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'Very few people dedicate their lives to their job like they both have'

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by Hannah O'Hanlon hohanlon@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A Southend couple who bought their first lorry in 1970 and retired this year with a fleet of 60 have received a national industry lifetime achievement award.

Donnie and Kate McKerral collected the illustrious award at the 25th annual Transport News Scottish Rewards ceremony in the banqueting suite of Glasgow's Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Their sons joined them at the breakfast do, attended by 600 people, where they were recognised for turning their small, family business into one of Kintyre's biggest employers.

Donnie took over the

family's farming firm, Peter McKerral & Co, from his parents, Peter and Nellie, when he married Kate in 1962.

Living at Brunerican Farm, they purchased an ex-council Albion Chieftan tipper in 1970 to shift sand and gravel from the farm.

General haulage

By the late 1970s, they owned a small fleet of tippers, before buying a Bedford lorry, moving into livestock transport and general haulage, which is what the company mainly deals with today.

As the business grew, Donnie and Kate sold the farm and moved to Dunaverty Lodge, turning the derelict church next door into the company's first proper workshop. Today, P McKerral & Co, which is synonymous with Kintyre's haulage industry, has 75 employees and depots at Darlochan, Lochgilphead and Strachur.

The couple have five children, Peter, Bobby, Donnie, Lorna and Colin, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

It is very much a family business, with all the couple's sons and five of their grandchildren working for the company. Donnie, 78, who quipped that at the end, he had become the 'message boy', had many roles, driving lorries for a number of years, ending up in the office. On deciding to retire this

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Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus fought a blaze at Machrihanish Golf Club.

Just after lunch on Wednesday, two tenders raced through Campbeltown after reports of a fire in the clubhouse of the world-renowned course opened in 1876.

Another two fire engines followed, including the Carradale tender.

Flames were seen coming from the kitchen area and smoke poured from the windows of the club steward's flat.

As the Courier went to press, the cause of the fire was not apparent and firefighters were battling to extinguish the blaze.



Fire tenders at the front of the club and fire fighters on the roof. 25_c51machgcfire03



Donnie and Kate McKerral decide to call it a day

Continued from page one year, Kate, 77, who always did clerical work, said: 'We just decided it was time to go.'

Donnie admitted that he cannot quite give it all up though, still driving to Lochgilphead and Strachur on Saturdays to pick up paperwork.

Shortly after their retirement was announced, the company paid tribute to its founders by revealing that a golden, 50th anniversary Ailsa edition Volvo lorry, the 'pride of the fleet', had been air-brushed with an image of Donnie and Kate, taken just after they married.

The couple are enjoying their well-earned retirement by visiting cafés across Kintyre and spending time with their expanding family.

A P McKerral & Co spokesperson said: 'Very few people dedicate their lives to their job like they both have.

'Their knowledge and years of experience have brought the company to where it is today and we hope they enjoy as much relaxation as they did hard work.'



The awards ceremony was held at the Crowne Plaza in Glasgow

Campbeltown coppers save Christmas!

Campbeltown national headlines this week thanks to the comedy capers of some of the town's Keystone Cops.

Good humoured constables Jack Baker and Jason Millar, both based at Campbeltown Police Station, put on a spoof scene depicting the arrest of the Grinch, a fictional character famous for trying to steal Christmas.

'Arresting'

Police shared a video and photographs of PC Baker arresting' the hairy, green character, portrayed by PC Millar, who showed off an impressive imitation of lead actor Jim Carrey's accent from the 2000 movie How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

Alongside the photographs, officers used the hashtags #NotInOurTown #ChristmasCheer and showing the lighter side of festive policing.

The story was picked up



'Arresting' officer PC Jack Baker with the Grinch, played by PC Jason Millar.

and shared on a national newspaper's website just hours later. The Grinch, a remake of

the Dr Seuss tale released in November, is showing at Campbeltown Picture House now.

POLICE files

Advertising board theft

A three-foot-high aluminium advertising board was stolen from outside Campbeltown Town Hall, Main Street, between 3pm and 12am on Saturday December 8.

Dangerous cycling

A 29-year-old man was reported to police at about 8.35am on Tuesday December 11, on Longrow, Campbeltown, after cycling dangerously on the pavement, placing pedestrians at risk.

Drunk in charge of ship

A 55-year-old man was arrested after he was found in charge of a ship at Campbeltown Harbour while under the influence of alcohol at 9.45pm on Wednesday December 12.

Drug search

A 44-year-old man was issued with a recorded police warning after a house in Kilkenzie was searched by police at 9.40am, on Friday December 14, and cannabis was found. Boy assaulted

15-year-old boy was charged and referred for youth intervention processes after assaulting another boy at the Hub, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, at 7pm on Friday December 14.

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Bonnie babies' Christmas bash



Campbeltown midwives went gaga over the Christmas party get-up of this year's babies. All infants born in 2018, either in Campbeltown or Glasgow, were invited to the annual festive bash in Campbeltown Hospital. It is a good job the babies were looking their best as a camera filming scenes for the third series of Channel 5's Highland Midwife was rolling. The babies were on their best behaviour at the annual Christmas party

Silver Steppers salza to The Spotlight Boogies

Christmas medleys mixed with '50s and '60s songs lifted Campbeltown Masonic's roof. The Spotlight Boogies rocked the venue at the recent Silver Steppers Tea Dance.

Caroline, Sally and Francis had the audience singing and dancing to a selection of songs.



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Councillor Kelly's top capital commendation

by Hannah O'Hanlon hohanlon@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A councillor has received a national commendation for his contribution to Kintyre causes in the past 17 years.

Councillor Donald Kelly, who was first elected, to South Kintyre in 2001, was highly commended at the Local Government Information Unit (LGiU) Councillor Achievement Awards, sponsored by CCLA Investment Management.

Mr Kelly attended Scotland's inaugural awards ceremony on Thursday November 29, at Edinburgh's City Chambers, with his daughter Bethany who is studying at the capital's Napier University.

He said he was 'very surprised' to receive a special mention at the ceremony, where eight awards were up for grabs, narrowly missing



Councillor Donald Kelly is presented with his award by Heather Lamont, director of CCLA. Photograph: Andrew Perry.

out on being named rural sc community champion. th

Campaigns Mr Kelly has been involved in are Campbeltown Hospital's Save Our Beds, preventing the closure of Kintyre's rural esented with his award by CCLA. Photograph: Andrew Perry. schools, the A83 campaign, the community buyout of MACC, and the installation and renovation of various

play parks. Award organisers specifically mentioned Councillor



Councillor Kelly's special commendation.

Kelly's 'instrumental' role in the Kintyre Kidney Dialysis Group which successfully fundraised for dialysis machines at Campbeltown Hospital, preventing patients from travelling to Glasgow for treatment three times a week. Mr Kelly told the *Courier*: 'It has been an honour and a privilege to have served the community of South Kintyre for the past 17 years.

'I'm delighted to have been nominated by my constituents for this award.'

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr Jonathan Carr-West, chief executive of LGiU, said: 'Councillor Kelly has demonstrated huge talent and dedication.

'The outstanding quality of the nominations we received this year stands as a testament to the exceptional job many councillors are doing for their community.' The keynote address at the Councillor Achievement Awards, the only national ceremony recognising and rewarding the efforts of councillors from across the political spectrum, was by

Kevin Stewart MSP.

Fireworks accused remanded until trial

A teenager accused of putting lit fireworks through the letterboxes of several Campbeltown houses has been remanded until his trial.

John Townsley, 18, of 20 Glenside, Campbeltown, pleaded not guilty to charges of culpably and recklessly putting lit fireworks through the letterboxes of three Glenside properties on four occasions between October 31 and November 7.

He also denied maliciously putting a firework into one of the properties on November 2, causing fire damage to the carpet inside.

Sheriff Patrick Hughes remanded Townsley until his trial on January 9.





S4 Enterprise groups' hamper draw.

Pupils' hamper raffle helps raise vital funds for Kintyre foodbank

A Kintyre Larder hamper raffled by a Grammar School learning group has boosted foodbank funds.

Mr Grady of Knockscalbert Way won the hamper of Christmas goodies in a raffle organised by Enterprise pupils, which raised £115 for Kintyre Foodbank. The winning ticket was drawn by history teacher Miss Rigney, with S4 Enterprise pupils looking on.

Enterprise and vocation teacher Ron Wilson said: 'I would like to thank the public who purchased the raffle tickets, the shops for selling them on our behalf and Kintyre Larder for supplying the food hamper.

'Christmas can be a difficult time for families and it's really rewarding for our pupils to be helping Kintyre Foodbank.'



Sloggers set for sandy sprint

Campbeltown Running Club's Boxing Day 10K race opens its entries at 10.30am in Westport car park.

The 5K out and back run for athletes aged 15 and over costs just £2 to enter and is usually blessed with fine weather.

No dosh for dip volunteers

Dalintober Beach Group's Dip for Dosh organisers need volunteers to help manage this year's loony dook on New Year's Day.

Anyone able to help out, even on dry land, should call: 07796637735 or email: jamie.maclean@live.co.uk.



Fostering - putting the magic back into Christmas

Christmas is a magical time for children from the excitement of putting baubles on the tree to searching the night sky for Santa's sleigh.

There is also the joy of leaving a carrot for Rudolph and a glass of milk for Santa on Christmas Eve... the list is endless.

But, as many people with children will understand, some of this magic begins to fade as they grow older. This was the case for Moyra and Peter Paterson from Campbeltown.

'We have five grown-up children between us and, although I truly treasure the time we spend together over Christmas, it's not the same as when they were little,' said Moyra.

This year is different, however, as the couple have become foster parents and have a young child in their care.

Moyra said: 'It's fantastic – the whole house is filled with an air of excitement.

'Every morning there's a door on the advent calendar to open, our tree has decorations hanging on it that the little one made at nursery and we've written a letter to Santa.

'We've also got the nursery Christmas concert to look forward to. These are truly special times and I'm delighted that we get to make a difference to this little one's life.



Moyra Paterson in festive spirit.

'We're making special memories – memories that will last a lifetime, and the joy that we get out of fostering and making a difference to young people's lives can't be underestimated.

'Fostering is one of the best decisions we've ever made.

I'd urge anyone considering applying to get in touch with the council's fostering team.' To find out how to help make a difference to a young person's life, visit: www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ social- care-and-health/ fostering

Ailsa B Captain Wullie Ross and Vice Captain James White, winners of the Captains' cup.

Ailsa B ordered to Captains' cup darts victory

Ailsa B darts pair Wullie Ross and James White marched away with Campbeltown and District Darts Captains' cup.

The losing finalists, at the recent match in the Ailsa Bar, were the Ailsa's other team, Ailsa A, Robert Todd and John MacIntosh.

Darts results from last Monday: Burnside 7 Fiddlers 1, Kilbrannan C 6 Ailsa A 2, Kinloch B 2 Kinloch A 6, Ailsa B 1 Kilbrannan A 7, Jamie McGougan scored a pair of 180s for Kilbrannan A.

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Lockerbie terror attack haunts city -journalist

Thirty years ago today, (Friday) a daily paper news editor, who cut his teeth in Campbeltown, was settling down for an evening in when a TV newsflash reported a plane crash.

At just after 7pm, Malcolm Speed, aged 47, raced back to the Daily Record to organise its reporting team as the world learned that an airliner had crashed at Lockerbie and the town was ablaze.

Remember

On Tuesday, recalling shifts lasting 16 hours as the horror unfolded, Mr Speed said: 'I always remember Lockerbie, the deaths at Christmas and the 270 lives lost.'

The former Campbeltown Grammar School pupil, who left and joined the Courier aged 15 after his father's death, added: 'I ordered a top team of reporters from all parts of Scotland to Lockerbie.

'The best men and women at the Daily Record, where I was the news editor and had been since 1983.

'Soon a terrorist bomb was mentioned, the plane, a Pan Am 103, was late in Germany and soon Scotland's biggest mass murder began with 259 dead from the plane and 11 Lockerbie residents. Dumfries and Galloway police spearheaded the investigation supported by other Scottish forces and the world's security agencies.

'The investigation was huge

and ultimately led to Abdul Basset Ali Mohammed all-Megrahi being convicted and jailed for 27 years. Another man Lamin Khalifa Fhonah, was acquitted at a special Scottish court in Holland.'



Malcolm Speed in 1988.

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Kintyre is to feature on festive television special

The host of The Adventure Show's Christmas special will step into St Columba's footprints in Kintyre.

Cameron McNeish presents the double-bill of Roads Less Travelled which airs on BBC Two on Thursday December 27 at 7pm, and Friday December 28 at 6.30pm.

He explores Scotland's 'Atlantic Way' - the 200mile route from the Mull of Kintyre, through the Crinan

Linnhe to Mallaig.

Along the way he meets and chats with people, including Campbeltown poet and author Angus Martin, who interpreted the area's history, legend and culture.

Mr Martin explained what influenced his writing - the great outdoors, his fishing experiences, history and a connection to the past. While in Campbeltown,

Cameron McNeish began his walk at the Mull of Kintyre.

Canal, Loch Awe and Loch Mr McNeish crossed the Dhorlin to Davaar, exploring the coastline beside the lighthouse and walking to the 1887 cave painting of the crucifixion.

Mr McNeish, who travels on foot, by bike, on the water by pack-raft, and in his camper van, said: 'I'm on a mission to explore the history, legend and culture of Scotland in these two Adventure Show specials.

'I will be rethinking what I know about music, discovering secret glens where our Commandos trained for the Great Wars, and putting my feet in the footsteps of St Columba at Keil Point.'

Mr McNeish continued: 'The part of the programme I think I enjoyed the most was finding out more about one of Scotland's finest Gaelic poets Duncan Ban MacIntyre, and walking in the shadow



of Ben Dorain in Argyll, the great mountain his long poem praises, in what is recognised as one of the finest achievements of Gaelic literature - a rich, rhythmic, unsentimental appreciation of wild landscape which was first published in 1768.'

Mr McNeish, who was born in Govan in 1950, grew up dreaming of earning a living from the great outdoors, and at that time he was drawn to the hills and did a bit of hill-walking. In his early career he did a variety of jobs, but when the opportunity arose for him and his wife to be wardens in a Highland youth hostel, his love of climbing mountains and the left, with Cameron McNeish.

Angus Martin,

great outdoors really took off. He first met The Adventure Show producer Richard Else on Mount Elbrus in Russia where he was filming with Sir Chris Bonington.

A long working relationship began, with Cameron presenting many Adventure Show specials over the last 25 vears.

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Campbeltown Courier captured in a meringue

A Kintyre café chef famed for her magnificent meringues has confected a Campbeltown Courier front page.

Frances Hill at Muneroy Tearoom in Southend, winner

of the Scottish Food Awards 2017 Tearoom Destination award, used 14 egg whites in the full front page creation painted with food colour. Mrs Hill heard about the



#buyapaper campaign, which has been making local press headlines round the UK and decided it needed sweet support.

With the price of the paper increasing by five pence last week Mrs Hill sold the meringue, per page, at 95 pence each.

Commenting on the tearoom's Facebook page, referring to Courier reporter Hannah O'Hanlon, Sandy MacKinnon wrote: 'Ach Hannah's worth an extra five pence a week!'

Hannah replied to Mrs Hill: 'Thank you so much for your support, Frances - it is very much appreciated. It's not always easy but we try our best to put out a good paper every week.

'It is unfortunate that the price had to increase but small changes like that may be the only way small, local newspapers like the Courier will survive.'

News editor Mark Davey said: 'Frances' meringues are as topical as cartoons and it was great for the Courier to be immortalised, if only briefly, before melting in the mouth.

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Community dedication at Christmas

Many dedicated people make life in Kintyre extra special and this week's *Courier* is full of them.

Donnie and Kate McKerral, featured on the front page, have not just built a great business they have provided employment for many others.

They are not alone; teachers have given hours of free time to ensure smooth shows and Christmas events.

A pair of Campbeltown constables, found a few moments and arrested the Grinch, bringing smiles to the nation.

Many workers are in the Christmas spirit. One McFadyen's builder, at CGS, has spent the week with a Santa hat over his helmet.

Councillor Kelly's 17 years of public elected service and dedication to South

Kintyre and Argyll has been recognised. Grammar school pupils hearing that Kintyre Foodbank was low on stocks have helped fill the gap with cash and

donations. Even the *Courier* has received some praise as the community's voice.

Press policy

The five pence price rise, inspired Frances Hill, at Muneroy, to create a meringue facsimilie front page and it featured on journalism website Hold The Front Page.co.uk

Islay councillor in Tarbert

Tarbert's drainage issues persist as do justifiable demands to have both Scottish Water and Argyll and Bute Council to sort this matter out properly.

Functioning drainage is the bare minimum of what we expect to have in a modern industrialised nation yet complaints seem to go unheard by the urban-centric Scottish Water management.

This is unacceptable and I will once again contact Scottish Water and press for a speedy resolution that ensures minimum disruption.

Housing needs in Tarbert are mentioned to myself particularly among younger members of my ward.

While the planned handful of housing association new builds are welcome they should be considered the beginning of new development not the end.

As well as the need for new houses the poor condition of existing social housing cannot be ignored any longer.

Mould problems as a result of damp walls and unfixed roofs, doors and windows seem to be the rule rather than the exception.

This is not just a problem in Tarbert but it's rampant throughout our social housing.

There are huge health risks to living in housing with severe mould issues particularly for the very young and the elderly.

As a social housing tenant myself I know all too well the difficulties in getting even basic repairs done.

 \hat{I} feel the attitude of housing association

management will need to change in dealing with complaints from their tenants. Otherwise it's likely social housing problems

and challenges will grow. People are rightfully asking for action and not excuses and I'm more than happy to keep pressing for instant action not lengthy delays. Alastair Redman,

Portnahaven,

Islay.

'Flu figures misleading

Alastair Redman, *Courier* Letters, December 7, alleges that the Scottish Government has failed to provide sufficient 'flu vaccine for everyone who needs it this winter.

What irony that this should appear on the same day that a national newspaper leaked documents revealing that UK government ministers are planning to ration drugs in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

His letter also came in the week when Scottish Tory leader Jackson Carlaw was reprimanded for publishing false information on 'flu vaccination in a Tory party press release (presumably the one Mr Redman used as his source).

Mr Redman claimed that only 39 per cent of over-65s were vaccinated in Scotland as against 51 per cent in England.

The Scottish figure, however, was for the week ending October 28, while the figure given for England was for the week ending November 11.

In the week ending October 28, the English

figure was in fact 33 per cent, six per cent below that for Scotland. By November 25, the figures were 62 per cent for England and 63 per cent for Scotland.

Mr Redman's petty attempt at party political point-scoring has blown up in his face.

But his misinformation may have made vulnerable people give up on being vaccinated this year because he says insufficient vaccine is available. That is simply not the case.

He needs to apologise.

William Crossan, Campbeltown.

Poignant commemorations praised

Sir, Thanks to the *Courier* for its great reporting and coverage of local events in 2018.

Especially poignant for me were the World War One related stories, in particular the McGrory/McKerral family and the Docherty family stories. Thanks for printing these.

Happy Christmas and a guid 2019. Margaret Mathieson,

Campbeltown.

Think of shop workers at Christmas

I want to gently remind your readers to remember that shopworkers are people as well. They will be working really hard to make

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A recent Usdaw survey shows that every minute of every day another shop worker is verbally abused, threatened with violence or physically attacked.

Shop workers tell us that incidents are more frequent throughout the Christmas and New Year period when shops are busier, customers can be stressed and are more likely to take out their frustration on staff.

Talking to our members who work in retail, I know that verbal abuse cuts deep.

Many will go home after a shift upset about an unpleasant incident that took place at work that day and worried that it will happen to them again.

That is why Usdaw, the shop workers' union, is running a Respect for Shopworkers campaign, asking customers to 'Keep your Cool at Christmas'.

It's a simple message, but remembering that shop workers are working extra hard at this time and treating them with respect will mean that everyone can have a happier Christmas.

Paddy Lillis, General secretary, Union of Shop,

Distributive and Allied Workers.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



Is this a photograph of two of Santa's reindeer mingling with Kintyre's farm animals?

Or is it two common or garden deer doing a bit of twilight grazing? *Courier* reporter Hannah O'Hanlon captured this

shot of two deer in a field of Blackface sheep near Tayinloan.

She took the photograph at about 5pm earlier this month, and in the half-light, used a high ISO of 3,200.

She used a 18-105mm lens, with a shutter speed of

1/160 second and an aperture of f5.6.

Hannah said: 'I see deer in the fields around Kintyre relatively often but usually they high tail it away the minute they see you.

'This pair just glanced up, looked at me for a minute, then continued grazing giving me plenty of time to snap a photograph.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to editor@campbeltowncourier. co.uk, send it via the Courier's Facebook page or bring it into the Courier office to be copied.

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TEN YEARS AGO Friday December 19, 2008 Spotlight on emergency services

Children from primary 1 to 4 and the nursery at Carradale Primary School have been learning about the life in the emergency services.

Over the last few weeks, the youngsters have visited PC Hannah at Carradale Police Station, Robert Strang and Eila Durnan at Carradale Fire Station and met Johnny Durnan at the bay where he explained about his work with the coastguard.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO Friday December 24, 1993 RAF cuts hit the town

Campbeltown was this week trying to come to terms with the demoralising news of a massive scaling-down of operations at RAF Machrihanish - which could cost the area millions of pounds.

The government decision, which takes effect on April 1 1994, is set to devastate Kintyre.

Few sectors of the community will escape the knock-on effects of the move with contractors, hotels and taxi firms among those likely to be hardest hit.

The Campbeltown Courier understands from a source within the Ministry of Defence that revenue into the town from the base could crash from £2.5 million a year to £1 million. Personnel numbers will be slashed from 194



The present commanding officer of the

regiment, Lieutenant Colonel A C S Boswell,

has written to one of the local organisers of the

petition, Lieutenant Colonel Hector Macneal,

Lieutenant Colonel Boswell said: 'The news

that the 'Save the Argylls' petition has achieved

its target of one million signatures has given a

tremendous boost to the morale of all ranks

'Although we, as regular soldiers, have nat-

urally taken no part in the campaign, we have

followed its progress with the greatest interest

and concern and are very conscious of the

serving in the 1st Battalion in Plymouth.

thanking him for his assistance.

to 66 for care and maintenance and at least 15 of the 34 civilian jobs will go.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Thursday December 19, 1968 Argylls petition a tremendous boost

The petition to save the Argylls - signed by more than a million people - was presented in Parliament on Tuesday by MP for Ayr George Younger.

Watching from the public gallery was the former commanding officer of the regiment Lieutenant Colonel Colin Mitchell and Margaret, Duchess of Argyll.



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'The fact that so many people are firmly behind us makes it easier for us to face the next two difficult and critical years - perhaps the most critical in our regiment's history."

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO Saturday December 21, 1918 The light railway scheme

The formation of light railways in Argyllshire is creating considerable interest throughout the county

At one time it was stated Kintyre was not enthusiastic in the matter, but it is the first district to take practical steps to inaugurate a scheme

Mr J R Moreton Macdonald of Largie has written: 'I can undertake that any such railway would have the land required free on my property to pass for about six miles and further that I would take shares in the enterprise to the extent that my resources would permit.

'I believe other proprietors will be sufficiently awake to their own interests and the interests of the community to give similar undertakings.

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Last week's Down Memory Lane featured Kintyre Farmers' 40-page 1975 golden jubilee booklet.

The brochure, provided to the *Courier* by former Kintyre Farmers plumber Neil McMillan, is a veritable gold mine of information on the farmers' co-operative.

In a section administration

manager at the time Colin Chrystie provided some of the company's history.

Mr Chrystie said: 'It was in the winter of 1924 at the meeting of the NFU Kintyre branch that some of the members discussed the possibility of forming a small co-operative group to provide means to purchase coal at reduced rates.' The members acted quickly as by spring 1925 Kintyre Farmers was founded although, at the time,

it had no premises or full-time staff. Over the next 50 years the company diversified with no less than eight farmers as directors at any time and offering at least five services.

It became the 'go to' place for Kintyre's farming community with its electrical and plumbing, machinery and yard and stores departments.

Mr Chrystie continued: 'Kintyre Farmers, with the consent of the directors, has aimed at serving a community and not just one section and the farmers must be respected and admired for letting their personal company be unbiased.

'We now find the specialised services Kintyre Farmers can offer are being used more and more by the general public.'

The souvenir brochure is packed with photographs of management and staff, with many of the names in the book still synonymous with farming in Kintyre – Millar, Young, Barbour, McLean and McConnachie.



Yard staff: J Mason, J McMillan, R Campbell, W McSporran, D Brown, R McKinven and N Souden.



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Management team, from left: yard manager John Armour, electrical manager Murray McCallum, administration manager Colin Chrystie, shop manager John Gillies, managing director John Stupart, plumbing manager Andy Mathieson and machinery manager James Shepard.



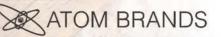
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New mental health guide approved

Argyll and Bute Council has approved a new mental health and wellbeing guidance document for schools, entitled Our Children, Their Mental Health.

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly said: 'Our education staff already do a tremendous job of supporting our children and young people through difficult times in their lives, but it's not always easy to spot the signs of those struggling, those putting on a brave face but breaking apart behind their smile. Sometimes it's staff themselves who are suffering in silence with their own mental health issues.

'This new document will help encourage positive conversations about mental health with both pupils and staff, and will ensure more information is available in our schools.

'It will raise awareness of what help is available for anyone struggling.'

To view the document, visit the council website.

Blood donor service festive appeal for do

by Mark Davey mdavey@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) requires 470 people to give blood every day during December.

Last week the service sent a press release to the *Courier* about the need for blood in the festive season despite cutting Kintyre collections in July 2017.

At the time more than 100 blood donors in Campbeltown were sent a letter by Dr Moira Carter, an associate director of donor and transport services at SNBTS.

It stated that: 'The demand for blood has reduced in the past six years. In addition, blood has to reach a processing centre within 22 hours from the time of the first collection at a donor session. 'When the distances are long

and the logistics complex, with a risk of unpredictable adverse weather conditions, this can be challenging and with an increased likelihood of losing donations due to the time restrictions.

'It is, therefore, with regret that I write to inform you that, due to our reduced blood collection programme and the risks of losing donations associated with logistics, we are not planning any further sessions in Campbeltown at this time.'

In a Freedom of Information disclosure, in 2015, just 0.10 per cent of all donations, representing 195, 462ml units, was damaged due to transportation or during handling.

That year Campbeltown donated at least 250 units.

Previously SNBTS collected donated blood twice a year from a session in Victoria Hall Campbeltown.

This year SNBTS states that, 'with Christmas Day falling on what is traditionally one of the strongest collection days of the week, we are asking donors to ensure they know their blood group and come forward so that stocks continue to build'.

Lynne Willdigg, associate director of donor services, SNBTS, said: 'There are eight different blood groups, and we aim to maintain a five-toseven-day supply at all times of each one.

'Our focus as a service is to ensure that we consistently meet clinical demand and to this end we work closely with hospitals to forecast that demand.

'This means that we can

provide donors with a greater level of detail about how their donation is needed.

'For example, O Positive is Scotland's most common blood group, so we must welcome 191 people with this blood group every day.

'O Negative on the other hand is the only blood group that can safely be given to anyone in an emergency situation, therefore, requires proportionately a higher level of donation to the population profile.

"This means that every day we require at least 71 donors of this universal blood group to ensure accident and emergency wards can operate safely.

'To keep supplies at safe levels overall in Scotland, we need 470 donors each day and all blood groups are needed to support patients, just some more than others depending on demand.

'We are asking donors to check their blood group, and make an extra special effort to attend if we write to you or text you.

'If you've never given blood, please come along and donate, and we'll write to you afterwards to let you know what your blood group is.

'We would also love to welcome new donors. Fortyseven per cent of active donors in Scotland are age 45 or over, so it is important younger people start giving blood to meet the needs of our aging population.

'As you can start giving blood at age 17, we are reaching out to all younger people to encourage them to think about giving blood now.'

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swearing, between August 1

Procurator fiscal depute

Eoin McGinty told the

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influence of alcohol and the

woman asked him to leave,

he reacted 'badly', shouting

and swearing aggressively,

throwing a lit cigarette at her.

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The incident took place in

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gave a 'harrowing' account to police.

Crooks' defence agent said that had he not pleaded guilty, the child may have had to give evidence in court, adding that his client recognised that the crimes were significant.

He said that when Crooks drank to excess he had an inability to control his emotions.

Sentencing Crooks to six months in prison, Sheriff Patrick Hughes said: 'This is a serious and disturbing offence, which the child will remember, possibly for the rest of its life.

Sheriff Hughes also imposed a two-month prison sentence for Crooks' failure to attend a previous court date, to be served consecutively.

He imposed a non-harassment order preventing Crooks from contacting the woman for five years.

Blood donor Ian Campbell



Castlehill tells Christmas

Words and photographs by Hannah O'Hanlon editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Castlehill Primary School's annual nativity was so expertly acted out that the audience could be forgiven for disbelieving that the actors belonged to P1 and P2.

The children from the school's two youngest classes told the story of Jesus Christ's birth through songs, actions and narration.

As well as group singing, there were solos, including an astounding rendition of Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star

The youngsters must have been practising for months to learn the words so well, and parents, teachers, family and friends should be rightfully proud of them.



This youngster's rendition of Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star amazed the audience. 50 c51castlehillnat02



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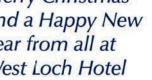
The angel Gabriel joined Joseph and Mary on stage. 50_c51castlehillnat01



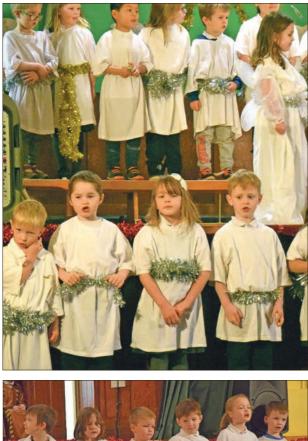
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The songs reverberated around the busy store and cheered customers up before they ventured out into the pouring rain and howling wind.

Pictueed are: Scott MacAlister, Hannah Oman, Rebecca Semple and Amy Shaw. 50_c51brass01



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Caledonian's prime lamb Christmas show and sale

Caledonian Marts Ltd sold X: £100 Strageath; Cont 2,679 prime lambs, ewes and tups at its Christmas show and sale on Tuesday, December 11.

The judge of the show, which was sponsored by AA Oils, Stirling, was Jamie Scott from John Scott Meat Ltd, Sandyford Road, Paisley.

Mr Scott's awards were as follows: 1 Beltex and champion: DS & RC Taylor, Easter Ochtermuthill, for a pen of 43.6kg lambs at £132 purchased by the judge; 2 Beltex and reserve champion: J B Guthrie, Cuiltburn for a pen of 43kg lambs at £120 purchased by Richard Johnston, Quality Butchers, Falkirk.

Other prizewinners: Beltex: 3 R Kennedy, Borlick, 41kg at £98. Texel: 1 DS & RC Taylor, Easter Octhermuthill, 47kg at £92; 2 R A Campbell, Meikle Seggie, 41kg at £90; 3 Braco Castle, 42kg at £85. Blackface: 1 Remony Estate, 42kg at £78.50; 2 D Higginson, Braeleny, 41kg, at £70; 3 Auchenbothie Farmers, 43kg at £74. Mule: 1 Auchenbothie Farmers, 46kg at £75.

The overall sale average for 2,252 sold was 179.4ppkg, -0.5p on the week, which included a large show of light lambs on offer, 445 averaging 163ppkg.

Again, 39kg to 43kg av-eraged 193ppkg and heavy weights were a slightly dearer trade to last week.

Lamb prices per head: Beltex: £110 Cuiltburn; Beltex

£99 and £98 Doune Farms; Cont X: £95 Pitcairn; Texel: £96 Nether Myres; Texel X: £95 Meikle Seggie; Suffolk: £88 Pitcairn; Mule: £75.50 Ditch; BF: £75 Bailanstruth; Zwartble: £70 Blairhall.

Lamb prices per kg: Beltex: 224p Cuiltburn; Beltex: X 219p Strageath; Cont X 211p Pitcairn; Cont: 210p Meikle Seggie; Texel: 209p Newton of Fotheringham; Texel X: 208p Braco Castle; Suffolk: 196p Braeside; Suffolk X: 195p Dyke, Harbinson; Zwartble: 179p Turdees; Mule: 171p West Lundie; BF: 171p Remony.

Also forward were 467 cast ewes and tups.

Heavy ewes averaged £70.56 selling to £94 for a Beltex from J B Guthrie, Cuiltburn, Muthill.

Export ewes levelled out with an average of £46.24.

Tups sold to £100 for a Texel from R Cook, Kinneil Mill, Linlithgow.

Many more ewes could have been sold to sellers' advantage.

Other leading prices: Texel: £82 Easterton; £79 and £78 Braco Castle. BF: £43 Glenquey; £41 Easterton; £38 Woodend. Suff: £80 Thornfield. Beltex: £88 Cuiltburn. Mule: £67 Linkshead; £64 Easterton; Dullomuir. £.63 Cross: £80 Turdees; £72 Mains of Strageath; £70 Bankhead and Kinneil Mill.



Judge Jamie Scott presenting the champion prize to Jimmy Taylor.

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First Milk's January milk price decrease

First Milk has announced a milk price decrease for January 2019.

The price will reduce by 0.75ppl to 27.75ppl for the liquid standard litre (four per cent butterfat,

3.3 per cent protein). This equates to 28.69ppl on a manufacturing standard litre (4.2 per cent butterfat and 3.4 per

cent protein) price. Commenting on the announcement Jim

Baird, vice chairman and farmer director, said:

'International dairy commodity markets have been falling in recent months, which has impacted on our returns and resulted in this milk price reduction.

Positive signs

'There were some positive signs in a recent GDT auction, but as we look forward into 2019 the medium-term direction of the market remains unclear.

'We have been able to deliver eight months of

stable or increasing member milk prices and so recognise that this decrease, particularly at this time of year, will be disappointing to our members.

'Our underlying business performance continues to be on plan, and we will continue to do all that we can to minimise any negative impact from the market and provide our members with as much stability as we can, whilst delivering on our growth strategy to delivery dairy prosperity for our members.

LEISURE 23

ERECTORE & WHAT'S ON IN CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE STV dancing success for Point Sands youngster

A Bearsden boy, whose family has holidayed for years at West Kintyre's Point Sands, won STV's Strictly Kids with his dance partner.

Sponsored by Point Sands for the STV Children's Appeal charity, Jayden Da Silva, 7, and Hazel Craig, were selected from thousands of applicants, reduced to 100s lucky enough to audition.

Those 100s were cut to 40 children selected as Strictly Kids in the first ever Strictly event organised by BlueStar Productions, for the STV Children's Appeal.

Part of that show will be previewed on STV, at 8pm this Sunday.

Last March Jayden's mother, Leesa Da Silva, applied for

what she thought was a day of fun.

Of course, I may help other

boys and girls so their mum-

mies and daddies stay with

them if they are in hospital or

give another child a nice day

'We had no idea that he

had grasped the reason or

understood why this money

'To our amazement Jayden

was chosen and our Strictly

Jayden chose to dance the

He said the perfect song,

rock and roll jive with Hazel.

was needed so desperately.

Kids journey began.'

out".

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his aunties will love, is Tina Mrs Da Silva said: 'Jayden Turner, Proud Mary. Jayden practised hard and has never danced before, he loves to join in and when also assisted his school at a asked if he wanted to take day of dance to raise funds part in the event he replied: and started a Just Giving

> page. Mrs Da Silva said: 'Point Sands has been a huge part of our family for years.

that all the mummies and

'Our side of the family all come from Tarbert.

'The holiday park, near Tayinloan, is the perfect, peaceful getaway needed for hardworking families.'

On Sunday December 9 at the Hilton Doubletree Jayden danced his socks off and nearly his trousers too as he had been poorly all week and lost a lot of weight.

The Strictly judges gave him and Hazel 10/10 to lift the Strictly Kids Junior title. The event was filmed by

STV and will be shown on the STV children's appeal.



Strictly Kids winner Jayden Da Silva and

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Hazel Craig.





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T A Blairs table members from left: Claire Mitchell, Rhys Blair, David Blair, Kenny Blair, Joanne Blair, Campbell Ramsay, Kelly Grogan. 25_c51nutcracker03





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Dancing to a room of adults 'dressed to the nines' may intimidate but Morgan Irwin's junior ballet dancers took it all in their stride.

The young stars and their principal opened the second ever, biennial, Nutcracker Ball fundraiser, at Campbeltown Town Hall, devised largely by Campbeltown Christmas Lights committee's Will Anderson.

Mr Anderson was resplendent as the Nutcracker at the exclusive £50 a head party which sold out in an hour during the summer.

When five people were unable to take up their allocation the Courier was lucky to secure a pair of tickets at the 11th hour.

The two course menu, provided by Argyll Bakeries, included choices such as The Nutcracker's roast beef and The Sugar Plum Fairy's mushroom stroganoff and sweets included The Mouse King's Chocolate Mousse.

Following the meal a grand raffle included prizes donated by the following: Aliceanne McKinlay, Craigard Hotel,



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Band Gubbed ensured the

Una Valentine-Phillips celebrated her 80th birthday at the ball.

dance floor was packed.

The committee also thanked following the table sponsors: T A Blair Funeral Director, Vanity, Numero Dix, McFadyens Contractors, Highland Fuels, Campbeltown Running Club, McKinven and Colville, Peter McKerral & Co, Kintyre Firewood, Raymond Hosie Photography, Campbeltown Motor Company, Springbank and Glen Scotia.

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tcracker stars



The Nutcracker Ball organising committee from left: Will Anderson, Lorraine Gillespie, Margaret Anne Green, Raymond Harvey, Mandy Robertson and Kirsteen Graham. 25_c51nutcracker01

Fyne Homes Christmas crafts tour

Staff from an Argyll housing association taught Christmas crafts at Campbeltown's Elderberries.

Fyne Homes tenant participation officer Craig Baxter, 46, from Rothesay on the Isle of Bute where the association has its headquarters, said that it had been great fun going to community groups, meeting many different



Donald McSporran holds a snowman created from a sock filled with rice. 25_c50fynecrafts02



Fyne Homes' Margaret Thomson worked with Thelma Buchanan. 25_c50fynecrafts01

people and teaching them a

new skill. Mr Baxter added:

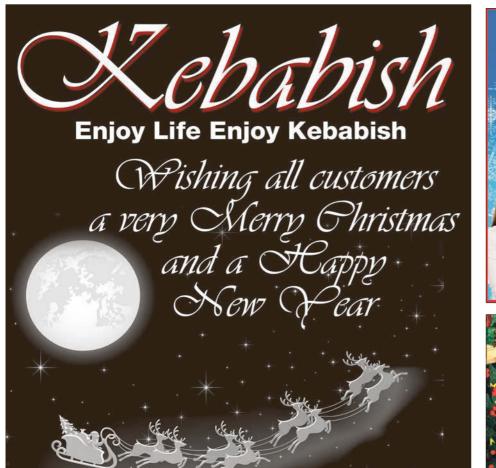
'Fyne Homes' ethos is that

everybody mucks in and

'This week at Campbeltown

takes part.

Picture House we helped organise a party wrapped round the feature film It's a Wonderful Life, with mulled wine and mince pies.'



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Jennifer Kelly, sporting a Dirty Dancing-themed top, attended the charity screening with John Kean.



SBS staff Jacqueline Shaw, Karen McAllister, Helen Lewis and Eilidh Anderson, with Campbell Read's mother, Helen, second left, wore special T-shirts.

Dirty dancers step up to end homelessness

A solicitor set the fancy-dress bar high when he transformed himself into Patrick Swayze for a charity screening of Dirty Dancing.

Campbell Read, a Stewart Balfour and Sutherland (SBS) partner, swapped tickets to the private showing in Campbeltown Picture House's second screen for a donation to Social Bite, a notfor-profit sandwich shop that benefits the homeless.

As a director of Campbeltown Community Business, the company which owns the cinema, Mr Read decided it would be 'an excellent way to raise some money for charity, support the cinema and have some fun at the same time'. He said: 'Dirty Dancing is one of my mum Helen's favourite films and I knew it would be a popular choice for the night.

'Mum is also a supporter of the charity Social Bite which works to help the homeless – at this time of year I thought that would be a brilliant cause to benefit from our endeavours.'

Screen two has 52 seats and the tickets, which were offered on a first-come, firstserved basis, sold out within hours of being released.

Mr Read said: 'It was an amazing response, not least because of the various other functions and office nights out taking place that night.'

Whisky Macs joined in an

the fun, hosting an 'after party' with music from the soundtrack and cocktails inspired by the film.

All profits from the sale of the cocktails are also being donated to the charity.

Mr Read, whose outfit included a bouffant wig, added: 'It was a great evening - for the first time in years I had hair, and everyone attending the screening sang along to the music and got up to dance for the big finale.

'Two brave souls even attempted 'the lift' – not a complete success it has to be said. I would like to say thanks to everyone at the cinema, especially the general manager, Ellen Mainwood, and at Whisky Macs.' The final amount raised has still to be counted but it is expected to be about £1,000. Photographs: Kenny Craig.



Patrick Swayze, AKA Campbell Read, makes his grand entrance at Campbeltown Picture House.



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The dancing continued at the 'after party' in Whisky Macs.



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Santa drops in on Tayinloan youngsters

Photographs and words by Hannah O'Hanlon hohanlon@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Tree brownies bursting with baubles and jolly jam biscuits added to the festive feel of Tayinloan's annual Christmas party.

The homemade treats were served in between party games, including Christmas corners, musical Christmas trees and pass the parcel.

Towards the end of the party, Santa popped into the village hall with an early Christmas present for each child.

As he was about to sit down, a carrot fell from his sack onto the floor.

'My pesky reindeer must have been nosing about in this sack of presents and dropped a carrot!' he said.

Two-year-old Arianna Gilchrist was quick to return it to Santa to make sure his reindeer are fuelled up for their Christmas Eve deliveries.













Clockwise from top left: Many of the children who enjoyed the party. 50_c51tayx maso1; Seven-month-old Angus Hurd, one of the youngest party-goers, sits on Santa's lap. 50_c51tayxmas04; Santa visited the children and brought some presents. 50_c51tayxmas03; Games included pass the parcel. 50_c51tayxmas06; Some of the festive food on offer. 50_c51tayxmas02; The youngsters sit down to some festive party food. 50_c51tayxmas05

Thought for the Week with Marilyn Shedden

This Sunday will be the fourth Sunday in Advent and it is traditionally the time for nativity plays.

There are many stories of children ad-libbing and parents cringing as the youngsters make up their own words when they go 'off script'.

One of my favourites is about the wee boy who looked into the crib and said: 'Isn't he like his dad?'

The congregation laughed, as they knew these were not the scripted words - but had this wee boy not just got the gospel in a nut-shell?

He had heard his mum say this of the new baby next door, so he thought it an appropriate thing to say.

How right he was. 'Isn't he like his dad?' Is this not the message of Christmas?

Of course, we do not know what Jesus looked like physically, but that doesn't matter. 'Isn't he like his dad?'

Jesus came to show us what God was like and from the very beginning God set the stage of his nativity.

Jesus was born in poverty, a refugee without a place to live, so his parents borrowed the lowliest of places - so the story goes

Jesus' birth and his life emphasise that God's message was for the ordinary folk, those who were not important to the rich or the powerful, but who were important to God.

As Jesus grew he made his home and his life with those the world rejected, with those the world despised because those were the ones who found special favour with God.

Jesus came to bring God's inclusive love to everyone and to love everyone in this wonderful kingdom.

'Isn't he just like his dad.'

May God bless you at this very special time.



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DEATHS

BRODIE - Suddenly at home, 62 Millknowe, Campbeltown, on December 17, 2018, Edward Brodie (Eddie), in his 74th year, dearly loved dad of Edward, Kareen and David, loving father-in-law of Janice and David, much loved granda of Kareen, Caerla, Steffan and Dhyllon and a loving great granda. A funeral service will take place in the Highland Parish Church, today Friday, December 21 at 1.00pm, 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 Sunshine Room, Campbeltown Hospital. No black ties please.

MACPHERSON Hugh, peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on December 14, 2018, aged 82 years, devoted husband of Margaret Cook, much loved dad of Morven, Iain and Susan, loved and respected father-in-law and proud Seanair. The warmest friend and neighbour. Laid to rest at Millhouse Cemetery, Tighnabruaich, on December 20, 2018.

MCLATCHIE -Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 17, 2018, Mary Smith, in her 81st year, formerly of North Shore Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late John Ralston McLatchie, much loved mother of Myra, John, Jean and Caroline, loving granny of Kay, Lynette, Lewis, Kerry, Greig, Lori, Ava, Ryan, Conor, Lorne and Aiden and great granny of Khloe, Owen and Hallie. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, today Friday, December 21, 2018 at 11.00am, thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer Scotland and Parkinson's UK.

SYME - Suddenly, at St Andrew's House Care Home, on Sunday, December 9, 2018, Flora Blair (née McLean), dearly beloved wife of Ian, mother of Adam and Lorna, and a much loved sister and granny. Funeral service at Dundee Crematorium, on Friday, December 21, 2018 at 3.30pm, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu can be made in aid of Save the Children.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS CRAWFORD - The family of the

late Annie (Nan) Crawford wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and support following her death. Thanks to doctors, nurses and all the caring staff who looked after Nan at home. Special thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for his comforting service and personal touch, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for excellent catering, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. Donations to Mid Argyll Multiple Sclerosis raised £145.

HARVEY - Noreen and family would like to thank all family. friends and neighbours for all their calls, messages, flowers, cards and visits following the sad loss of Mick. Grateful thanks to Father Connor for all his visits and very fitting service, celebrating Mick's life. Special thanks to Argyll Home Care for enabling Mick to be cared for at home, the local ambulance crews for all their assistance and the staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital for all their care. Thanks to the Stag Hotel for catering, and to Roddy, Fiona and Cammy for all their guidance, compassion and help at this difficult time. Finally, our most sincere thanks to everyone, from near and far, who attended both the chapel service and graveside. The retiral collection raised £400, to be split between Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Care.

ROBERTSON - Sheena, Lyn and family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of Alex. Thanks to Rev Anne McIvor for her comforting service and words and to David McEwan for the uplifting music. Special thanks to Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional services and to the Argyll Hotel for the catering. Finally, thank you to all who attended the funeral to pay their respects. A retiral collection for the British Lung Foundation raised £286.05.

IN MEMORIAMS

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- Lots of love and hugs from Mum, Dad, Cassie and Annie XXXX.

ADCOCK - Kiera, August 11, 2000 - December 19, 2003. Always on our minds, forever in our hearts.

- Love from Nana, Granddad, Uncle Colin, Uncle Stuart and Aunty Maria.

ANDREW - In loving memory of Bill, a much loved husband, dad, papa and great papa, died December 24, 2015. Forever in our thoughts.

- Jessie, Lorraine, Susan and families xx.

GATNER - In loving memory of Andy, who died December 22, 2005.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered always.

- Love, Sarah, Rita and Andrew.

FERGUSON - Loving memories of Charles John Ferguson, taken suddenly on December 27, 2015. We never lose the ones we love For even though they're gone Within the hearts of those who care Their memory lingers on. Sadly missed, Dadie.

FERGUSON - Remembering our wonderful father, father in-law and papa, Charles John Ferguson, December 27, 2015. Wherever we are, you're always with us. Sorely missed.

- Charles, Fiona, Lorna, Andrew, Cameron, Ewan, Holly and Anna.

MACIVER - Billy. Time doesn't heal or soften the blow, of you being taken when you had to go. We still talk every day and I still shed the odd tear, then I feel your love round me and I know that vou're near.

- Love you my daddy, your 'Trina. MCCALLUM - In loving memory of Tommy McCallum, who died December 11, 2002, and Mary McCallum, who died December 22, 2016. God looked around his garden And he found an empty place Then he looked down on earth And saw her tired face He put his arms around her And lifted her to rest God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best He knew she was suffering He knew she was in pain He knew she would never Get well on earth again It broke our hearts to lose her But she didn't go alone For part of us went with her The day God called her home Now with her husband Tommy In God's garden as they roam Love always, Janette and David.

MUNRO - Remembering my mother, Mary, who died October 10, 2017, and Donald, who died December 20, 2017.

Norman.

TAYLOR - In memory of Nicky, our friend and workmate, who passed away on December 26, 2014. Sadly missed every day. - John and Kieran.

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Monday 24th December Watchnight Service 11.30pm Tea and mince pies in the church hall from 10.45pm Everyone welcome

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES 23rd December

Advent 4 The Lamb (John 1) Services in: Ardrishaig at 11.00am and Achahoish at 12.30pm CHRISTMAS EVE

Carol Service Achahoish at 7pm Watchnight Service Ardrishaig at 11.30pm (Carol singing from 11.15pm)

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church at 11.15am

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SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL free church **CHURCHES** Campbeltown Corps Christ Church Bishopton Road, Church and Community Centre Lochgilphead Burnside Street, Campbeltown 01586 552046 (SC013787) Sunday 23rd December Sundays 11.00am No morning meeting Eucharist & Coffee 3.30pm Family Carol CHRISTMAS EVE Service Christ Church, followed by tea, coffee, **Bishopton Road** Midnight Mass mince pies - 11.30pm **Tuesday 25th December** CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00am Christmas service St Columba's. Maiors Ben & Ruth Russell Poltalloch(SC031391) All welcome Holy Communion 9am Christ Church. SPRINGBANK Bishopton Road **EVANGELICAL** Eucharist with Carols 11am CHURCH All Welcome Father Simon Mackenzie 01546 602315 NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH 75 Longrow, Campbeltown Charity Number SC001002 Sunday 23 December Sunday 23rd December 11.30am Inverlussa Church 4th Sunday in Advent 11.00am Family service Service of Carols with communion Saturday 22 December 6.30pm Carols by 10-30am - 12.30pm Achnamara Hall Candlelight Cafe Connect Enquiries 01586 551200 Monday 24 December www.springbankchurch.co.uk 4pm Tayvallich Jubilee Green (in church if raining) SCO14646 Carols on the Green followed by mince pies & mulled wine Tuesday 25 December 11am Bellanoch Church Christmas Day Celebration All welcome www.northknapdale.org Argyll Street, Campbeltown **CHURCH OF** St Kiaran Episcopal Church: **SCOTLAND** Campbeltown WEST Scottish Charity No SC023277 LOCHFYNESIDE Sunday 23rd December Sunday 23rd December Advent 4 Cumlodden and Lochgair Holy Communion 10.45am Charity No. SC016097 **Tuesday 25th December** Cumlodden Church - 10.00am Christmas Day Service will be taken by the Holy Communion 10.45am Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 Glenaray and Inveraray Charity No. SC016665 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion Inveraray Church - 11.30am Service taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell SKIPNESS LINKED Christmas Eve WITH TARBERT Watchnight Service LOCHFYNE AND Cumlodden Church - 7.30pm Inveraray Church - 11.30pm **KILBERRY** Service will be taken by the Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell Church of Scotland Sunday 23rd December 2018 Skipness service 10am Dr John L Morrison OBE Christmas Day Inveraray Church - 10.30am Service taken by the Tarbert service 11.30am Mrs Margaret Sinclair Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell ALL WELCOME Kilberry service 2pm Mrs Margaret Sinclair Christmas Eve 24th December Skipness Christmas Eve Highland Parish Church service 6.30pm All welcome to join us for an evening service of carols and the children's Nativity Kilberry Church Candlelight Procession of the Young Christmas Eve Carol Service SCO02493 led by Peter Minshall MA Sunday 23rd December 2018 6.30pm Please bring your own candle and a torch Fourth Sunday in advent Christmas Carols & Readings The service will be conducted For all church enquiries and pastoral care: Contact DCarruthers@churchofscotland.org.uk by Rev Anne McIvor, helped by the Sunday School, and will be held in the Everyone very welcome Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622 Skipness SC004280



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Glenbarr cyclist's enduro experience

A two-wheeled West Kintyre athlete found just 60 of a 450-mile non-stop charity challenge more than he could handle.

Army reservist and Kintyre Wheelers chairman Colour Sergeant Robbie Semple admitted that part way through his 60 miles he was suffering from what cyclists term 'the bonk' as his legs turned to jelly.

Semple had joined world endurance mountain biker Richard Rothwell, who rode from Greenock to Shieldaig in Sutherland as part of Lap of My Mind's (LOMM) British 10-rider, coastal endurance cycle to raise awareness of mental health.

Semple said: 'The challenge was deliberately started at Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol to raise awareness of higher suicide rates during the dark winter months.'

Rothwell rode leg four from Friday December 7 to Sunday December 9, passing through Loch Lomondside, The Rest and Be Thankful, Lochgilphead, Kennacraig, Carradale, Campbeltown (twice), Oban, Fort William, Invergarry and Loch Carron.

Praise

Rothwell could not praise the drivers of Argyll and Bute highly enough and said: 'Despite my concerns about traffic, and large trucks in particular, I was treated to the most courteous and safe driving I have ever experienced in the UK.

'In 450 miles there was not one single moment of concern or close pass. This is how it should be.'

Rothwell added: 'Approaching Greenock in the van was intimidating. As we turned up the Clyde, a massive dark grey wall of torrential rain swept in and sent the windscreen wipers into overdrive. 'I was called in as a late substitute

for Mike Hancock who sadly could not take part.

'I was confident that I had the required fitness, skills, and equipment, as I had recently been bashing around the tricky broken hilly roads of Northumberland on my superb Trek Emonda Disc road bike.

Fantastic

'I had a fantastic support crew in Angus, Gayle and John, and I was very much looking forward to a big adventure, despite the horrendous weather situation.

'A deep low pressure system had started battering the north west and I was riding straight into its path at just the wrong time.

'Weather warnings had been issued, the average wind speed would reach 50mph+, and lots of heavy rain was guaranteed.

'Still, my logic was to dynamically risk assess the situation; if things got too hairy, I would stop and not continue unless safe to do so.

'By the time I left Roseneath I was throughly saturated and needed to change gloves frequently. This set the tone for a very wild and long night.

'Some shelter was occasionally enjoyed on eastern roads but crossing over to western areas, and dealing with side-winds that literally pulled the bike out of my hands was incredibly mentally and physically demanding.

'Climbing the mighty Rest and Be Thankful was a turning point though. The weather was atrocious but the mountains loomed blacker than night sky either side of me. 'The road rose and car headlights

hovered high in the distance, which told me the top had to be earned.

'A howling headwind tried its worst to hinder my progress but the adrenaline was really flowing now and I was feeling alive and focused.

'At Lochgilphead, I was delighted to hook up with Alex Flinn and soon after Robert Semple, who would escort me around the southern end of the peninsula. Lucky them!'

'The storm was at absolute full force around midnight. Campbeltown was desolate, deserted and windswept, and we headed out to Southend, on the Learside Road, probably the spot that was bearing the greatest impact of the storm.

'Alex and I were stunned and mesmerised at one point by the way the rain was whipping along the black tarmac in great thick white swirls, like spin drift snow.

'We could barely raise our voices above the deafening wind that sounded and felt like a blast from a freezing jet engine.

'I had covered 200 miles in 16 hours by 4pm.

'This was way below my original schedule but there was no way of going any faster.

'It took a massive effort just to keep moving at any speed and trying to force the pace would risk exhaustion.

Unreachable

'I was worried that if the weather did not improve, my target of 450 miles in 48 might become very tight or unreachable.

'The idea of riding the whole leg in one hit had previously crossed my mind but the weather situation absolutely slammed the door on that option.

⁴I was cold, fatigued, and also aware that my hard-working support crew would also appreciate some respite or at least a substantial break.

'So imagine my delight when Robert told us he 'just lived round the corner'.

'At Robbie's house we were well looked after. Clothes were strewn out to dry, a conveyor belt of hot buttered toast churned out the kitchen, and feeling returned to limbs.

'I crawled into my sleeping bag and at 7.30am on Saturday December 8 Robert woke me up with coffee, porridge, and fruit, just magic.'

The team was refreshed after the four-hour pit stop and Finn and Rothwell continued with a stretch of coastal riding plus a side to tailwind.

With 170 miles of cycling, in some of the worst conditions of the ride, Finn stopped at Lochgilphead after a cafe lunch before Rothwell headed



The Glenbarr rest stop, Robbie Semple second from left with Richard Rothwell in orange.

off solo, with 190 miles to go.

The section up to Oban passed smoothly on a clearing forecast but heavy rain showers continued to chill Rothwell.

He was briefly joined by Gavin Blainey and he bore gifts of his mother's scones, filled with butter and jam.

At Fort William Rothwell reached the uplifting 'just 100 miles to go' point and was met by a hot pizza, donated by Erol Ozen and delivered by Jamie Gall.

Rothwell continued: 'The end was sort of in sight.

'Climbing north west, from Invergarry, was perhaps my only real low point.

'The huge climb is exposed and bleak and the rain came down again. 'The five-mile descent is shallow

angled and long. 'It was grim. I jumped in the van at the bottom and had a complete change.

Plummeted

'My body temperature had plummeted and there was no way I was moving until I had made a full clothing change.

'Soon after, my spirits were lifted by hooking up with Alex Glasgow, a very strong local rider.

'We rode and chatted and some pretty tough climbs passed more easily than they would have done had L been alone.

'Saying goodbye to Alex, I pushed

on to Loch Carron with 30 miles to go.

'Slightly impatiently I lifted the pace but it felt good.

'The wind was now generally kind and even some 15 per cent climbs didn't dampen my enthusiasm to push through as quickly as I could and get it done.

'One final push into a pesky headwind and I finally descended to a deserted Shieldaig.

Impossible

'What a massive adventure; the whole team had achieved something that seemed almost impossible when we stared out across a storm battered Clyde on Friday lunch time.

'They were brilliant; hard-working, switched on to any potential hazards, and completely selfless.

'I can't thank them enough. I am also very grateful to those who joined me on the road and supported via social media.

'It's great to be part of something big like this and very satisfying to see the charity donations.'

Some ride statistics are as follows: in the 450 miles there was vertical climbing of 7,714m, in a moving time of 31hrs 24mins and overall time of 41 hrs 38mins at an average speed of 14.4mph.

Rothwell thanked his sponsor Team Cycles, food supplier Mountain Fuel and Exposure Lights. LOMM finished in Bristol yesterday.



The riders pass through Campbeltown.

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The LOMM route round Britain.

Football results

Last Saturday's results: Scottish Amateur Cup, fourth round – Oban Saints 5, East Kilbride Thistle 1; Premier Division One - Campbeltown Pupils and Lochgilphead Red Star, no games; Premier Division Two – Tarbert v Paisley, postponed.

The league now has its annual festive shut-down with fixtures resuming on Saturday January 5.

To allow for the Christmas break spot the ball will run for two weeks

THIS WEEK'S ΙΔϹΚΡΟΤ 350 The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 We have removed the football from the photograph below. 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

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 noon Monday 31st December. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted. **Competition rules**

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery. The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the etition and no correspondence will be entered into The final decision rests with the Company.

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. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void.

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

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Winners agree to have their photograph taken for publicity purposes. Winners names and hometowns will appear in the newspaper. Employees of Wyvex Media, their immediate relatives and any person otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter. We will protect your personal data. We only gather what we need for the requirements of this competition. Entry data will be deleted/destroyed within 30 days of the competition entry deadline and in a manner appropriate to GDPR regulations. Entrant's details will not be used for any other activity

WEEK ONE OF TWO Entries must be in by Monday 31st December

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Darts results

Rosemary Todd hit a fantastic

score of 162 for Ailsa A as the

latest results from Campbel-

Result: Fiddlers 5 Ailsa B 3,

Kilbrannan A 6 Kinloch B 2,

Kinloch A 4 Kilbrannan C 4,

Ailsa A 1 Burnside 7.

are revealed.

town District Darts Association



Please remember to enclose £1 for 10 crosses. The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules. How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap Send to 'Spot the Ball' Competition, Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE

Name..... Address Please tape your £1 coin here Tel No. (only if posting





This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are: **R** Mitchell Muasdale A McPherson Campbeltown



INSIDE THIS WEEK: Glenbarr cyclist's enduro extreme experience

Junior cross country champ collects trophy

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Members of a recently formed running club raced to its first awards ceremony.

South Last Sunday, Kintyre Harriers, formerly Campbeltown Junior Running Club, presented Erin Ralston with the cup for victory in its Cross Country Series

In addition the winners of the 2018 Handicap Series were announced and last year's winner, Cara McFadzean handed the cup to this year's handicap champion Niamh Quinn.

The awards presentation at MACC base was followed by an orienteering session, party food and secret Santa.

The handicap results were: girls: 1 Niamh Quinn, 2 Carla Renton, 3 Rianne Coffield and boys: 1 James Reid, 2 William Mclean and 3 Robert Kerr.

A Harriers spokesperson thanked all parents for their continued support.



Cross country winner Erin Ralston, left and handicap winner Niamh Quinn race to the line in the 2,200m event. 25 51harriers09



Cara McFadzean last year's winner of the Handicap Series passes the cup to the 2018 champion Niamh Quinn.



Erin Ralston holds the Cross Country Cup.

Golf lottery results

There was no winner in Machrihanish Golf Club's three number lottery draw on Monday December 10.

The winning numbers were 7, 8 and 18.

The winning numbers in Monday's draw, for a jackpot of £600, were: 3.4 and 11. There were no winners and the next draw for a £700 jackpot is on Christmas Eve.

The draw for Dunaverty's three-number lotto took place last Sunday. The winning numbers were 6, 8 and 13 but there were no winners. The next draw for a

jackpot of £200 will be held on December 30. Tickets are available from the club steward, committee members, Muneroy Tearoom and the Burnside.



