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Macca's merchandise in festive Seaspports auction

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FORTY years after Mull of Kintyre topped the Christmas charts the world's biggest Beatles memorabilia firm today launches an online auction of McCartney merchandise.

Kintyre Seaspports chairman Campbell Fox hopes Tracks Ltd's seven-day eBay sale, of items donated by Sir Paul McCartney, will attract worldwide interest and boost the charity's coffers.

Mr Fox said: 'Forty years ago Mull of Kintyre reached Christmas No. 1 with Paul McCartney and Wings backed unforgettably by Campbeltown Pipe Band.

'Sir Paul still has strong connections with the area and is backing a new charity to help relieve deprivation and give the local economy a long-term boost.

'Sir Paul has donated signed memorabilia to help us raise funds through a charity auction.

Personalise

'What's more, he has offered to personalise the items on behalf of the successful bidders, which is a great gesture.'

Tracks Ltd, the world's market leader in Beatles autographs and rock memorabilia, has given the project another lift by offering to run the auction with-

out taking commission.

Tracks boss Paul Wane said: 'We expect worldwide interest in the photograph, DVD and book Sir Paul McCartney has given to Seaspports.

'It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire signed and personalised material directly from the man himself.

'We only recently learned of the Kintyre Seaspports project, but we are delighted to be able to help such a good cause.'

Kintyre Seaspports was formed by 15 community organisations to improve life chances for local young people and families by devel-

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Santa Claus comes to Campbeltown



Tiny Tots mums and youngsters gather round Santa after receiving gifts. 50_c51tinytots01

SANTA Claus came to Campbeltown this week when he popped into the Tiny Tots Christmas party to deliver presents.

And Santa must be a literary fan, as he brought books for all the youngsters in the Lorne

and Lowland church's new hall on Tuesday.

Previous years

Although most were in awe of the big man, having met him previous years, some of the younger children were not too sure of him when they met

him for the first time. After he left, the babies and toddlers enjoyed festive party games and seasonal food with their parents and are sure to be on their best behaviour until Santa visits them again on Christmas.



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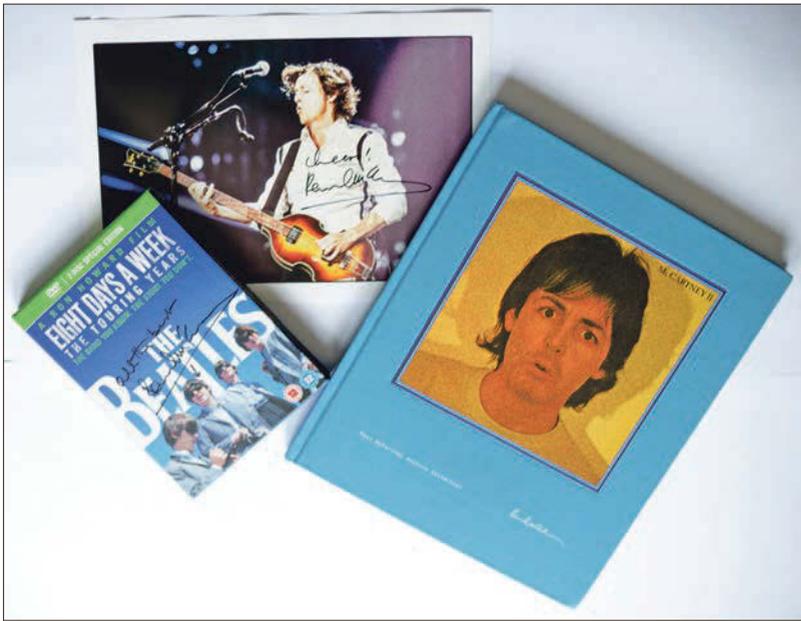
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A selection of the memorabilia. 25_c06mccartney02

McCartney memorabilia

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roping marine sports on Campbeltown Loch.

The aim is to build a nationally recognised training and event centre and fund growth through tourism.

Mr Fox added: 'Kintyre is blessed with outstanding natural resources. But it has more than its fair share of disadvantaged young people.

'The Seaports project involves them and the entire community in sports like kayaking, paddleboarding, sailing, rowing, open water swimming and diving.

Imagine

'If you imagine an 18-year-old registered carer from Campbeltown training as an instructor, teaching local kids

and holidaymakers how to sail and going on to compete in international competitions you have the picture.'

The charity is organised entirely by volunteers.

Tracks is putting the items on eBay from today (Friday) and the auction can be accessed via its web site at www.tracks.co.uk

Picture House holds open day

A STAR Wars fan will celebrate his seventh birthday today (Friday December 22) as one of the first cinemagoers at Campbeltown's restored Picture House.

Kurt Smiley, 7, his sister Kahlan, 3, with mum Jo Duncan, cousin Leon McCallum, 2, and auntie Nicola Selfridge were the first Campbeltonians, apart from those involved in the project, to tour the cinema.

Staff served drinks and ice creams at the four-hour walk round, last Sunday afternoon, as trailers played on both screens.

Campbeltown Community Business Ltd (CCB) chairman Jane



Enjoying front row seats, on Sunday, are from left: Kurt Smiley, his mum Jo Duncan, Kahlan Smiley, Leon McCallum and Nicola Selfridge.

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Mayo said: 'For 30 years the community in Campbeltown has kept the Picture House going with 100 people serving on the CCB board during that period.

'They kept it going and brought it to the position where the restoration could start.

'Other cinemas such as Bo'ness shut down but Campbeltown stayed open and the community hung on in there.

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Today the doors open at 10.30am for the first feature film in the 1913 cinema's new lease of life.

'The town has been extraordinarily generous from collecting tins in shops to the person who found £12 from coins dropped on the streets.'

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Susan and Mary Allan running their stalls in Gigha's village hall. 25_c51gighamarket04

Love blossomed amid coincidence on God's island

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SISTERS-IN-LAW Susan and Mary Allan's fates have been intertwined since separate 1960s visits to the Isle of Gigha.

The pair told a startling story of synchronicity and how God's isle became their destiny.

Mary said: 'We share birthdays – two years apart – Susan's is July 3 1943 and mine is the same day in 1941.'

Mary, originally from Greenock, whose maiden name was Welsh, said she came to Gigha for a holiday with five friends in 1963.

Susan, who is Welsh, hails from Dowlas in the south Wales valleys. She came to work

at Achamore gardens in 1966.

On Mary's first visit she met George, who farmed with his brother Malcolm Allan at South Drumachro.

Susan, who owned a record player, later met Malcom who had some records but no deck and they spent time listening together.

Mary continued: 'We both married the brothers and a few years later had babies on the same day, May 8 1970.'

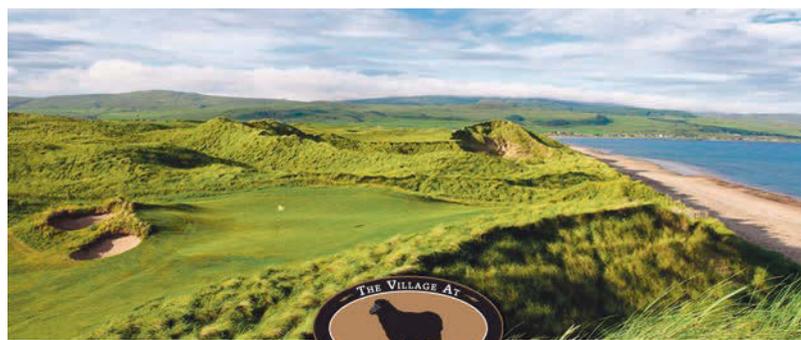
'My third child Rona was born the same day as Susan's first, Eddie, at Craigard maternity hospital Campbeltown.'

Last Saturday the pair ran stalls side by side

at Gigha's Christmas market.

Mary sold homemade Christmas cakes described as 'very rich' with unique decoration, while Susan, who makes marmalade and jams for Gigha hotel, sold her preserves.

For more Isle of Gigha news see pages eight, 12, 13 and 19.



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Argyll third sector charity chief resigns

THE CHIEF of an Argyll charity has resigned following an investigation by its board after 'one of the most challenging years' for its staff.

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI), which has an office in Campbeltown and further bases in Oban, Bowmore, Lochgilphead, Dunoon and Helensburgh, confirmed 'there have been ongoing investigations into some aspects of the management and governance of the charity'.

A statement added: 'As the board of a charity and one funded by public money, we had a responsibility to ensure that the findings of these investigations were comprehensively reviewed, and as a result the TSI disciplinary procedures were instigated.'

'In mid-November, Ms Glenn Heritage re-

signed as CEO by letter. The board, after taking both human resources and legal advice, has accepted Ms Heritage's resignation.

'To that end, the board of Argyll and Bute TSI wants it known that Ms Glenn Heritage no longer works for, represents or has any dealings with Argyll and Bute TSI.'

Board member Peter McDill said: 'This was an internal investigation commissioned by the voluntary board.'

'We have not found any financial irregularities.'

'We are asking a specialist charity CEO to parachute in. TSI is not going anywhere. TSI will change. TSI will now deliver far better than it has in the past.'

The board's chairman, John Stevens, added: 'This has been one of the most challenging years for our staff and the fact that

most groups have not recognised or mentioned a change in delivery of our services and output is of great credit to each and every one of those staff members who continue the important work that the TSI carries out across Argyll and Bute.

'The way ahead for Argyll and Bute TSI is to learn from what has happened over the past year which will ensure that it emerges a stronger organisation focused on supporting the needs of Argyll and Bute.'

Third sector interfaces provide a single point of access for support and advice for the third sector within the local area, including volunteering development, social enterprise development, supporting and developing a strong third sector, and building the third sector relationship with community planning.

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Piping legend's legacy lives on with KSPB

THE DAUGHTER of a legendary piper has presented a set of commemorative bagpipes on loan from Kintyre Piping Society to Kintyre Schools Novice Pipe Band.

Morag Martin handed over the pipes, complete with a special plaque honouring her father Willie McCallum, who was a founder of the Kintyre Piping Society (KPS), in 1951.

Willie passed away on the 'best day of his life' in Stornoway, last year, when his son, also Willie, was the overall runner-up in the Donald Macleod Memorial Competition.

Last year KPS president John Lang Brown wrote: 'For more than

60 years Willie dedicated a large part of his life to promote piping and in particular, his great love of the piobaireachd in his beloved Kintyre.

Knowledge

'As KPS secretary he generously gave his time and shared his wealth of knowledge to better the society and bring it to the fore of the piping world.

'Throughout his years he organised recitals bringing the top solo players and pipe bands to 'The Wee Toon'.

KSPB pipe major Julie Brown said: 'The pipes will be loaned to an up-and-coming young piper.'



Morag Martin hands the commemorative pipes to Ian Mckerral at a KSPB rehearsal in the Grammar school. Inset: The inscribed plaque on the pipes. 25_c50pipes01 and 25_c50pipes02



All the female singers. 25_c51ensemble02



Tarbert choir A-Choired. 25_c51ensemble03

Stowed out for Ensemble songs

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IT IS almost unheard of for raffle tickets to sell out at an event but at Campbeltown town hall that is what happened.

Seats were at such a premium, for Paula McLean's Ensemble Choirs' concert on Sunday afternoon, that choirsters gave theirs to the audience and sat on the stairs between performances.

Many members of the audience stood throughout as they watched and listened to the outstanding performances.

All the female sing-

ers opened the show with Kyrie. Followed by The Upbeats singing Jingle Bell Dash, Ding a Dong and Glory Hallelujah. One Voice with soloist Erin Ferguson sang Away in a Manger and Save the Last Dance.

Composite

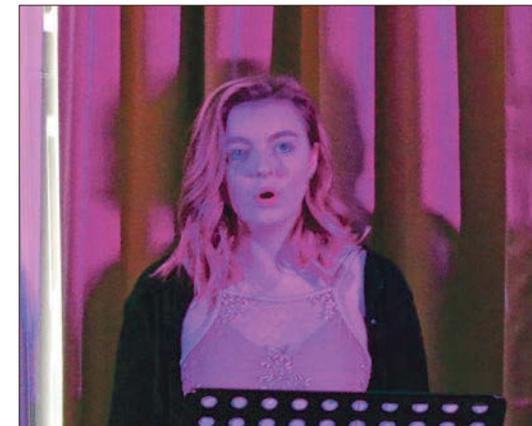
A composite choir including men and women sang God Only Knows before Tarbert's finest A-Choired, with soloist Linda Garwood, sang Still a Bach Christmas and Mr Santa. With soloist Annie Curnyn, A-Choired sang The Irish Blessing.

A trio of Lea Watson,

Lorna McCallum and Erin Ferguson sang Hallelujah.

Male voices combined in The Lowtones for Come Fly with Me, White Christmas and All Through the Night.

In between their performances all the female singers lifted the roof with Pack up Your Troubles, In Flanders Fields and with soloist Flora Gillespie: Silent Night.



Soloist Erin Ferguson. 25_c51ensemble01

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Archie Ronald to Sandra Conley, at the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on June 24, 2017. A magical day.

GRADUATION



DELORES FIRTH

Graduated with an MA in Child Education at Derby University in November of this year. Mrs Firth lives in Achahoish and is currently Head Teacher at Achahoish Primary School.

Radio station tunes in to wireless funds

ARGYLL'S radio station proved it is not FMerl when presenters held a raffle and raised £1,000 in a day at the Co-op.

The money was the last tranche of £6,000 that the Longrow-based Ar-

gyll FM, set up in 1995, needed to re-apply for its broadcasting licence which is up for renewal in 2019 and applications close in March next year.

Volunteer presenters Helen Gilchrist, 54, and Iain McKerral, 55, said that many people came to speak with them as they sold tickets to win an iPad.

Mr McKerral said: 'It was great to connect with so many of our listeners. Often you wonder how many are tuned in to the station.'

Founder member Colin Middleton, Co-op manager, said: 'Because we have the existing licence Argyll FM is the preferred choice as operator.'

'We need up to £22,000 a year to keep the doors open. The biggest outlay are the mast sites at Baraskomil, Peninver, Machrihanish and Meall Mhor between Tarbert and Ardrishaig.

'We have to pay commercial rates and may be on the same mast as Vodafone.

'In the last two years VAT has been added on the mast sites and we have to find £4,000 extra.'

Argyll FM disc jockey Iain McKerral. 25_c50argyllfm02



Trial abandoned after inconsistent youth evidence

A CAMPBELTOWN Sheriff Court trial collapsed after a 14-year-old witness gave conflicting evidence.

Daniel McKee, 18, of 21C Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, was charged with having an offensive weapon, namely a screwdriver, on June 24 this year, and behaving in a threatening or abusive manner, acting in an aggressive manner and uttering a threat of violence towards a 14-year-old boy at the Hub, Kinloch Road.

Appearing as a witness and speaking from behind a screen, the 14-year-old boy was asked by the procurator fiscal depute Eoin McGinty if he himself

had a knife on him at the time.

He repeatedly said he did not.

But when McKee's defence agent Stephen MacSporran asked the boy the same question, he admitted that he had been carrying a knife at the time.

At around 8pm /8.30pm on the night the incident took place, both boys had been at youth club, the Hub.

The witness said that both he and McKee had been in the club's main room with another teenager, when he said something to McKee which caused him to go into another room and come back with a screwdriver.

He alleges that McK-

ee told him: 'I'll put it through you.'

Asked by Mr McGinty if what he said had been unfriendly, the witness replied: 'Maybe.'

He said that he brought the knife, a Stanley blade, with him because he felt scared of McKee.

Mr MacSporran asked: 'Did you square up to Mr McKee with the knife?'

The teen replied: 'No, I just showed him it.'

The witness told Mr MacSporran that he gave the weapon to another youngster outside the Hub, who dropped it down a drain.

He said all Hub staff were outside the building and that he did not

report the incident to them.

Mr McGinty said that under the circumstances he didn't think a conviction would be likely.

Sheriff Vinit Khurana said: 'Mr McKee, you are free to go, the trial has been abandoned.'

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Editorial

Sparkling seasonal singing

CHOIRS, singing and music fill the pages of this week's *Courier* and the town's public spaces.

Castlehill's P7s and their teachers sang carols to entertain shoppers at Tesco, last Thursday evening, to raise funds for their four-day to trip to Edinburgh next year.

The Ensemble Choirs, directed for four years by Paula McLean, have moved from venue to venue as word of their prowess spreads. Following Sunday's demand it is clear they may need a bigger venue than the town hall next year.

Ex-Campbeltonian Mark Good, trained at Campbeltown Brass, has extended his range across the water in Glasgow and was blown away by the band's current success.

Piping is included with news of a donation to KSPB and the many school productions have a strong musical element.

Many of these performances have been given virtually free or for a small donation.

This is a good reminder that Christmas should be about sharing. The value of a gift should not reflect its price tag and this theme has been continued by at least three ministers.

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Stop RBS closure

Sir,
 At last night's meeting of Campbeltown Community Council the matter of the imminent closure of the town's Royal Bank of Scotland branch was discussed at length.

There was unanimous agreement that this proposed closure should be stopped and that we write to RBS expressing our concerns.

The closure of 62 branches across Scotland will detrimentally affect many rural areas but there are Campbeltown specific issues:

Campbeltown and surrounding Kintyre is a very isolated community with a declining population.

However, local people are very resilient and there have been business developments over the past few years trying to redress this and attract inward investment.

These have included the creation of Machrihanish Airbase Community Company which has developed a business park; Southworth Developments, which built a beautiful new golf course and transformed two hotels; and the expansion of Springbank and Glen Scotia Distilleries.

Campbeltown is becoming a very popular tourist destination for whisky lovers and golfers.

The closure of this bank will have a huge impact on both personal and business customers who have built up very positive, trusting relationships with the three bank staff over the years.

Face-to-face banking can never be replaced by telephone, internet communications, community bankers, whatever they might be, or mobile banking services.

It would appear that those making decisions about RBS branch closures do not really know where Campbeltown is as its website states the nearest branches are in Brodick, 47.5 miles and Dunoon 70 miles.

These journeys would both

Down memory lane

A RECENT 'down memory lane' solved part of the problem posed by the Facebook picture of the famous West Coast Leyland Royal Tiger Middle Door bus, SB 8500 and its driver 'Lord' Jock McKay and colleagues.

The picture was taken on Tarbert pier in 1959 and the two other drivers were Ian Campbell from Lochgilphead and John McDougall from Tarbert.

The mystery bus conductor was identified, by John Martin from Gigha, as schoolboy Ronald Roberts working at a holiday job on the buses.

In addition the conductor himself got in touch. Professor Ronald Roberts, who now lives at Ardnacross, said he was not surprised so few people recognised him, as he himself had forgotten what he used to look like with so much hair.

However, he well remembered the occasion.

From the Heritage Centre collection Mr Roberts found other pictures taken at the same time including another view of the bus, the first real luxury coach in the fleet, for which Jock McKay was the trusted driver.

Another, below, shows Jock McKay and Ian Campbell along with Dolly Johnson and two Barra girls, waitresses in the Tar-



Jock McKay, Ian Campbell, Dolly Johnson and two Barra girls.

require taking ferries and a visit to Brodick RBS on the Isle of Arran would incur the extra cost of an overnight stay as there is only one sailing per day from October to March.

Dunoon can be reached by road without a ferry journey, but this would involve a round trip of 234 miles.

How can RBS get it so wrong?

It would seem that decisions are being made based on erroneous information and the RBS doesn't really care about rurally isolated

communities such as ours.

The nearest branch to Campbeltown, as I am sure RBS is aware, is Oban 87 miles away.

To get to Oban and back using the only method of public transport available would involve leaving Campbeltown at 11.30am, returning home at 21.40pm, catching four buses taking seven hours 15 minutes with two hours 55 minutes in Oban.

Does RBS think this is a reasonable alternative?

Campbeltown Communi-

ty Council members certainly do not and if RBS values its customers, the decision taken to close the Campbeltown branch of RBS will be reversed.

**Alan Baker,
 Chairman,
 Campbeltown
 Community Council.**

Increasing Scottish taxes

Sir,
 Despite the SNP manifesto promising not to increase taxes on basic rate pay-

ers the party recently voted against that manifesto in support of higher taxes on ordinary workers.

Three of the four positions in the SNP's tax paper would hit basic rate payers with higher taxes.

Two of these approaches would see tax increase on everyone earning over £24,000 and another on everyone earning over £27,000.

It's clear that business and the public do not support higher taxes that would damage our economy.

The Scottish government's own analysis found that increasing the additional rate of tax could result in lower revenues.

The paper suggested that a 5p rise would lose £24 million under a high behavioural response model.

The Scottish Government's budget will increase by £479 million in 2018/19 – a 0.1 per cent increase in real terms.

Even the most radical of the SNP's tax policies would only increase income tax revenue by two per cent.

Approach three would raise taxes on half of all taxpayers but raise only £255 million in additional public spending.

The Scottish Government's draft budget 2017/18 projected income tax receipts of £12.3 billion in 2018/19.

Sixty-five per cent of Scots voted in the 2016 election for the two parties that pledged in their manifesto not to increase the basic rate during the lifetime of the parliament.

Now only the Scottish Conservatives are on the side of the majority of the Scottish people.

The SNP has no democratic mandate to impose austere tax rises on low and middle earners in Scotland.

The SNP seem shockingly keen to make Scotland the most taxed part of the UK.

**Councillor
 Alastair Redman,
 Portnahaven,
 Islay.**

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Campbeltown musicians hit all the right notes



Campbeltown Brass members celebrate after being crowned the best preparatory and novice band in Scotland.

Campbeltown Brass retains under 12 and under 14 titles

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CAMPBELTOWN Brass scaled the heights at the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships with former member Mark Good conducting his way to the top after the band retained its under 12 and under 14 titles. Mark conducted Riverside Youth Band to a successful defence of its under 16 development section title, coming out on top in a strong field of 11 bands.

A former pupil of Two bands were

Campbeltown grammar and Dalintober primary schools, Mark, 27, is a graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and has been musical director of Riverside Youth Band since January 2015, winning Scottish Youth Championship titles in 2015, 2016 and 2017. The day before, Campbeltown Brass won the top awards in the novice section for the second year in a row and the preparatory section, which it has won every year since 2014.

entered into the 12-and-under preparatory section, winners Campbeltown Brass juniors, conducted by Katrina Barr, and Campbeltown Brass beginners, conducted by Stephanie Mitchell, which won the silver award, an amazing achievement as most of the youngsters have only been playing a short time.

Fourteen-and-under band Campbeltown Brass intermediate, also conducted by Mrs Barr, competing in the novice section, was also victorious.



Mark Good with the Syd Griffin Memorial Trophy.

Drugs claims at community council

A PARENT, who does not want to be named, and members of Campbeltown Community Council (CCC) have raised concerns about drugs and the town's high school.

The parent said a group of parents is concerned that a teenage dealer may be supplying drugs known as Mandies, the colloquial name for Mandrake, synthesised as Methaqualone tablets.

Recreational

Mandies were a popular recreational club drug in the 1960s and 1970s with hypnotic effects.

At the CCC meeting in November, member Cathy Dun-

can asked Police Scotland Chief Inspector Marlene Bailey about the use of drugs in Campbeltown Grammar School.

The meeting was told that the police youth engagement officer is working with the school and anyone with concerns should contact Police Scotland.

The matter was raised again by CCC chairman Alan Baker last Tuesday at the December meeting and a police spokesperson said there was an investigation in the town but did not mention the Grammar school.

Police Scotland issued the following statement: 'Police Scotland Youth Engagement officer, PC Karen Cairns, has

been working with partners and staff at Campbeltown Grammar School in an effort to educate pupils and staff about the different types of illegal drugs that are available and the harm that they can do.

'If anyone has any information they can contact Police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.'

An Argyll and Bute council spokesperson said: 'We are committed to working in partnership with Police Scotland and will respond to requests in a timely manner and will ensure our pupils are aware of the risks associated with drugs.'

Meeting plea to prevent 'rabbit-out-hat' budget

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A KINTYRE councillor has asked for a special meeting to discuss the impact of likely budget cuts on Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

At the December meeting of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) area committee, Councillor Donald Kelly made the request

to committee chairman Councillor Robin Currie.

Councillor Kelly, supported by Argyll First councillor Dougie Philand, proposes a special MAKI area committee meeting in late January or early February to discuss budget savings proposals.

Councillor Kelly

said: 'This would be an opportunity for the current administration to change its way of working and be open and transparent.'

'I am afraid that it appears as if the previous administration's mentality still exists and we will see the usual pulling rabbits-out-of-hats scenario come budget day.'

Councillor Currie responded: 'I have had a formal request from Councillor Kelly, supported by others, to have a special area committee to consider budget impacts for our area.'

'I am now considering that request and will get back to Councillor Kelly as soon as possible.'

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Tree elves at Gigha hotel

HOTEL staff took advantage of last Saturday's sun to deck the boughs of Gigha hotel's Christmas tree. In the Courier's picture Alistair Brown is assisting Lithuanians Emilija Kovadlaide and Andzela Bajoruniene. Andzela moved three years ago, from Lithuania's second city, Kaunas, and says she loves Gigha.

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CARRADALE

Harpoon hunters speared sharks

FISHERMEN in the mould of Jaws anti-hero Quint once earned mega bucks in Carradale.

Village character 'Neenie' MacDougall has spotted a photograph on the wall of the Ashbank hotel. It shows his father operating a harpoon gun on the stern of a boat with a shark's fin in the background.

Mr MacDougall said that a shark processing factory, at Port Na Cuile, opened in the village in the 1940s to produce oil for Tilley lamps.

He added: 'They put the sharks in a bar-

rel and took them for processing by lorry. My father featured in a 1958 book by Anthony Watkins titled: 'The Sea my Hunting Ground.'

Mr Watkins describes the building of the shark oil processing unit. He said that his budget was about £700 and in the first year the plant was reduced to bare essentials: an oil extraction plant with refinements such as a fish meal plant, slipway and jetty to be added later.

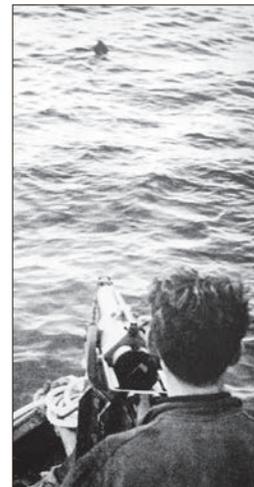
He describes ferreting around second-hand machinery merchants in Glasgow and buy-

ing everything needed at reasonable prices including a boiler eight feet tall and four feet diameter.

Mr Watkins wrote: 'We arranged for a lorry to collect all the stuff and returned to Carradale.'

'After high tea Mr MacDougall came up to me and said: 'If you haven't engaged a crew yet, Bobbie Ritchie, a very experienced herring skipper, would like a job. My youngest son Alec is keen to join as an engineer. Will you see them?'

'I engaged them both, Bob Ritchie at £3 a



Mr MacDougall operating the harpoon gun with a fin in the background.

week and Alec at £2 10s. od., plus a bonus on the catch.'

SOUTHEND

Festive fun at SWI Christmas bash

FESTIVE games including Snowman 'beetle' and the hokey cokey evoked much fun and laughter from members at Southend SWI's Christmas party.

The ladies played games after a 'beautiful' meal at Muneroy last Monday.

There was also a Christmas version of Mاسترمنند by president Jean Ives and committee member Trish Jones.

Competition results: Stocking: Alison Eynon gold, Moyra Jane Paterson gold, Christine Jardine red, Fiona Rowland red. Jam: Alison Eynon gold, Moyra Jane Paterson gold, Fiona Rowland red.

The speaker at the next meeting, on January 8 2018, will be a vet from Westwards Veterinary Practice. All welcome.

BELLOCHANTUY

Cake demo was 'exceedingly good'

IN A NOD to Mr Kipling, Bellochantuy SWI ladies described a cake decoration demonstration as 'exceedingly good'.

Vice president Lois Fell explained the uses of different types of icing and the convenience of different gadgets available now-a-days.

The result was a 'beautifully decorated' Christmas cake.

After the meeting, 15 members met at the Argyll Hotel for a Christmas meal.

Competition results: Baking: Lois Fell gold, Margaret McKinnon gold. Handicraft: Jeanette Brodie silver, Libby Kerr silver, Judith Macrae silver. Fun: Nettie Semple gold, Margaret McKinnon gold, Libby Kerr gold, Patricia Fair gold, Jeanette Brodie silver, Elaine Hemmings silver, Judith Macrae red, Jill Lines red.

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Cameron Alexander Willis

graduated recently from the University of Strathclyde with a Master of Letters Degree in Digital Journalism. Cameron is the middle son of Val and Jackie Willis, who wish him continued success in his new position of Online Digital Marketing Executive for Edinburgh-based craft drinks firm, Flavourly.

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Young Farmers dance to a decade

FARMERS young and old danced into the Christmas spirit as they celebrated 10 years since the Campbeltown Young Farmers' branch reformed.

Dinner dance

The group organised a Christmas dinner dance in the Argyll Hotel on Saturday.

Guest speaker Thomas Cameron was the chairman when the club reformed a decade ago.

After a three-course meal, farmers and friends kicked back and enjoyed a dance, with live music from Lochgilphead-based band, the Democrats.

Robin Barr had more reason than most for partying the night away as he celebrated his 60th birthday.

Dancing the Dashing White Sergeant. 50_c51farmers05



Alison Millar, Jane Millar, Amy McKerral, Lorna Armour and Elaine Cameron. 50_c51farmers01



Peter McKerral, Thomas Cameron and Robin Barr at the back, with Mary Cameron and Iona Barr, front. 50_c51farmers03



Jenny Semple and Rhona Earnshaw. 50_c51farmers04



Kevin Macintyre, Andrew Millar, Peter McKerral, Thomas Cameron, Fraser Cameron and Thomas Ralston. 50_c51farmers02

Carols by candlelight

Mark Davey

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CAMPBELTOWN'S newest minister preached to a full house at the Free Church's Carols by Candlelight service.

Last Sunday Reverend Dr Rodger Crooks and his parishoners were joined by representatives from other Kintyre churches and keen carol singers.

At the door they were greeted with mugs of fruit punch, before sitting at tables for up to eight. Later, the evening ended with

sandwiches, mince pies and tea.

Rousing classic: O Come All Ye Faithfull set the tone for the evening with one table towards the back of the church providing a beautiful harmony.

A number of carol singers may have been inspired by listening to the Ensemble Choirs, at Campbeltown Town Hall, in the afternoon.

The second carol was a hymn composed by a Victorian Mull Gaelic poet, Mary MacDonald, trans-

lated into English as Child in a Manger, and sung to a tune known as Bunesan, after her birthplace.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing and perennial classic Away in a Manger were also included in the repertoire, although Dr Crooks admitted his favourite festive song is: Santa Claus is Coming to Town by Bruce Springsteen.

Dr Crooks' sermon tried to set the Bethlehem innkeeper's record straight as he debated whether the man was a goodie or bad-die of the Christmas story.

The offering was for Women for Mission (WfM) which provides practical support for the Free Church's mission at home and abroad.

In particular WfM has four current strands: land for a church in Nepal, teacher's accommodation in Uganda, outreach in Marseille and a fund to support a volunteer.



Highland parish church youngsters during the nativity play.

Traditional minister pens a classic nativity

CHILDREN dressed as angels, wise men and shepherds led a large Highland parish church congregation through the Christmas story last Sunday.

In his introduction, Reverend Willie Crossan, who also wrote this year's play, said: 'Nativity plays nowadays may not be a simple re-telling of the Christmas story.'

'They might have ewoks instead of angels, or Princess Leia and Luke Skywalker in place of Mary and Joseph.'

'In the film 'Love, Actually', the nativity includes an octopus and three lobsters.'

'Here at Highland, however, we'll be taking the more traditional approach, fol-

lowing the Bible story quite faithfully. Mary and Joseph will be here, and the baby Jesus.

'There's the usual supporting cast of angels, shepherds and wise men. And that's important, because this story is important.'

'God went to a lot of trouble to get it just right, to make it say the things he wanted it to say and to convey the meaning he wanted it to convey.'

Linsay MacPhail, leader of the Sunday school team, said: 'I was so proud of all the children. They were brilliant and we had a great party at the fire station to round it off.'



The harmonious singers at the back of the church.

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Accent actors accrue raffle funds

A DRAMA group's players staged a fund-raising drive at Campbeltown Co-op.

At the recent event, Accent Players' Martha Rennie and Maureen Johnson sold raffle tickets, to win a hamper of festive food, to raise money towards staging 'A Dum-

my Run', a comedy by Robert Wilson which is currently in rehearsal.

The hamper winner was Helen Watson from Sound of Kintyre.

The play will be one of the shows at next year's drama festival on Friday February 23 in Victoria Hall.

The group also has

a festive quiz sheet, about Christmas songs, available for £1 from Keiths Newsagents, Main Street.

The players tread the boards in Campbeltown Heritage Centre, on Monday evenings, from 7pm and are always looking for aspiring thespians.



Accent Players' fundraisers Martha Rennie and Maureen Johnson.
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The U3A choir sings out. 25_c50U3Achoir01

U3A choir lifts Argyll hotel's rafters

CAMPBELTOWN'S University of the Third Age (U3A) choirsters entertained members at their annual concert.

Margaret Nimmo conducted 14 singers during the recent

event at the Argyll hotel on Main Street.

Refreshments

U3A meets on the first Thursday of the month, at the Argyll hotel, from 10.45am. Meetings

are followed by refreshments.

There is a speaker each month and regular special demonstrations. U3A sub-groups include art, yoga, Tai Chi and book sharing.

Festive bin collection times

ARGYLL and Bute Council has announced a change to its rubbish and recycling collection dates over Christmas and New Year.

In Campbeltown and Kintyre: Green bin collections due on Monday December 25 2017 will now be collected on Saturday December 23 2017.

Green bin collections due on Monday January 1 2018 will now be collected on Saturday December 30 2017.

Kintyre Recycling collections due on Monday December 25 2017 will now be collected on Thursday December 28 2017.

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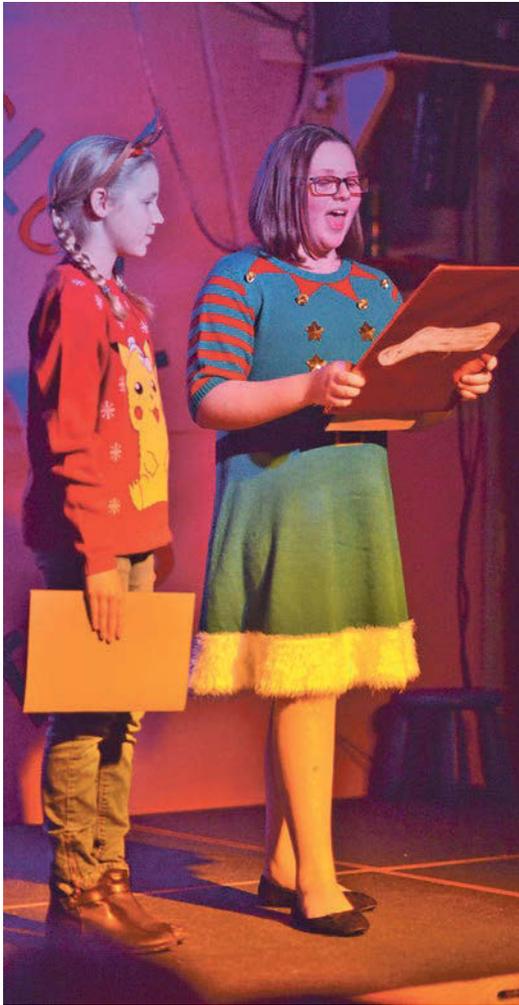
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Emily and Ruby. 25_c51gighashow26

Gigha's gone global for Christmas show

Words and pictures Mark Davey

Primary pupils took an audience from God's isle round the globe during an action-packed Christmas show.

Rapid scene and costume changes, in a production written, directed and produced by pupils Emily and Ruby, saw the small cast including the pre-five unit visit countries

including Hawaii, India and Italy.

There was standing room only, as family and friends packed Gigha's village hall for one of the island's biggest events of the year.

Show preparations began two weeks ago when National Theatre of Scotland (NTS) director Beth Morton visited the school. She gave a masterclass on characterisation, acting, scene construction and script writing.

Ms Morton's training came after Emily and Ruby entered the primary in an NTS competition which they won. The prize included the training day and £500 from NTS sponsors, the Scottish Salmon Company. The cash was spent on microphones.

The structure of the play was based on Emily and Ruby's idea

for Gigha's Got Talent. It morphed into the X-Factor and further into showcasing acts from around the world.

The full cast was: Emily, Ruby, Bailey, William, Connor, Logan, Archie, Mark, Laila, Frazey, Archie B, Ella, Martha, Brogan and Lily. The programme gave special thanks to head teacher Julie Wilson, Beth Morton, Morven Beagan, Tony Philpin, Mari Sheriff, Phoebe Brown, Veronica Blair and Hannah Storie.

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Connor during a 'commercial break.' 25_c51gighashow19

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Indian dancing. 25_c51gighashow25



One of the Italian chefs upends his bowl of tinsel spaghetti. 25_c51gighashow05



The full Gigha's Gone Global cast with some teachers and helpers. 25_c51gighashow02

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Each child sat pa-

tiently on the floor until Santa called their name and gave them a present.

Afterwards, when the children stood with Santa to have their photograph taken many could not take their eyes off him!

The children got into

the Christmas spirit early, when they held a Christmas concert last Friday - this year a traditional nativity, titled Bethlebe the Donkey, performed by P1 and P2 children in front of a large audience of parents, family and friends.



Some of the children in awe of Santa. 50_c51castlehill01



A scene from the children's nativity, Bethlebe the Donkey, the week before.



Castlehill's primary 1 and 2 pupils with Santa Claus. 50_c51castlehill02

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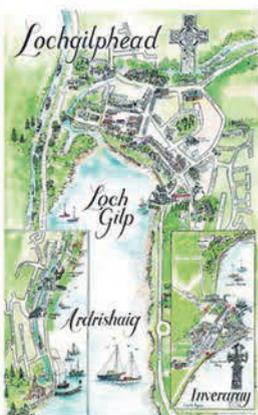
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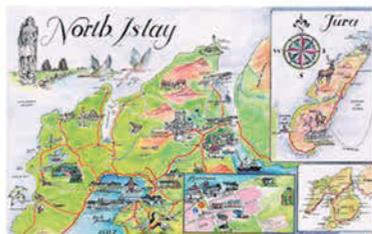
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Christmas concert success at Southend

SOUTHEND'S primary pupils must be looking forward to the winter break, after performing their Christmas concert three times. The children performed nativity, Little Baby King, in the

school in front of an audience of families, friends and the local community on Thursday December 14. Entertainment included performances of two French songs, Twinkle Twinkle and Jingle Bells with the

children playing their ocarinas. The pupils also performed their show in front of Southend's Tufty Club on Tuesday December 12 and in St Blaas's Church on Sunday December 10, which was enjoyed by all.

The children made mince pies with retired school cook Jen Campbell to be served with tea and coffee at their performances. A school spokesperson said: 'We would like to thank everyone who attended these wonderful performances; your support is greatly appreciated. Well done to the children for all of their incredibly hard work.'



A scene from Southend's nativity.



Southend pupils perform Little Baby King.

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A colourful performance of I Can Sing A Rainbow by the P3 group.
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P5 brought in props when they rocked Rihanna's Umbrella.
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Dalintober primary wonderful weather

Words and pictures Hannah O'Hanlon

In line with their Christmas show's theme, 'come rain or shine', family and friends of Dalintober's primary pupils turned up to see them perform a range

of weather-related wonders.

A queue built up in the cold outside the school on Monday afternoon, for the first of four sell-out shows this week.

As eager audience members finally filed

into the main hall, a pre-theatre overture featuring several chanter, brass and wind performers welcomed them in the junior hall.

The truly cross-curricular musical extravaganza, featuring

hand-crafted props and expert choreography, saw children from every year group take to the stage.

Songs ranged from musical theatre classics like Tomorrow, from Annie, and Rain-

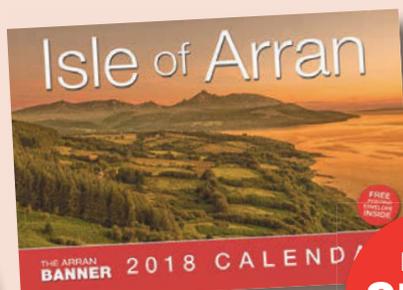


P1 pupils smashed out Why Does It Always Rain On Me. 50_c51dalintober02

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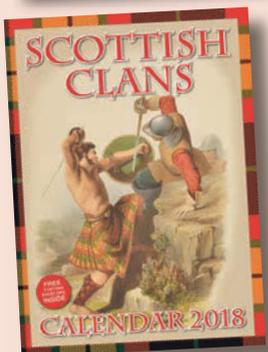
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drops on Roses, from the Sound of Music, to contemporary classics like Johnny Nash's I Can See Clearly Now and California Dreamin' by the Mamas and Papas, and modern hits including Axwell Ingresso's Sun Is Shining and Thunder by Imagine Dragons.

It is difficult to pick a stand-out performance but the number of words the P1 pupils managed to master was particularly impressive, and similarly the P4/3 group shone for their tricky verses in Mungo Jerry's In The Summertime, while the P3 class showed off their bilingual talents by sing-

ing half of I Can Sing A Rainbow, by Arthur Hamilton, in French.

Head teacher Caroline Armour, who compèred the event, said: 'I'd like to thank the pupils, staff and PTA members for their hard work and contributions in the run-up to and during performances and all the community who come along to our shows and support the school, not just this week, but the whole year round.

'I'm very proud of the impact the shows have on our audiences and how they allow our pupils to showcase their personalities and talents.'



Hand-crafted props were used in P6/5's rendition of Thunder by Imagine Dragons. 50_c51dalintober09



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Santa surprise at Tayinloan party



Some of the festive fare on offer. 50_c51tayinloan03

SANTA Claus brought some Christmas cheer to a Tayinloan party.

Taking a break from his duties at the North Pole on Sunday, Santa landed his sleigh and delivered some early Christmas presents to the children in the village hall.

He asked the youngsters if they liked his suit and told them that Mrs Claus has to wash it constantly because of all his outings to different parties and events.

He remarked on how much they'd grown since he saw them last year, before giving his gifts to the enthralled children.

Earlier in the afternoon, the children enjoyed party games including Christmas corners, pass the parcel, musical Christmas trees and the bauble and spoon race, before tucking into a festive spread of party food.



The youngsters, in festive finery, ready for the party. 50_c51tayinloan01



The games included a bauble and spoon race. 50_c51tayinloan05



The children enthralled by Santa. 50_c51tayinloan07

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The children played pass the parcel. 50_c51tayinloan02



Ready to tuck into the party food. 50_c51tayinloan04

Market tables laden with Christmas crafts

Words and photos Mark Davey

A STEADY flow of customers, both islanders and visitors, on the Isle of Gigha for the winter festival, kept stall holders busy at a Christmas sale.

Jean Morrison, a former Aberdeen city councillor, was visiting her daughter Elaine and served hearty food.

It included Cullen Skink and in honour of Russian visitors, expected for last Sunday's Kartli memorial service, Bortsch, a Russian soup made with beetroot.

Bailey Bannatyne, 10, sold her mum's unique tree hangings and A3 calendars created from her dad John's photographs. These have become a must-have Gigha item in recent years.

Self-taught jeweller Helen Lear, who col-

laborates with Henri Macaulay at the gallery, showed a range of pendants and earrings made from sea glass, stained glass and polished gem stones.

During the market Catriona Walker worked non-stop felting tiny squirrels and also displayed a line of knitted ducks which take up to two evenings to complete.

Caroline McVean, proprietor of the Wee Gift Shed, spends her life making a wide range of items. Taking pride of place on her stall were knitted tinsel teddy bears.

Ayla Campbell, 8, gave a Scottish Highland dance demonstration after lunch and Beinn an Tuirc distillers' Niall Macalister Hall ran a demonstration stall of Kintyre gin and donated five bottles for the ceilidh bar.



Highland dancer Ayla Campbell. 25_c51gighamarket08



Catriona Walker at her felting desk. 25_c51gighamarket07



Caroline McVean holds her tinsel teddies. 25_c51gighamarket05



Helen Lear shows earrings and a pendant. 25_c51gighamarket03



Bailey Bannatyne displays tree hangings. 25c51gighamarket01



Beth Bannatyne, 13, sold Jayne Millar made hats and dollies. 25_c51gighamarket06



Jean Morrison with a ladle full of Cullen Skink. 25_c51gighamarket02

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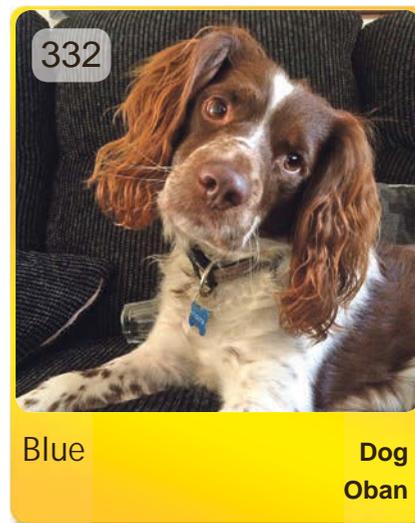
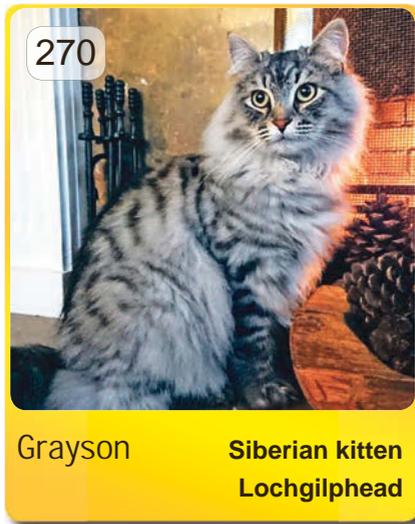
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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Neil Kennedy.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to all my friends & family. Lots of love from Betty McCallum, 24 Barochan Place.

HELEN HOPE
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 xxx
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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to all my relatives & friends from Morag Rowan.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Neil & Mary, 7 Harbour View.

Merry Christmas & Best Wishes for the New Year
 to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Muriel Deans.

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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR 2018
 to Sophie Swinton & all our Kintyre friends from Geraldine & Mark Davey x

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS
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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Catherine Wareham.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to friends & family in Campbeltown. Best wishes, Margaret Wallis, 18 Benmore Street.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Rachel McMurchy, Carradale.

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

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

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Pearl & Doug, 25 Millers Park.

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

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
 to all my family & friends from Annie Grumoli.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 17

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

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours, with special thanks to Janette, Peter & Isobel, from Jenny Tyrrell.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

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

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

to our family & friends from James & Isobel & family, Carradale.

MARGARET & GEORGE, ARDMORE, HIGH ASMOMIL

would like to wish all their relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas.

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would like to wish all her relatives, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas.

NANCY WILKIN

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

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Catherine Ann wishes a joyful Christmas & a peaceful New Year to her friends, neighbours & relatives. Castlepark.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Alex & Fay MacCuish, Skipness.

HILDA MCSPORRAN

would like to wish family, neighbours, especially Janet, & friends a Happy Christmas & a Peaceful New Year. Many thanks to the carers, who are so kind and helpful.

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With best wishes for Christmas & New Year, to family & friends in Kintyre & Mid Argyll, from Douglas & May Galbraith, 27 Craighall Crescent, Erskine.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Betty Ronald, 22 Craigowan Park.

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

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to family & friends from Angie Smith, Tangy Lodge.

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

BILLY & FIONA BRUCE

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

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends, neighbours & colleagues from Alisdair, Lorraine, Rachael & Campbell.

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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Flora Henderson, Smith Drive.

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wish all friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas & thank you for all your love & support.

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to all neighbours & friends from Ailsa Scott.

MATTY MCCALLUM

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

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

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

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Stewart McGougan Snr.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Margaret & Donald Milloy.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all my relatives, friends & neighbours from Peter Colville, 13 Hillside Road.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Neil & Betty MacCallum, 115 Ralston Road.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

to all our relatives, friends & neighbours from Sally & Archie Anderson.

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 Skipness Service 10am
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Sunday 31st December 2017
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 Watchnight Service
 Rev C Acklam
Monday 25th December
 Joy to the World, the Lord is Come
 Bellanoch Church 11am
 Christmas Celebration
 Retiring Offering for
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 Rev C Acklam
 Emmanuel, God with Us

Sunday 31 December
 Tayvallich Church 10 am
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 Angelic Messages
 (Luke 2)
 Ardrishaig at 11:00am
 (No 12:30pm Service at Achahoish)
 Carol Service
 Achahoish at 7:00pm
 Watchnight Service
 Ardrishaig at 11:30pm
 (Carol Singing from 11:15pm)
Sunday 31st December 2017
 "The End of an Era"
 Another Angelic Message
 (Matthew 2)
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

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 11.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY
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 Holy Communion 9am
 Christ Church, Lochgilphead
 A STAR WARS NATIVITY
 11am
 All-Age Eucharist with Carols
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Christmas Eve

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Christmas Day

Mass at 10am

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Christmas Day

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Sunday 17th December

Christmas Family Service
 A presentation by the Sunday
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Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve All Age Service

Sunday 31st December

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Sunday 17th December

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 Creche, Triple C, Gen 1
 Rev P Wallace

Sunday 24th December

All Age Service 11.15am
 Choir items, Nativity Play with
 Triple C and Gen 1
 Creche

Joint Watchnight Service with
 The Highland Parish Church

Monday 25th December

"O come let us adore Him"
 All Age Service 10.30am
 Everyone most welcome

Sunday 31st December

Morning Worship 11.15am

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Sunday 17th December

11.00am Family service with
 communion

Sunday 24th December

11.00am Family service
 with communion
 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
 Christmas refreshments
 will be served
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 Pastor Steve Davies

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN WEST KINTYRE AND GIGHA

(Interim Moderator: Rev Catriona Hood)

GIGHA CHURCH

Sunday 24th December

Morning worship at 11.00am
 Dr John Fryer

Sunday 24th December

Watchnight Service at 11.30pm
 Mr Alasdair MacNeill

KILCALMONELL PARISH CHURCH (CLACHAN)

Friday 22nd December

Clachan Primary School
 End of Term Service at 11.30am
 (All welcome to join the school
 community at this service)

Sunday 24th December

Morning worship at 10.00am
 Rev Catriona Hood

Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve Service at 7.00pm
 (followed by Christmas
 refreshments)
 Mrs Elizabeth Ball

KILLEAN & KILCHENZIE PARISH CHURCH (A'CHLEIT)

Sunday 24th December

Morning worship at 11.30am
 Ms Marilyn Shedden

Sunday 24th December

Watchnight Candlelit Service at 11.30pm
 Ms Marilyn Shedden
 All welcome at any of our services!

PARISHES OF SOUTHEND, SADDLE & CARRADALE

Friday 15th December

6.00pm Carol singing in Southend village
 7.00pm Nativity story with Carols
 at Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend

Sunday 17th December

10.00am Crib Service for all ages at
 Carradale Church

11.45am Morning Worship at

Southend Church

Christmas Eve

10.00am Morning Worship at
 Carradale Church

11.45am Morning Worship at

Southend Church

7.30pm Carol service at Carradale
 Church

11.30pm Watchnight service at

Southend Church

Christmas Day

10.30am United Service at Lorne
 and Lowland Church

Sunday 31st December

10.00am Morning Worship at
 Carradale Church

11.45am Morning Worship at
 Southend Church



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Advent 3,

Saturday 16th December

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 17th December

Blessing of the Christmas Tree and
 Holy Mass 10.00am

Advent 4,

Saturday 23rd December

Rorate Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 24th December

Blessing of the Nativity Scene and
 Holy Mass 10.00am

Nativity of the Lord

Sunday 24th December
 10.00pm - Mass of Christmas
 during the Night

Monday 25th December

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Saturday 23rd December

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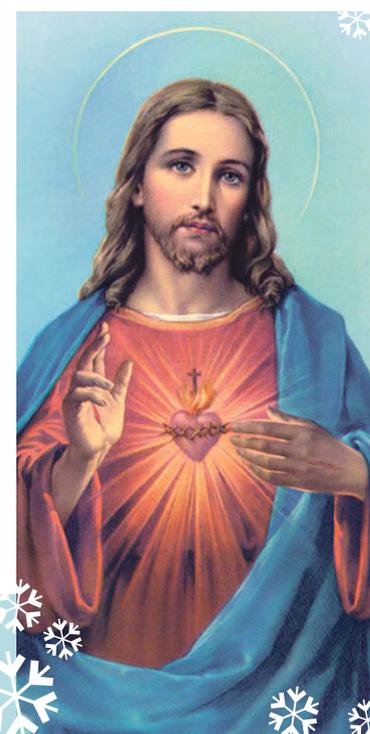
Speaker: Mr Kelvin Moller

Christmas Supper

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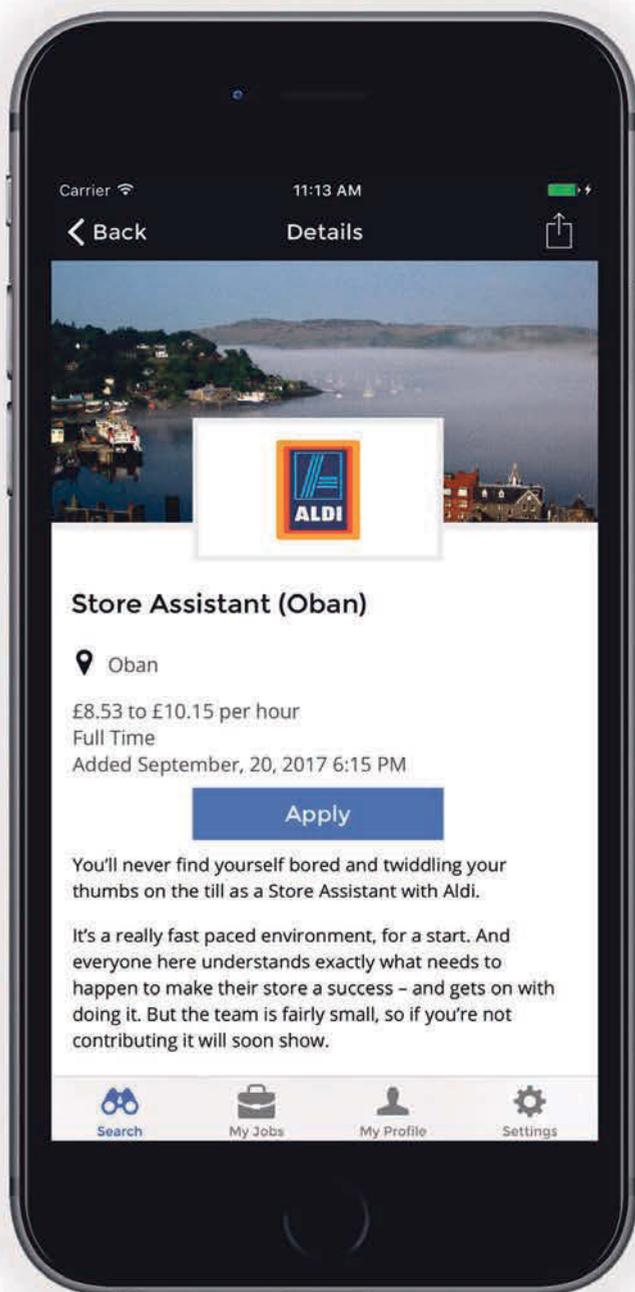
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Many Thanks, ALE

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PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12.30 -13.30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/02778/PP	Erection of 8 dwellinghouses, installation of 3 septic tanks and formation of vehicular accesses	Port A'Buorrain Farm Dalkeith Glenbarr Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6XB	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
17/03107/PP	Alterations, erection of porch and replacement extension to form owners accommodation	Ashbank Hotel Airds Carradale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6RY	Sub Post Office Carradale

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DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
(UC059 RAF MACHRIHANISH ROAD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

On Monday 11th December 2017 Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle on that length of the RAF Machrihanish Road (Unclassified No. 059) which extends from its junction with the Machrihanish Business Park Access Road to its junction with the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road.

This restriction is required because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst wind turbine components are being transported from CS Wind at Machrihanish Business Park to Campbeltown Harbour and will be effective when indicated by signs between 0001 hours on Monday 8th January until 2359 hours on Friday 6th April 2018 or until all traffic movements are complete whichever is the earliest.

Exceptions will apply to any vehicle which is:

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Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services,
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CAMPBELTOWN shipyard has been saved by a dramatic last-gasp £1.2 million rescue package.

A diversification project for the shipyard is set to create 50 skilled engineering jobs and prevent the Campbeltown economy from devastation.

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, part of the Highlands and Islands Enterprise network, is injecting a £435,000 investment package of grant, loan and training assistance into the project to establish a new steel fabrication company and engineering consultancy service in the town.

The project will see Lithgows Limited establish a new company, Campbeltown Developments Ltd, to develop and manufacture a new generation of high performance offshore salmon cages which will be marketed to the fish farming industry as part of a package of cages, smolts, finance and insurance.

In addition, the company will use the specialist skills of the Lithgow Group's engineering staff to offer a commercial consultancy service in contract specification writing, tender evaluation and project management.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23 1967

Norwegian-style ferry starts in February

THE NEW drive-on/drive-off ferry service between Tarbert and Islay is expected to start in February.

By early summer it is hoped to extend the runs to include Jura and Gigha.

Operating from the terminal now being built at Kennacraig, West Loch Tarbert, the ferry will make two round trips each week and one on Sunday.

A second vessel may be added later, to enable between three and five services to be run daily.

Western Ferries Ltd, the company formed specially to operate the service, is planning to serve other western islands eventually.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22 1917

Union Jack Club

THE SECOND concert of the season under the auspices of the Union Jack Club will be given in the hall of the club, Grammar School Square, tomorrow evening, when another excellent programme will be submitted.

All who were privileged to attend the opening concert will recall with pleasure the marked success of the entertainment, which afforded a well-spent and most enjoyable evening, and will, we are sure, hail the announcement of tomorrow evening's concert with joyful anticipation.

All service and ex-servicemen and their friends will be made cordially welcome.

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



ON MONDAY night we gathered in Tayinloan hall for our Christmas Messy Church and what a great time we had together.

Babies and grannies and those in-between had fun making crafts, making fun, enjoying a meal together and sharing stories.

Over the years we have become a close family and I always look forward to our time together.

We come from our own villages and schools and yet we seem to be one community.

The thing I love most is knowing the children from babies and treasuring that relationship as they grow.

I see the potential in each one of them and rejoice as they become the personalities God intended them to be.

Obviously we were thinking of the most beautiful of stories about Jesus' birth and we used many ways to tell that story.

Among the crafts we enjoyed, we made Christingles. An orange represents the world and a red ribbon around tells of God's love.

Four cocktail sticks filled with good things tell us that God wants every part of his world to enjoy the fruits of the world.

Then a candle on the top reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

We then thought about light and laughed as a spinning globe covered us all with spots of light.

The children loved to see the light dancing on each of them. I reminded them that while they could see this light on them, there was also another light in them – the God spark.

This Christmas may we recognise that God spark within each other and spread the light in our own wee corner of the world till darkness is no more.

Wishing you all the blessings of this special season.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

BIRTHS

GALLAGHER - David and Becky Gallagher are delighted to announce the birth of Jamie William, on December 11, 2017, a first grandchild for Jane and Sid.

WELCH - Jonathan and Christina (Ferguson) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Millie Lena, on November 3, 2017. A wee sister for Archie. A second grandchild for Lena and Archie, and a fifth grandchild for Karen and David. Sincere thanks to midwives at Mid Argyll Hospital.

GOLDEN WEDDING



NEAL - MCLELLAN At Lochend United Free Church, Campbeltown, on December 15, 1967, by the Rev J McPhee, the marriage took place of Adrian Ernest, to Margaret Ralston. Fifty wonderful years.

DEATHS

CLEAVER - Peacefully, at Lister Hospital, Stevenage, Catriona (née Martin), dearly loved wife of the late Ted Cleaver, dearly loved mother, mother-in-law, nan, great nan and a dearly loved sister. Catriona will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service will take place on January 4, 2018 at 11.30am, at Bedford Crematorium. Family flowers only please, if desired donations to Cancer Research UK or 42 Station Road, Langford, Bedfordshire, SG18 9PE.

LOWRIE - Peacefully at home, Glenesk, Low Smerby, Campbeltown, surrounded by his family, on December 17, 2017, John Lowrie, in his 89th year, loving husband of the late Betty Lowrie and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private.

MARTIN - On December 13, 2017, peacefully, at Glenarary Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, James (Jim) Martin, in his 85th year, beloved husband of Sue Martin, née Arkinstall, much loved father of Denise and Jaqueline and a dearly

loved and respected friend of many. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on December 20, cremation thereafter, at Cardross Crematorium.

TOWNSLEY - Suddenly at home, 20 Glenside, Campbeltown, on December 12, 2017, John Milloy Townsley, in his 55th year, beloved husband of the late Isobel Reid Williamson, a much loved father of Samantha, Mary-Anne and John, a loving and proud grandfather of Lewis, Isobel and Erin and much loved brother of George, Marion, Maureen, Brian and the late Shauvone.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ABERNETHY - Carol and Gordon would like to thank everyone for all the expressions of sympathy, love and support over the last months. Special thanks to Dr Elder and all the staff at Carradale Surgery and to all the staff, including Maggie, Macmillan nurse, in Campbeltown Hospital for their loving care. Special thanks also, to Rev Steve Fulcher for all his help and support and for an uplifting service - as Robert would have liked. Grateful thanks to Stuart Irvine for playing the organ, to Kenny and Rhys Blair for professional services, and to the Glen Restaurant for excellent catering. Finally, our thanks to all who came to pay their respects and who generously donated to the sum of £1325, for Macmillan Nurses and Campbeltown Hospital.

BLACK - The family of the late Charlotte Black would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to the staff of Ardenlee Care Home, Dunoon for their kindness, care and compassion shown to Charlotte. Special thanks to Rev David Carruthers for a most comforting and personal service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their guidance and efficient services; and to Rosslea Hall Hotel, Rhu, for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at crematorium to pay their respects.

MILLAR - Tommy, Archie and Alan would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many expressions of sympathy, kindness and support received following their recent sad loss. Grateful thanks to all who helped care for Archie over the last few months and allowed him to remain living at Whitehill. We are

indebted to Campbeltown medical centre and hospital staff, the community nursing team, Carr Gorm, Carers Direct and Maggie Wilkieson, Macmillan nurse. To all who visited, he loved your company. We would also like to express gratitude to Rev Philip Wallace for such a comforting and apt service, to David Gardiner for music, to the Blair family for respectful and efficient funeral arrangements and to all staff at the Argyll Hotel for purvey, just as he would have liked. Our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay respects, your presence was of great comfort and much appreciated. The retiral collection for Lorne and Lowland Church raised £2,038, in Archie's memory. "He made the best of this."

IN MEMORIAM

ANDREW - Treasured memories of Bill, died December 24, 2015. Always in our thoughts. - Jessie and family.

CHISHOLM - In loving memory of Johnny, passed away December 28, 2011, a loving husband, dad and papa. Loved and remembered always. - Netta and family, at home and abroad.

FERGUSON - Treasured memories of my beloved husband, Charles John Ferguson, taken suddenly on December 27, 2015. You're in my heart, you're in my mind, You're here beside me all the time, I miss you more each passing day, I miss you more than words can say. Loved and remembered always. - Dadie.

FERGUSON - Remembering our wonderful father, father-in-law and papa, Charles John Ferguson, December 27, 2015. Irreplaceable in every way and so desperately missed. - Charles, Lorna, Fiona, Andrew, Cameron, Ewan, Holly and Anna xxxx.

GATNER - Died December 22, 2005, husband and father, remembered and dearly loved. - Sarah, Rita and Andrew.

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

MACCALLUM - In loving memory of a dear mum, died December 22, 2016. This time last year you went away to take a well earned rest.

Of all the mums in the world, to us you were the best. - Janette and David xx.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of Dugald, Mary, Angus and Donald, who passed away. Loved and remembered every day. - Euphie and Eric.

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SELFRIDGE - In loving memory of my dear husband, Fred, who died on December 26, 2013. Always in my thoughts, Miss you every day. - Myra.

SELFRIDGE - In loving memory of my dear dad, Fred, who died December 26, 2013. Missing you lots Pops. - Angela, Josh and Fred.

SELFRIDGE - In memory of a loving dad, granddad and great granddad (Fred), who left us on December 26, 2013. The years may be passing but the memories never fade. Always in our hearts. - Carol, Ali, Colin, Siobhan and Rebecca.

TAYLOR - Nicky, who died December 26, 2014. Sadly missed every day. - John and Kieran.

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CHURCH NOTICES

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 24th December
Christmas Service at 11 a.m.
Followed by a light lunch
ALL WELCOME

SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYN AND KILBERRY

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
Sunday 24th December
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Christmas Eve Services
Skipness Service 10am
Mr Tom McKay
Skipness Evening Service 7pm
Congregation Led
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Mr Tom McKay
Kilberry Evening Service 6.30pm
Congregation Led

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

Sunday 24th December 2017
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair
Charity No. SC016097
Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am
Christmas Eve Service Cumlodden Church 7.30pm
Glenarary and Inveraray
Charity No. SC016665
Morning service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Christmas Eve Service Inveraray Church 11.30pm
Christmas Day Service Inveraray Church 10.30am
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell
ALL WELCOME

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
(The Church of Scotland)
Christmas Eve Advent 4
Angelic Messages (Luke 2)
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
(No 12:30pm Service at Achahoish)
Carol Service Achahoish at 7:00pm
Watchnight Service Ardrishaig at 11:30pm
(Carol Singing from 11:15pm)
Feel free to come and go, as you are able

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
Christ Church Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead (SC013787)
CHRISTMAS EVE
Midnight Mass 11.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY
A STAR WARS
NATIVITY 11am
All-Age Eucharist with Carols
Come in Costume!
St Columba's, Paltalloch
CHRISTMAS DAY
Holy Communion 9am
Father Simon Mackenzie
01546 602315

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Christmas Eve Carols at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Mass at 10am
All Saints, Inveraray
Christmas Day Mass at 12.30pm
Fr. David Connor
01546 602380
All Welcome (SCO02876)



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
24th December 2017
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Kilmartin 11.45am
Carols & Readings to welcome Christmas
Kilmartin 11.30pm
Rev. C Acklam
All welcome
SC0 02121

ST. KIERAN R.C. ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN

01586 552160
Rev Tony Wood
Advent 4
Saturday 23rd December
Rorate Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 24th December
Blessing of the Nativity Scene and Holy Mass 10.00am
Nativity of the Lord
Mass of Christmas during the Night 10.00pm
Monday 25th December
Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am
All Welcome (SCO02876)

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday 24th December 11.00am
Christmas Eve Family Service
Youth Fellowship
Check our Facebook page for regular updates
Pastor Chris Holden
We meet at the Guide Hall, Kinloch Road
www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk
SC043322

free church of scotland
George Street, Campbeltown
Sunday 24th December 11.15am Christmas Service
Rev Rodger Crooks
Wednesday 27th December 12.30pm Bible Study and Prayer
All Welcome
www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002
Christmas starts with Christ
We invite you to join in our celebrations this year.
SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER
Inverlussa Church 10 am
Advent Worship
Rev C Acklam
Jubilee Green Tayvallich 4pm
Carols on the Green
Tayvallich Church 11.15pm
Watchnight Service
Rev C Acklam
MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER
Joy to the World, the Lord is Come
Bellanoch Church 11am
Christmas Celebration
Retiring Offering for EMBRACE the Middle East
Rev C Acklam
Café Connect resumes
13th January 2018
All welcome
Enquiries 01546 606926
www.northknapdale.org

Highland Parish Church
SCO02493
Sunday 24th December
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the church at 11.15am
Christmas Watch Night Service 11.30pm
Bring in Christmas with friends and family at the Highland
All welcome.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686
Sunday 24th December
All Age Service 11.15am
Choir items, Nativity Play with Triple C and Gen 1 Creche
Joint Watchnight Service with The Highland Parish Church
Monday 25th December
"O come let us adore Him"
All Age Service 10.30am
Everyone most welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY
Campbeltown Corps
Church and Community Centre
Registered Charity No. 214791 and in Scotland SC009399
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
01586 552046
Sunday 24th December
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm No meeting
Monday 25th December
10.00am Christmas Worship
Majors Ben & Ruth Russell
All welcome

St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church
Argyll Street, Campbeltown
St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 24th December
Advent 4
Holy Communion 10.45am
Monday 25th December
Christmas Day
Holy Communion 10.45am
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141
The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday 24th December
Family Communion Service 11.00am
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Christmas refreshments will be served
Pastor Steve Davies
All welcome
Enquiries 01586 551200
www.springbankchurch.co.uk
SCO14646

Campbeltown council building demolition

A FORMER council building in Campbeltown is to be demolished and replaced by houses.

Council employees vacated the Witchburn Road building at the end of 2016 as part of the office rationalisation project, which saw them move to modern office accommodation at Kintyre House in the town.

At its meeting on Thursday, December 14, members of the council's Community Services Committee agreed that the building be demolished and that the costs should be met from the Strategic Housing Fund on the understanding the site was made available for a future housing development.

Councillor Rory Colville, Argyll and Bute council's policy lead for corporate services, said: 'This decision has not been taken lightly, however, I am pleased that the site will be redeveloped with the potential to support local people into the housing market and further boost the local economy.'

College care sector's festive cheer

Hannah O'Hanlon
 editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

CAMPBELTOWN'S Argyll College care sector students have been working harder than Santa's elves this month, collecting and wrapping hundreds of Christmas gifts to be distributed to vulnerable and lonely elderly people.

They joined students from campuses across

the region in the seasonal project in support of the Campaign to End Loneliness.

About 500 gifts in total will be given out as students, staff and members of the public donated non-perishable food and drink, books, toiletries and small gifts to the college centres in the run-up to Christmas.

The students wanted

to find a way to show appreciation for older generations who have contributed to society and may now be without family at this festive time of year.

Childhood practice tutor Kerry McGeachy said: 'The support has been outstanding and we are truly humbled by the generosity of staff, students and the wider community.'

'We quite literally have hundreds of gifts to be distributed throughout Argyll.'

Kerry's fellow tutor and curriculum lead for care and childcare, Kyla Steele, said: 'The activity links with many of the themes in a number of courses in the care sector and the students have taken this on wholeheartedly.'



Campbeltown care students wrapping Christmas gifts.



Hannah Hutchison with some of the Islay donations.

'Local businesses have also been supportive with donations and it's great to see this kind of community spirit.'

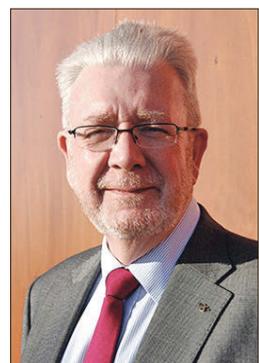
Carers Direct representative Denis McGlennon said: 'We are delighted that Argyll College students have decided to support

the Campaign to End Loneliness, and the generosity of the businesses and communities of Argyll is extremely gratifying.'

'These small gifts will help those older members of our community feel a little less isolated this Christmas.'

Michael Russell MSP:

'After what has been one of the most confusing years on record - Brexit, Donald Trump, an unnecessary election and a (weather-wise, at least) non-summer (though there were more tourists about in Argyll and Bute than ever before) it is a saving grace that most of us can take



Michael Russell

a deep breath, wind down and look forward to a peaceful festive season with friends and family.

'So I wish a very happy Christmas to everyone in the area but particularly to those who will be lonely or facing hardship even at this special time. May there be something good awaiting you and, for all of us, may there be a more caring, more considerate, more inclusive and more prosperous new year ahead.'

Argyll and Bute provost Len Scoullar:

'The Christmas season is with us once again and it is wonderful to see Argyll and Bute looking festive, colourful and vibrant.

Merry CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY *New Year*

'Christmas is a truly joyous time filled with family, friends, fun and festivities and new year an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look forward to next with real excitement.'



Len Scoullar

'This is a time that means many things to many people and I'm happy to say it's when communities come together and celebrate with each other.'

'I am also aware that for many this time of year can be difficult and my thoughts are also with them. I know everyone is busy but I would ask you to please take some time to think about others.'

'As 2017 comes to an end I wish everyone in Argyll and Bute a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous new year.'

Rev Philip Wallace and Rev Dr Kristian Wallace, Lorne and Lowland Church:

'Jesus Christ had a hard start to life more than 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. His parents found themselves without anywhere to stay so that he started off life in a rough and ready, and probably smelly, stable. After the birth the situation got so bad that they had to flee the country as refugees.'

'It is hard to say which is more remarkable, that God created the hills and oceans and stars which so of-

ten fill us with a sense of awe, or that he sent his son into the world at Christmas time to live as an ordinary baby suffering all kinds of difficulties.'

'All this means that God is not just some distant supernatural being, but someone who really understands many of the difficulties of human life.'

'God reached out to us in love and found out what it was like to be a refugee and homeless, to feel hunger and thirst, to experience pain, bereavement and even death.'

'There is nothing superficial about the Christmas season. Nothing meaningless about the giving of presents and hanging of decorations. It is only

right that in the middle of our lives that can be filled with so much difficulty, we celebrate the fact of God's great love, and the deep understanding of the world that Jesus has.'

'One of the wonderful things about Christmas is that it reminds us that we can also reach out in love to others.'

'We can donate to the food bank or charity, or if we find ourselves unable to do that this Christmas, we can reach out to others with happy smiles and Christmas cheer.'

'The comfort and joy of Christmas is knowing that no matter what we are going through, we have a God who understands us and loves us infinitely.'

Sloggers will work off Christmas excess

IF THE past two years are any indication Slog in the Sand runners may find a blazing Boxing day beach at Westport.

The annual Camp-

beltown Running Club 10km race for athletes aged 15 and over, starts at noon sharp with entry on the day, and registration from 11am in the car park. There are

cash prizes. Refreshments for all are provided after the event.

Given kind weather it is a unique event against the stunning backdrop of the Atlan-



Isle of Gigha teenager, Cara Gorman, 16, powered to the ladies' title in 2016. 25_c53slog04



Gary Muir won last year's men's event. 25_c53slog11



Friendship is also to the fore at the slog. 25_c53slog03

tic ocean.

It can sorely test a runner's resolve both

to keep moving, particularly on the stony sections, and splashing

through the water, especially if it encroaches on the best course.

Edmondson takes December medal

THE PERFECT weather may have assisted Grant Edmondson to the top in Dunaverty's December medal.

Mild and calm conditions were the order of the day for competitors but, being unused to such benign conditions, the scores were quite high.

Edmondson was the winner by virtue of a better inward half after edging out Malcolm Ronald by one stroke, both players recording nett 66s.

Narrowly missing out was Sandy Watson on 67 although he had the best scratch score with a 76. CSS for the day was 65.

Result: 1 Grant Edmondson 79-13=66(bih), 2 Malcolm Ronald 83-17=66, 3 Sandy Watson 76-9=67, 4 Alex Roxburgh 88-17=71(bih), 5 John McDowall 86-15=71, 6 Bill Brannigan 84-12=72

SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £1500

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



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

Z Weir
Clachan
TARBERT

H McLean
Kirk Street
Campbeltown

To allow for disruption to the postal service over the festive period we will run spot the ball for 2 weeks. Please make sure your entries are in before 10am, Wednesday 3rd January.

All you have to do

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

To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

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

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

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 10am, Wednesday 3rd January. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Sloggers will work off Christmas excess

Tough derby was not without its good points

DFDL Under-16 League
Oban Saints 7
Campbeltown Pupils 0

A DEPLETED U16 Pupils team, with many players a year or two younger than the official age, faced a strong Oban opposition with a full squad.

The scoreline belies some great Pupils' play, in a squad including six U15s and one U14. A few missed opportunities in the first half saw Saints finish two goals to the good.

Saints made the breakthrough in the 16th minute when Aaron McKay skinned youngest man on the pitch, Campbeltown's Euan Dott, on the right before sending a cut-back from the bye-line to Lennon Campbell, who fired a right foot finish from 12 yards into the top corner.

The visitors responded well and came close through Elliot Gemmill, who had a close range effort deflected into the side netting by Blair MacFarlane.

Fraser MacBrayne made a real nuisance of himself from a long punt from Archie McKellar in the 26th minute.

The big centre forward forced his way into the Saints box and, from the corner of the six-yard box sent a low shot across Jake Weir and inches wide of the far post.

Unfortunately Pupils keeper Archie McKellar wasn't quite so assured with his handling two minutes later, allowing a speculative Jordan Norman effort from 25 yards to slip from his grasp and squirm into the net.

Campbeltown lifted themselves again and ended the first 40 minutes camped in the Saints half forcing a succession of corner kicks and finding themselves on the wrong end of a tight offside call from referee John Scott as Elliot Gemmill threatened to break clear.

Despite having the upper hand for the ma-

majority of the first half, Saints could count themselves slightly fortunate to go into the interval two goals to the good as with better finishing the visitors could well have been on level terms.

From the 52nd minute it was Saints' match.

After a neat turn on the edge of the box, Forgiveve, who already has an Argyll and Bute Cup winners' medal in his trophy cabinet, celebrated his 15th birthday in style with a shot that was too hot for McKellar to handle.

The more experienced Saints tightened the screws a little further with a storming 57th-minute run and left foot finish from Aidan MacPhee.

Sixty seconds later Saints notched their fifth from a 25-yard Craig Millar shot, which flew past the keeper to the back of the net.

Saints notched a quick-fire double in the 68th and 69th min-



Elliot Gemmill shoots wide during the first half of last Saturday's Argyll derby.

utes with birthday boy Gavin Forgiveve having a hand in both.

In the first move, Euan Finlay latched onto Forgiveve's ball and tucked a low finish across Pupils keeper McKellar and into the bottom corner for Saints sixth goal.

Thwarted

Sixty seconds later Forgiveve sent Aidan MacPhee racing into the left hand side of the box but he was thwarted at his near post by McKellar.

The rebound fell kindly for Andrew

Law who lofted the ball into the six-yard box where Cameron Clark stooped to head home for Saints' seventh.

Despite being outplayed, for long spells, in what was a good advert for youth football in Argyll, Campbeltown Pupils will be pleased with the showing of their young players.

There are no games scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday December 23) but there may be some friendlies during the festive break.



Archie McKellar saves Lennon Campbell's penalty kick.



Kilbrannan A team, from left, Alan Glen, Richard Tavendale, Jamie McGougan, George Gamble and Alan Duncan, with Lynn Maguire, proprietor of the Argyll Arms Hotel, Southend.

Kilbrannan A takes 301 cup

AFTER a thrilling final, Kilbrannan A took Campbeltown and District Darts Association's 301 cup.

The Ailsa B team was runner-up at the recent event in the Argyll Hotel, Southend.

More recently, in week nine of the association's darts contest, Donald Stewart scored 180 for the Fiddlers, Charles Robertson and Bobby Mathieson both hit 180 for the Burnside.

Martin Coffield had a 125 finish and Kenny Docherty a 110 finish, both for the Burnside, Kurt Addison had a 103 finish for Southend, and Davie Reid had a 14 dart leg for the Burnside.

Week nine results: Kilbrannan A 7, Fiddlers 1; Kinloch B 2, Ailsa 6; Whisky Macs 1, Southend 7; Burnside 7, Kilbrannan C 1; Ailsa B 8 Kinloch A 0

Lottery results

THERE were no winners in Machrihanish golf club's three number lotto draw on Monday.

The winning numbers were 1, 14 and 18. Due to Christmas holidays the next draw, for a jackpot of £900, is on Wednesday December 27.

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