FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN, just answer the following question: What is the George Singer lighting sculpture called?

To enter, send your answer, name, address, telephone number and email address to Competitions, Wyvex Media, Fettes Park, 496 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH5 2DL. Closing date is December 31, 2016. Entrants must be 18 or over. Employees of Wyvex Media, the competition promoters, and their direct families are ineligible to enter. No purchase necessary. The winner will be first correct entry drawn after closing date. No cash alternative is available. The winner will be informed by telephone. Promoter reserves the right to request post publicity. Indicate if you do not wish to receive further information from promoter. Usual Wyvex Media rules apply. This competition is open to readers of other Wyvex Media publications.

Jesus - He's the reason for the Season



MID ARGYLL

ARDRISHAIG and SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 18th December
 "Count the Stars, if You Can"
 (Genesis 15)
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 Achahoish at 12:30pm

Christmas Eve
 "Stars in their Eyes"
 Carol Service
 Achahoish at 7:00pm
 Watchnight Service
 Ardrishaig at 11:30pm
 (Carol Singing from 11.15pm)

Christmas Day
 "Today in the City of David..."
 Ardrishaig at 10:00am
 (No Service at Achahoish)

Sunday 1st January 2017
 "I am Making Everything New"
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 Achahoish at 12:30pm

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Saturday 24th December
 11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS
 Christ Church, Lochgilphead

Sunday 25th December
 9am St Columba's, Poltalloch
 Holy Communion
 11am Christ Church,
 Lochgilphead
 Carols & Eucharist of Christmas
 Father Simon Mackenzie
 01546 602315

ST. MARGARET'S RC CHURCH

Lochgilphead
Christmas Eve
 Midnight Mass
 Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day
 Service at 10am
 Fr. David Connor
 01546 602380
 All Welcome
 (SCO002876)

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE
 11.15 pm WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
 Carol singing, warm mince pies and hot drinks from 10.45 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
 11.00 am A SHORT FAMILY SERVICE

1 JANUARY 2017

11.00 am WORSHIP SERVICE
 Rev. Hilda Smith
 More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk
 Lochgilphead (Church of Scotland)
 SC016311

NORTH KNAPDALE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

We wish you a Happy Christmas and God's blessing in the year to come. We invite you to join us in our worship this festive season.

Sunday 18 December
 Tayvallich Church 11:30am
 Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24 December
 Tayvallich Jubilee Green
 Carols on the Green 4 pm
 (In the church if it's raining)
 Tayvallich Church 11:15pm
 Watchnight Service

Sunday 25 December
 Bellanoch Church 11 am
 Christmas Day Worship

Sunday 1 January
 Tayvallich Church 10 am
 New Year's Day Worship
 SC001002

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT, LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Tarbert - No Watchnight Service

Christmas Day Family Service
 11.30am

New Years Day Joint Service
 with Tarbert Free Church 11.30am
 - to be held in Tarbert Free Church

Kilberry -
 Christmas Eve Service 7pm

Skipness -
 Christmas Eve Service 7pm
 Christmas Day Service 10am

For all church enquiries and pastoral care
 Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator
 on 07826 235735
 Everyone very welcome
 Tarbert & Kilberry SCO02622
 Skipness SCO04280

Church of Scotland WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Minister:
 Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell

Watch Night Service
24th December
 Cumlodden Church at 7.30 pm.
 Glenarary and Inveraray Church at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Service 25th December

Cumlodden Church at 10.00 am
 Glenarary and Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
 All welcome

KINTYRE

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 18th December
 "Gifts for a King"
 A presentation by the Sunday School children
 with Campbeltown Brass Ensemble followed by coffee & mince pies

Sunday 25th December
 All Age Service

Sunday 1st January 2017
 New Year Communion Service
 "Be Still & Look Up"

All our services start at 11.00 am and are held at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
 SC043322

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

George Street
 Campbeltown

Sunday 18th December
 11.15am Worship Service
 led by Rev Prof Bob Akroyd

There will be a buffet lunch after the service
 3.00pm 'God with us'
 The message and music of Christmas
 Guest Speaker: Rev Prof Bob Akroyd
 Christmas refreshments will be served

Sunday 25th December
 11.15am Family Service
 All welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
 Scottish Charity Number:
 SC046745

TAYINLOAN CAROL SERVICE

Friday 23rd December
 at 8.00pm
 in Tayinloan Village Hall
 Speaker: Mr Kelvin Moller
 Christmas Supper
 Come & share in the true spirit of Christmas
 Everyone welcome

LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 18th December
 All Age Service 11.15am
 With Choir items, Next Generation, Gen 1, Triple C and BBs
 Creche
 Rev P Wallace

Saturday 24th December
 Watchnight Service 11.30pm
 Tea and Mince pies in the Church Hall from 10.45pm
 Rev P Wallace

Sunday 25th December
 All Age Christmas Day Service
 11.15am
 Rev P Wallace

SADDELL & CARRADALE PARISH CHURCH LINKED WITH SOUTHEND PARISH CHURCH

Saddell and Carradale Parish Church

Sunday 18th December
 10am Nativity Service with Carradale School

Saturday 24th December
 7pm Christmas Eve Carols

Sunday 25th December
 10am Christmas Morning Worship

Sunday 1st January
 10am Morning Worship

SOUTHEND PARISH CHURCH

Friday 16th December
 7.30pm Coffee and Carols in Dunaverty Hall

Sunday 18th December
 11.45am Morning Worship

Saturday 24th December
 11.30pm Watchnight Service

Sunday 25th December
 11am Christmas Morning Worship

Sunday 1st January
 11.45am Morning Worship

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Christmas starts with Christ

Saturday 24th December
 Christmas Eve 6.30pm
 Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 25th December
 Christmas Day
 A short communion service starting at 11am
 All welcome to all events
 "For to you a Child is given"

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH

SCO02876
Advent 4

Saturday 17th December
 Blessing of the Crib & Rorate Mass
 6pm

Sunday 18th December
 Holy Mass 10.00am
Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve
 Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day
 Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Saturday 31st December
 Holy Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 1st January
 Holy Mass 10.00am

GIGHA AND CARA LINKED WITH KILCALMONELL LINKED WITH KILLEAN AND KILCHENZIE

Interim Moderator
 Rev Catriona Hood

Christmas Eve
 Kilcalmonell - Service of Lessons and Carols 7.30pm - led by Elders

Killean and Kilchenzie -
 Watchnight Service 11.30pm - Ms Marilyn Shedden (Tea/coffee mince pies in Hall from 10.30pm)

Gigha - Watchnight Service 11.30pm - led by Elders

Christmas Day
 Joint Service in Killean and Kilchenzie (A'Chleit) at 11.30am - Rev Catriona Hood

New Year's Day
 Kilcalmonell - Service in Church at 10.00am - Rev Catriona Hood

Gigha - Service in Church at 11.00 am - led by Elders

Killean and Kilchenzie -
 Service in Church Hall at 11.30am - Rev Catriona Hood



RES LTD
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2000

Notice is hereby given that RES Ltd, (Company Number 1589961, Registered Office: Beaufort Court, Egg Farm Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire WD4 8LR) has applied to the Scottish Ministers, under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, for consent to construct and operate a wind farm at Killean Estate (Central Grid Reference NR730445).

The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be over 50 MW comprising 17 wind turbines and with a ground to blade tip height of up to 149.9 metres.

RES Ltd has also applied for a direction under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development also be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Argyll and Bute Council Planning and Building Standards 25A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD	Argyll and Bute Council Campbeltown Service Point Burnet Building St John Street Campbeltown PA28 6BJ	Tayinloan Village Store and Post Office Tayinloan By Tarbert PA29 6XG
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The Environmental Statement can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

Copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained from RES Ltd (tel: 0141 404 5500) at a charge of £350 hard copy and £15 on CD. Copies of a short non-technical summary are available free of charge.

Any representations to the application may be submitted via the Energy Consents Unit website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx or by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot or alternatively by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals), full return email and postal address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to the address stipulated will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than **3 February 2017**, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date. When initial comments from statutory consultees are received further public notices will give advice on how this information may be viewed by members of the public, and how representations may be made to Scottish Ministers. During the consideration of the proposal, Scottish Ministers may formally request further information to supplement the Environmental Statement and this will also be advertised in such a manner.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) to be held.

Following receipt of all views and representations, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Grant consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

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**Ann Marie Knowles,
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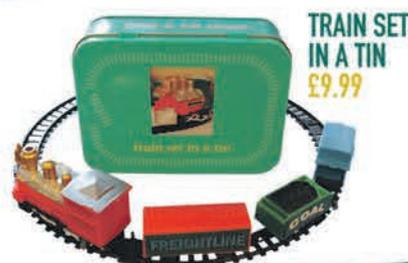
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Email: gillian.dempster@marineharvest.com

Informal enquires can be addressed to Sean Anderson, De-licing Systems Manager, Marine Harvest Scotland, Stob Ban House, Glen Nevis Business Park, Fort William, PH33 6RX

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- Tested by 12-times Everest climber Kenton Cool for Santa's peace of mind.

biggest-selling model, with more than 100,000 vehicles sold so far in 2016. Designed for active lifestyles, it features generous luggage capacity, innovative storage solutions and configurable 5+2 seating. Land Rover prioritised head-, knee- and shoulder-room when designing the vehicle, ensuring excellent interior space in all derivatives thanks to a wheelbase of 2,741mm.

Helen Ali, vehicle package team leader, said: 'We wanted to create a Christmas cabin for Santa, in a truly Land Rover way. The spacious and versatile Discovery Sport was perfect for this project. The seats can be folded flat at the push of a button from the load space, which is wide and square and there are plenty of hidden storage spaces like the area under the front cup-holders.'

'Building a cabin that utilised all these features was a lot of fun. We could have built this in one of our bigger models, but we wanted to prove just how versatile the baby of the Discovery family truly is.'

Land Rover engineers made a virtual model of the cabin to get the most from every millimetre of space. Then they worked with specialist Danish architects LUMO to build it from sustainable materials. Designed to have a minimal impact on the environment, it rests on 212mm wooden struts that exactly match the Discovery Sport's ride height.

The cabin shares several features with Discovery models, including an optional tailgate seat on the deck. The wide horizontal door opening is inspired by the vehicle's full-length panoramic roof and provides epic landscape views. There's a solar charger on the roof, while lights and a kettle can be connected to the Discovery Sport's 12V power socket.

Land Rover packaging engineer Muhammed Malik helped design and build the cabin. He said: 'Anything that wears the Land Rover badge has to be capable and versatile, with beautiful, simple design. Our cabin also had to be sustainable and easily transportable. We are used to working with VIP clients at Land Rover, but this was definitely one of the most unusual.'

Land Rover will be using the cabin over the next few years to support ongoing partnerships and upcoming events, and it will be making appearances through its network of Land Rover Experience centres.

TOP SECRET LOCATION, December 8, 2016: Santa's chilly grotto could be consigned to Christmas past thanks to Land Rover's engineers. They have created a cosy cabin that can be transported for a much-needed festive getaway – it fits inside a Land Rover Discovery Sport compact SUV.

The cleverly designed cabin has space for two adults to sleep snugly in North Pole temperatures as low as -20°C. It folds down to fit in the rear of Land Rover's top-selling Discovery Sport, so Santa could even fit it on his sleigh this Christmas.

Land Rover engineers carefully used every bit of the versatile Discovery Sport's 1,698-litre rear load space to carry the wooden cabin's components. Even the glove box, cup holders and door bins were filled with nuts, bolts and festive decorations fit for Santa himself.

The Christmas cabin was tested in Land Rover's own cold-climate chamber, in which all Land Rovers are subjected to sub-freezing temperatures, by mountaineer and 12-times Everest climber Kenton Cool. It was then transported by Discovery Sport – not sleigh – to its final secret location in the heart of the frozen wilderness.

Kenton Cool said: 'There is a growing trend for off-grid living and "wilderness cabins" and only Land Rover could create a go-anywhere cabin like this. The design is cleverly engineered and incredibly robust, making it perfect for remote locations across the world.'

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PERSONAL NOTICES

Happy 80th Birthday MAC

On 16th December Lots of love, Agnes xx.
Happy Birtyhday Dad Have a great day Love David, Linda and Dave. xx



HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

Ashley 19th December Lots of love from Mum, Billy, Lewis and Colin XXX



ANYONE OUT THERE?

Lady recently bereaved would like to meet gentleman in similar situation, aged 68 upwards. Strong, authoritative personality with a soft side and a sense of humour, for caring companionship. My interests are animals, countryside pursuits, golf, swimming, classical - country music, theatre, travel, sea, boats, world affairs etc. Non smoker, light drinker, car driver. Absolute confidence assured.
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ALISTAIR MACKAY

Would like to thank all family & friends who came to celebrate his 70th birthday on Saturday night. Thanks to Argyll Bakeries, Catherine, Fiona & Martha for catering, to Jock, Jessie & Catherine for keeping the drinks flowing and to Tommy & Stewart for the great music. Thank you also to everyone for the lovely gifts, I am truly humbled.

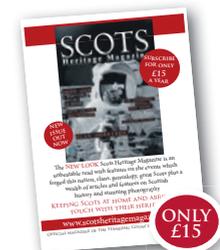
HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY

Ashley 19th December Lots of love from Nana Auntie Amanda Wullie Jordan XXX



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COURIER CALL THE EXPERTS

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



THERE were lots to choose from and everyone was looking for the best.

Everyone wanted the most perfect, the most balanced, the most luxurious, the most desirable. No-one wanted the one that was misshapen, or the one that was crooked, or the one that didn't look right.

Folk examined, scrutinised and judged till they found the one that seemed just right – perfect even. After all, only the best will do for Christmas.

It's important that the tree is just right, is it not?

We are bombarded with adverts showing perfect trees with perfect decorations, adorned in perfect houses and lovingly decorated by perfect families.

Everything needs to be perfect – does it not?

Yet we celebrate the coming of a baby born into a family that was not perfect, into a world that was not right, into a political system that was crooked.

We worship a God who treasured those who were regarded by the world as not beautiful, not perfect, not desirable.

God crept into the world beside us quietly and softly to embrace those who were regarded as undesirable, misshapen, imperfect.

God came into the world to bring other values, to whisper to the lost and the lonely that they were loved beyond measure.

God came into the world to walk beside us and tell us that we are all beautiful in his eyes. For thankfully God doesn't use our criteria by which to judge.

There were lots to choose from and everyone was looking for the best.

I think I might just choose the misshapen one this Christmas, and ask God's blessing on its imperfection.

From our files:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FRIDAY DECEMBER 20, 1991

Four die in sea drama

FOUR people died when the Russian factory ship Kartli, with 51 people aboard, came to grief in 20 to 30-foot waves west of Islay early on Wednesday morning.

A wave crashed through the wheelhouse window, killing two men and seriously injuring another two. The wheelhouse was wrecked by the impact.

A third body, a woman, was recovered from the water.

A male crew member who had been airlifted to Northern Ireland died on Wednesday afternoon.

An RAF Nimrod plane, four RAF helicopters, an auxiliary naval vessel and the Islay lifeboat were engaged in the massive rescue operation.

Survivors from the 78-metre Kartli were airlifted to Royal Fleet auxiliary vessel RFA Olna.

There is a memorial service in Gigha church on Sunday December 18, 2016 at 12pm.

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 15, 1966

Judy – the mini-skirt queen

Eighteen-year-old shop assistant Judy Livingstone walked out of Campbeltown's Victoria Hall a very happy young lady on Friday night – actually, in the early hours of Saturday.

Judy, of 75 Ralston Road had won £5 in the mini-skirt contest sponsored by the Juvenile Orange Lodge.

A large crowd flocked to the 'Vic' to see the Campbeltown cuties parade bravely on stage in their abbreviated gear.

The judges – Dorothy Waggot, Mary Campbell and Dean of Guild Dan McKinven – had great difficulty choosing the winner out of the 12 ladies who entered.

They decided on Judy not because she had the shortest skirt but because they thought she looked the smartest.

Placed second was 15-year-old Alison Little who comes from Lam-lash but is working locally; third was 18-year-old Catherine Stanners, Judy's next door neighbour at 73 Ralston Road.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO DECEMBER 13, 1916

Calling up of exempted men

Sir, Perhaps you will grant me a little space to ventilate a grievance, namely that of skilled shepherds and ploughmen being called to the colours.

Within the last 10 days my shepherds and ploughmen have all been asked to join the colours at Stirling within a few days.

It is obvious there is gross blundering somewhere, as my men all hold certificates of exemption.

The government has made an urgent request that we are to produce more, and with foodstuffs of all kinds advancing to famine prices, surely it is a reasonable request – one we are all anxious to acquiesce in. But if skilled labour is withdrawn from us this becomes not only impossible, but the surest and quickest way to lessen production.

You might as well muzzle a cow and expect her to give more milk.

Wm. Sloan,
Ifferdale, Saddell.

New Gaelic Facebook forum launched

A NEW online forum has been set up to share Gaelic news with the aim of developing the language within communities.

Argyll and Bute Council launched a Gaelic Facebook forum as a result of a decision made when the council held its first ever Gaelic

Gathering in August.

The council's policy lead for community and culture, Councillor Robin Currie, said: 'The creation of an Argyll and Bute Gaelic Forum on Facebook means that people can share all the exciting Gaelic things that are happening every day here in Ar-

gyll and Bute and find out what's going on elsewhere.

'It will provide better networking and will be used as a central point where people can discuss opportunities for developing the language in our communities, in our schools and amongst our businesses.

'I would urge everyone with an interest in Gaelic to follow the page and keep up to date with the latest Gaelic developments and also, very importantly, start discussions on issues that are important to Gaelic communities.'

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

CARMICHAEL-MCMILLAN - Callum and Margaret (Australia), at the Church of Scotland, Tarbert, on December 19, 1956, by Rev D McKinnon.

DEATHS

GOOD - At home, Mo Dhachaidh, Knockscalbert Way, Campbeltown, on December 5, 2016, Clive Andrew Good, in his 57th year, dearly beloved husband of Jeanette Edward, much loved father of Mark and George, loving brother of Carol and Louise and son-in-law of Jean and the late George Edward.

HAY - Danny, died December 3, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and Peter, his brother.

JOHNSTONE - Suddenly, at Machrihanish Golf Course, on December 10, 2016, Archibald McKenzie Johnstone (Archie), in his 70th year, 21b Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Agnes MacDonald, much loved father of Angela, Mary, Linda and Caroline, father-in-law of Mike, Vasilis, Chris and Richard and a loving granda and great granda. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the British Heart Foundation, Kintyre Locality.

MCGOUGAN - Suddenly, at the home of his brother, 17 Castleacres, Campbeltown, on December 11, 2016, Malcolm Ferguson McGougan (Fergie), in his 77th year, Creag Dhu Mansions, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Archie and May McGougan, much loved brother to Vivian, J and the late Gus and Mike and a much loved uncle. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Highland Parish Church.

MUNRO - Suddenly, at his home, 1 Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, on December 12, 2016, David Munro (Turbo), aged 49 years, beloved husband of Ann, loving and much loved dad of Blair, dearly loved son of Sandy and Carol Munro, adored brother of Christine and Linda, and an adored uncle, great uncle and cousin to all the family. A dear friend and much respected work colleague to many. (Former Buyer at MacLeod Construction). Funeral

service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 12.00 noon, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Diabetes UK.

WATSON - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, with his family by his side, on December 13, 2016, Duncan Watson, in his 92nd year, 11 Wallace Cottages, Southend, dearly beloved husband of the late June Rankin, much loved father of Duncan and Joanne, father-in-law of Morag, loving grandad to Laura, Greg, David and Craig, a much loved great grandad, a loving brother and uncle and a very dear neighbour. Service in the Southend Church, on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 1.00pm, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Southend Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ANDERSON - the family of the late Isobel Anderson would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss of Isobel. Special thanks to all the Home Carers, Social Work and NHS staff and everyone who has looked after Isobel over the years for their kind care and attention, there are too many of you to name. Grateful thanks to Stan Lupton for his efficiency and compassionate funeral arrangements. Special thanks also to the Rev William Crossan for his caring words and a lovely and fitting service. Finally, our thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and to the Ardshiel for the catering. Donations for Campbeltown Diabetics raised £350.

BEATTIE - The family of the late Janice would like to thank all the Lochgilphead medical staff, both nursing assistants and the district nurses, who made Janice's end of life that bit more comfortable. Special thanks to Dr Claire Harris and Dr Jeremy Philips who went above and beyond with their care for Janice. Thanks also to family and friends throughout Argyll for the kindness, thoughtfulness, love and support during Janice's two year illness. Thank you to the Rev David Caruthers for his comforting service, everyone's attendance at

Janice's funeral was much appreciated.

MCMILLAN - Archie and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers, baking and kind expressions of sympathy received after their recent sad loss of Nan. Special thanks to Doctor Norrie and nursing staff at Campbeltown Hospital, and Gartnavel and Beatson Hospitals for their care and support. Thanks to the district nurses and carers for their dedication and endless support. Thanks to Rev Philip Wallace for a heartfelt service, to David McEwan for excellent music, to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for professional services, to the Ardshiel Hotel for the purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The retiral collection for Lorne and Lowland Parish Church amounted to £467.57.

WIKE - The family of the late David Wike would like to thank everyone for the support and many kindnesses shown to them at this sad time. Thanks also to the girls at the Argyll Hotel, to Father Tony Wood and the wonderful Blair family, not forgetting Mr Crossan, and the staff at Cardross Crematorium for their sympathetic handling of the service. Special thanks also to medical staff at Campbeltown A&E and the Queen Elizabeth University Critical Coronary Unit. Thank you and we wish you all the peace of the season.

IN MEMORIAMS

ADCOCK - Keira, August 11, 2000 to December 19, 2003. A silent night, a silent tear A silent wish that you were here. Love and miss you always. - From Mum, Dad, Cassie and Annie xxxx.

The years go by but the memories last forever. - Loving you always, Nana, Grandad, Uncle Colin and Uncle Stuart xxxx.

BROWN - In loving memory of Jamie, who died December 13, 2009. No farewell words were spoken No time to say goodbye Before we knew it you were gone And only God can tell us why. - Agnes.

To Granda, your memories will live forever. - With love from George, Alasdair, Kyle and Jaimee xxxx. Always in our hearts. - Fiona and Alasdair.

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of Marion McKenzie, who died

December 19, 2009. You never said I'm leaving You never said goodbye You were gone before we knew it And only God knows why In life we loved you dearly In death we love you still In our hearts we hold a place That only you can fill It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone A part of us went with you The day God took you home. - Archie, Moira, Fionnaigh, Christine and families.

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

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

MACAULAY - In loving memory of a dear dad and grampy, Tommy, died December 18, 2012. Always in our thoughts. - Love, Julie and Chloe xx.

MCALPINE - Duncan. In memory of a dear dad. Loved and missed always. - Mary and James.

MCALPINE - Duncan. Our love for you, Papa, will always be alive, Although you are gone your legacy will survive. Remembered every day. - Andrew and Jamie Duncan.

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

CHURCH NOTICES



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 18th December
WORSHIP SERVICE
11am. Worship Service - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bumps, Babies and Toddlers
Every Wednesday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop-In Cafe
All Welcome
More info. at www.lpchurch.co.uk (Church of Scotland) SCO16311

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Sunday 18th December
Skipness Service 10am
Tarbert Service 11.30am
featuring *Sunday School Nativity*
Mr John Morrison
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Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator
on 07826 235735
Everyone very welcome
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 18th December
"Count the Stars, if You Can"
(Genesis 15)
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Christ Church
Bishopton Road,
Lochgilphead
(SC013787)
Sundays 11.00am
Eucharist & Coffee
St Columba's,
Poltalloch
(SC031391)
Sunday 18th Dec
3.30pm
SERVICE OF LESSONS
AND CAROLS
with the Dalriada
Singers
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Holy Mass Sunday 10am
ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY
Holy Mass Sunday
12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
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All Welcome (SCO002876)

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 18th December
Lessons and Carols
Ford 10.00am
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All welcome
SCO 02121

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Monday 19 December
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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 18th December
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch
Speaker - George Stewart
"That your joy may be full"
Tuesday 20th December
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Praise, Word and Sharing
All Welcome

CHURCH NOTICES

ST. KIERAN R.C. CHURCH

(SCO02876)
Advent 4
Saturday 17th December
Blessing of the Crib & Rorate Mass 6pm
Sunday 18th December
Holy Mass 10.00am
Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass
with carols from 11.30pm
Christmas Day
Mass of Christmas Day
10.00am
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Saturday 31st December
Holy Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 1st January
Holy Mass 10.00am



George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 18th December
11.15am Worship Service
Rev Prof Bob Akroyd
There will be a buffet lunch after the service
3.00pm "God with us" - the message and music of Christmas
Christmas refreshments will be served
Wednesday 21st December
12.30pm
Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
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CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 18th December
"Gifts for a King"
A presentation by the Sunday school children
with Campbeltown Brass Ensemble followed by coffee & mince pies
Youth Fellowship
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
Every Sunday (term time only)
Mainly Music
10.00 - 11.30 am
every Thursday (term time only)
Registration required
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Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277

Sunday 18th December
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion 10.45am
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Pastor Derek Gibson
All Welcome
Sunday 18th December 2016
All Age Service 11am
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Highland Parish Church



SCO02493
Sunday 18 December
Fourth Sunday in Advent
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
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75 Longrow, Campbeltown
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Our family service with communion is taking place at 11am this Sunday. Mr Kelvin Moller from Clachan is our speaker this week. Everyone welcome.
Wednesday
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Date for your Christmas Diary - Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December at 6.30
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Sunday 18th December 2016
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Minister:
Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell
Morning Service
in Cumlodden Church at 10 am (communion)
Glenaray and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning Service
in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Annual Carol Service in Lochgair Church at 6.30 pm
Ecumenical Carol Service
Friday 16th December
in Inveraray Church at 7 pm
ALL WELCOME

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God, Romans 10:17

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Dad Ronnie Souden lines up with his Pupils-playing son Scott and U15s Ross. Photo-bombed by Kelvin Campbell. 25_c51soudens01



Will it be a U15 Pupil Ross Brown or Parents player Alan Glendinning who gets to the ball first? 25_c51u15svparents03



Parent Duncan Litster's prayers were answered as the young pupils failed to score in this action. 25_c51u15svparents02

Gales lift scores in Dunaverty medal rounds

HIGH winds led to high scores in Dunaverty golf club's December medal but only five scoring cards were submitted.

One player was disqualified and several others had no returns.

Robert Irvine proved best on the day with a nett 69. CSS for the day was 65. Result: 1 Robert Irvine 78-9 69, 2 Bill Brannigan 81-11-70, 3 Sandy Watson 81-10-71, 4 Alan Rodgers 95-20-75, 5 Hamish Taylor 92-15-77.

Parents grab bragging rights in feisty friendly

Parents 7
U15 Pupils 3

A TEAM of parents, relatives and a few ringers survived 90 minutes to hobble

away with a seven goal victory over the U15 Pupils.

The Sunday afternoon game, on Campbeltown's 3G pitch, attracted a lot of

interest with a good crowd treated to a flowing game.

Stars of the past - plus a few young ringers - showed there was still life in their

legs. By the tie's finish the U15s had flooded their field with 16 players and started to turn the tide with two goals in quick succes-

sion in the closing minutes. Given another 15 minutes the youngsters may have drawn level as the oldies ran out of puff.

Courier correspondent Bill is top Dunaverty Heidbanger

THE RESULT of Dunaverty's Heidbangers year-long competition was in doubt right up to the last round.

Going into the penultimate round, on November 30, Robin Finlay was out in front on 45 points, three clear of Bill Brannigan. However, Robin was unable to complete the last two rounds because of ill health.

John Dickenson and John McDowall were a further point behind.

Bill managed a win on the day, last Wednesday, to move level with Robin, while John Dickenson finished second to come within two points of the leaders.

The last round, played in dry but extremely windy conditions, was a story of short chips and missed putts for Bill and John.

Sandy Watson made light of the conditions on the day and won with a very respectable total of 36 points thus gaining three points for the win.

In the second tightest



Last year's winner Neil Brodie presents the cup to Bill as some of the participants look on.

finish in its 16-year history the winner was decided on the number of first and second places between Bill and Robin.

Bill came out the winner by having five firsts to Robin's three and lifting the trophy for the first time.

Greenkeepers David Scullion and Willie MacMillan were the Heidbangers guests at the presentation dinner in the Muneroy tea-room in appreciation of

their tireless work in keeping the course in great condition and Bill thanked them on behalf of the Heidbangers.

Result on the day: 1 Sandy Watson 36, 2 Bruce Robertson 33, 3 Alex Roxburgh 32(better last 6), 4 Neil Brodie 32(better last 6)

5 Hamish Taylor 32. Heidbangers Cup: 1 Bill Brannigan 45(on countback) 2 Robin Finlay 45, 3 John Dickenson 43, 4 Sandy Watson 42, 5 John McDowall 41, 6 Hamish Taylor 40(on countback) 7 Alex Roxburgh 40.

Dunaverty lotto numbers

THE WINNING numbers in Dunaverty Golf Club's lottery drawn on December 11 were 3, 4 and 5.

There were no winners and the jackpot for the next draw on December 27 is £500.



Eilidh and her son Finlay Blair hand the cheque to the Campbeltown MS branch's Kate McKinlay.

First half marathon success boosts MS funds by £1,690

A CAMPBELTOWN runner's race in the Great Scottish Run helped raise £1,690 for the MS Society.

Eilidh MacAlister's 1.53.56 first half marathon time, in the late October event, enabled her to donate £415 of the money to the charity's

Campbeltown branch. Last week Eilidh handed the money to the branch secretary Kate McKinlay.

Eilidh said: 'I would like to say thank you to the local community for all the donations. I am grateful for any help.'

Sandy slog to beat Boxing day blues

A GOOD way to start burning off excess Christmas calories is Slog in the Sand.

Campbeltown Running Club's annual 10 kilometre run, from Westport on Tuesday December 27, sees athletes run along the surf on the beach. Last year they savoured sparkling sun.

Registrations open



Running through the surf on last year's slog. 25_c01slog01

on the day from 10am with a juniors 3k race at 10.30am.

Entry is £5 for adults and £2 juniors with refreshments for everyone and prizes for the top three finishers.



Players and coaches at the kitbag presentation. 25_c50rugbypres02

CS Wind turbo powers mini rugby



Receiving the cheque from Alison Millar, centre, are: Duncan Galbraith, John Forster, Chris Doxsey and Gareth Parker. 25_c50rugbypres01

CS WIND has renewed its commitment to grass roots rugby.

The firm's financial assistant, Alison Millar recently attended the Kintyre Campbeltown Mini Rugby section to meet the players, hand out free kit bags and a cheque for £100.

Campbeltown Grammar PE teacher and rugby coach Chris Doxsey said he hoped the firm would also supply tops.

Kilbrannan A clinch Jimmy Taylor doubles

A HIGH standard of darts was on show as 21 pairs competed in the Jimmy Taylor Memorial Doubles competition.

The event, on Monday December 5 in the Fiddlers, saw a final between Vince and Stephen Jordan of Ailsa B and Jamie McGougan and Greg Scally

ly from Kilbrannan A. Although Vince and Stephen played well, Jamie and Greg were too strong on the night and took the trophy 4-0.

Jordan and McGougan hit 180 each during the evening matches. Thanks to Carol and Jim Green for donating the bottle prizes.



Winners Greg Scally and Jamie McGougan.

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £3600

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Darts results – week six

A BRACE of 180s from Martin Coffield took Burnside to a 7-1 victory over Kilbrannan C.

Other triple tops were scored by William Ross, Vince Jordan and Stephen Jordan each for Ailsa B, Billy McLean scored 180 for the Fiddlers, Jamie McGougan scored 180 for Kilbrannan A, George MacMillan scored 174 for Southend.

Alistair McKerral hit a 109 finish for the Ailsa and Ruaridh McAulay had a finish of 108 for the Burnside.

Other results: Ailsa 6 Fiddlers B 2, Fiddlers 1 Ailsa B 7 and Southend 1 Kilbrannan A 7.

For more darts news see page 27.

Six goals as Carradale share the spoils in tricky league tie



Stuart MacBrayne's bullet header for 'Dale's second. 25_c51carradale03

CARRADALE started the brighter and were rewarded with two goal chances in the opening minutes from corner kicks.

The first was headed over the bar by Daniel Docherty and minutes later a second header from Stuart MacBrayne was tipped over by United's goalie.

The game quietened down and it was the visitors' first good shot on goal in the 18th minute which took them into the lead.

It was a quick one-two break and their number eight took his chance, beating the

Carradale	3
United Glasgow	3
West of Scotland League	

diving Neil McMillan. Within three minutes 'Dale were back on level terms when Docherty scored from a MacBrayne corner.

'Dale had much more possession in the first half but United's strong back four repulsed all efforts. The best chance came from a MacBrayne free kick 40 yards from goal, David Johnston controlled it with his chest but never connected properly.

Seven minutes after the break, 'Dale had another good chance but Daniel Sargeant, in his first game for a year, missed the goal.

Six minutes later United made it 2-1 when their number nine stroked the ball home from five yards. The visitors increased their lead again after a calamitous mistake at the back as McMillan fumbled the ball right on the line.

The Andrew Smith and Son-sponsored 'Dale took Sargeant off, moved Docherty back and put Stuart MacPhail and Johnston up front.

In the closing minutes, this combina-

tion inspired the home team – first from a corner in an exact opposite scenario from the first chance and MacBrayne's bullet header found the mark.

Johnston levelled the score with intelligent play and a low shot to the keeper's left moments later.

Four minutes from the end 'Dale had another chance but Docherty's volley was put away by the keeper for a corner. In United's final play, their man was ruled offside.

Man of the match was Docherty and the match ball was sponsored by A McKellar grocers in Main Street.

'Dale's last game of the year is against Cardross tomorrow on the 3G at 2pm.



Celebrations after 'Dale levelled.

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U15s face parents in friendly

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils U15s faced their parents in a fun friendly tie on Sunday afternoon.

For more on the match see page 26.



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The U15 Pupils side.



The parents starting squad. Photographs by Gilbert McKillop.

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