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Woman rescued from loch

A WOMAN was rescued from Campbeltown Loch on Boxing Day following a disturbance in a town centre flat.

The woman, of Dutch nationality, was reported to have walked into the loch, forcing members of the public to raise the alarm.

The local lifeboat crew was tasked by Clyde Coastguard and launched the all-weather lifeboat, under coxswain David Cox, and the inshore lifeboat at 7.50pm on December 26.

The inshore lifeboat (ILB), under helmsman David Mullen, approached the casualty with the assistance of lighting from the all weather lifeboat.

Three crew from the ILB, Stephen Scally senior, Stephen Scally junior and Greg Scally entered the water to help get the woman into the lifeboat.

The woman had been in the water for more than 15 minutes, and was transferred from the water via the lifeboat pontoon to an awaiting ambulance.



Jean and Ian Teasdale were well wrapped up for the chilly weather at Westport Beach on Tuesday to show their support for the runners taking part in the second annual Slog in the Sand 10k race. Runners from across Mid Argyll and Kintyre took part with local runners Kenny Campbell and Donna Robertson winning the gents and ladies races. For more photographs and results see page 16. 21_c52slog01

New ferry link plan unveiled

A PROPOSAL for a new ferry service between Campbeltown and Ayrshire was revealed last week.

Transport minister Keith Brown unveiled the planned passenger and vehicle route as part of the Scottish Government's Draft Ferries Plan, but denied the ambitious document is 'pie-in-the-sky'.

Released at the conclusion of the Ferries Review, the document outlines a broad spectrum of improvements for the country's ferry services.

The proposals will shape ferry provision until 2022 and are now out for public consultation, with responses due by March 30. The final plan will be published sometime in the summer.

Among the proposals is for a service between

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Kintyre, via Arran, to Ardrossan or Troon. This would operate one or two days a week, allowing for a day return trip to the Scottish mainland.

Other proposals include introducing a second vessel to the small isles service as part of an overall improvement and offering nil fares for Jura residents travelling to Islay when en route to the mainland.

A new berthing facility could be created at Ardmish on Gigha to allow an extension to the operating day.

Mr Brown admits many of the measures outlined could be 'difficult' in the current economic climate, particularly with regard to the purchase of new ferries, but said new funding streams would

be investigated. 'It is certainly ambitious,' he said. 'But that's actually our intention. It certainly isn't pie in the sky; we are looking at real ways we can improve ferry services. I think it is right and proper that we are ambitious and aim to achieve as much as we can. If we didn't do that, we'd be accused of not doing enough.'

Mr Brown has urged people to have their say on the proposals, all of which are still subject to change depending on the results of the consultation.

He said: 'We want people to have their say and have extended the consultation period to 14 weeks to make sure people have a good chance to do that.'

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A83 campaign gathers speed

THE fight to get issues on the A83 addressed is ongoing across the area.

Eight Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) have now given their backing to the campaign, as well as all Kintyre's councillors.

It is being initiated by Argyll First but is non-party political. A Facebook page and an e-petition have now been set up to try to gain as much support as possible for

the campaign.

Hard copies of the petitions can now be found in various shops in Kintyre and Mid Argyll, including *The Courier* office.

The campaign is running until the end of February and the support will be used to make representation to the Scottish Government in an effort to resolve outstanding issues of the A83.

Airbase takeover talks continue

FURTHER negotiations took place last week to discuss the last few remaining points in the Machrihanish Airbase takeover.

At a meeting of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group, David Rogers of Highlands and Islands Enterprise said in terms of Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) the

negotiations are down to the last few remaining points.

He said a meeting between representatives of the government took place to help to move the takeover forward.

However, following last week's meeting, another has been planned for early January to further discuss issues concerning the base.



Convenor of Campbeltown Community Council, Jim Martin, Councillor Rory Colville, Glenn Millar from South Kintyre Development Trust and Michael Peacock, winner of the hamper.
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Michael is lucky winner of Town Hall hamper

MICHAEL Peacock from Machrihanish was the lucky winner of the Town Hall Development Project's prize draw.

Mr Peacock was one of more than 400 people who completed a questionnaire which collected people's opinions on

what they want for the community and what is most important to them and areas in need of improvement.

The survey was carried out by the South Kintyre Development Trust as part of the Campbeltown Town Hall Development

Project and is funded by Argyll and the Islands LEADER and the Big Lottery Investing in Ideas.

More responses are still needed and people are being urged to complete the questionnaire in a bid to save the town

hall, if they have not already done so.

This can be done by logging on to www.surveymonkey.com/s/campbeltown_town_hall or by a questionnaire from the Regeneration Office at 3 Harvey's Lane, Campbeltown.

Sentence deferred

A 16-YEAR-old Islay man who broke into two cars at Kennacraig Ferry Terminal has had his sentence deferred.

James Gillies, of 21 Antrim View, Port Ellen, admitted forcing open the two vehicles parked at Kennacraig Ferry Terminal and stealing a quantity of money on August 18, 2011, which was committed whilst on bail from Airdrie Sheriff Court.

He had his sentence deferred at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week for six months until June 7, 2012.

Guilty of head-butt

A TEENAGER who head-butted a man to his severe injury has been ordered to pay £500 as compensation to his victim at the town's sheriff court last week.

Connor Miller, aged 19, of 15 Roading Cottages, Campbeltown was found guilty earlier this year of the assault on the man at Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown on January 1, 2011.

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Nine months in prison for 'vicious' attack

A 'VICIOUS' assault on a woman saw a Campbeltown man sent to prison last week.

Duncan McGeachy of 44 Smith Drive, punched the woman to the head, causing her to fall to the ground, seizing her by the hair, pulling her by the hair, repeatedly kicking her head and stamping on her body, all to her injury, at a flat on Main Street on July 12 this year.

The 54-year-old was found guilty after a trial took place on November 22.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said before sentencing to nine months imprisonment at the town sheriff court last week: 'This was a vicious assault that injured this woman.'

'I have issues about his offending background and what is in the reports.'

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Police Files

Bitten by dog:

A CHILD had to be taken to hospital after being bitten by a dog on Christmas Eve.

They were bitten on Kirk Street, Campbeltown at 8pm, but the dog, which was on a lead, and the owner could not be traced.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident.

Be considerate:

POLICE are appealing to householders to be considerate over the festive period.

Following a number of noise complaints over the Christmas period police are asking people to think about their neighbours when they have people round.

Arrested:

A MAN was arrested in Campbeltown on December 23 for an alleged domestic assault.

Tarbert arrest:

ON CHRISTMAS eve a man was arrested in Tarbert for an alleged domestic assault.

He was taken to Lochgilphead, before being transferred to Campbeltown and was due to appear at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday.

Searches:

A NUMBER of searches were carried out at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

The searches were carried out by uniformed police officers who were acting on information.

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Sue Brown, centre, who is retiring with Rhona Galbraith, left, and Morag Duff. 12_c52slim01

Slimming World's Sue retires after six years in charge

SUE Brown, the Slimming World consultant in Campbeltown, has retired after six years of helping many people lose weight.

Members need not worry as two of Sue's successful slimmers will be taking over.

Rhona Galbraith and Morag Duff have lost an amazing eight-and-a-half-stone between them while attending Sue's warm, friendly Slimming World group in Campbeltown.

'Slimming World has changed my life,' said Rhona, 'I love going into shops and having a bigger selection of clothes to choose from.'

Way of life

And Morag added: 'Slimming World has changed my life too, but I was really nervous when I first went to the group as I thought people would judge me. I couldn't have been more wrong, there was no judging or humiliation.'

Sentence deferred

A CAMPBELTOWN man who admitted possessing an illegal drug has had his sentence further deferred for him to be of good behaviour.

John Gamble, aged 37, of 2E Burnside Street previously admitted that on July 5 at Kinloch Road culpably and recklessly failing to disclose properly, prior to a search by a police constable, that he had two uncapped syringes in his possession.

He also admitted that on June 3, to assaulting a constable by butting him on the head.

He previously had his sentence deferred for good behaviour and at the town's sheriff court last week Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC deferred his sentence further until March 15, 2012.

LEADER projects

A PILOT scheme in Kintyre for Argyll Farm Woodland Collaboration was amongst the latest projects to receive LEADER funding.

The pilot scheme by the Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society was awarded £22,500.

South Argyll Rural Initiative for Kintyre Cheese, Adding Value by Improving Quality, was awarded £7,000 and the Argyll and Isles Tourism Ltd for the Argyll and Isles: Stronger Together received £54,500.

The money was awarded at the latest meeting of the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Local Action Group earlier this month when 16 projects across Argyll and the Islands received a total of £586,784.

The LEADER Programme will run until 2013 and full details of all projects are available on its website www.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk.

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Christmas celebrations at care home

Last year's festivities were overshadowed by uncertainty

KINTYRE Care Home has been celebrating the festive season in style this year.

Last year's festivities were overshadowed by the uncertainty of the running of the care home surrounding the future of Southern Cross.

But staff and residents took the opportunity to celebrate, under the management of HC-One, its new care home operator that provides care in a third of the former Southern Cross care homes.

The Christmas celebrations included visits from the Dalintober Primary children and entertainment from the

Barbershop Quartet

Kintyre Care Home's Christmas Fair raised £510, which allowed residents to celebrate with much cheer at the Christmas party with Roger Gillespie providing musical entertainment and a visit from Santa and his elf for both residents and visiting children to enjoy.

Continuity

Kintyre Care Centre provides residential care for up to 40 older people. HC-One has now been operational since November 1 and was formed to ensure the continuity of care in homes that are owned by NHP, the social care

landlord, and formerly leased to Southern Cross.

Kintyre Care Centre Manager, Hilary Forbes said: 'The festive season is the perfect opportunity for us all to come together and celebrate. It is has been wonderful to see all the residents enjoying themselves and getting into the Christmas Spirit.'

Chairman of HC-One, Dr Chai Patel CBE said: 'After the months of uncertainty that residents had to endure earlier in the year, I think the greatest gift we can give this Christmas is peace of mind and security for the future.'

£300 fine and one year ban for drink driver

DRIVING whilst drunk cost a man his licence at the town's sheriff court last week.

Duncan McLean, of 126 Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish admitted driving on the A83 near Drumore Gardens, Campbeltown whilst having 47 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath; the legal limit is 35.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court was told police officers saw the accused driving at 4.40am on October 16 and noticed a rear light was out and de-

cided to stop him.

Procurator fiscal David Glancy said the officers smelled alcohol off McLean's breath and he failed the roadside breath test.

Defence agent Christian Kane said the 50-year-old had had a few pints after work and he accepts there was no explanation other than foolishness.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC disqualified him from driving for one year and fined him £300.

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Inflated delivery charges angers many shoppers

'These costs are a burden for many people'

INFLATED delivery charges to residents of the West Highlands and Islands is prompting 'huge levels of anger' amongst Internet shoppers, according to a new survey.

Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS) interviewed 900 people across Argyll and Bute, the Western Isles, Orkney and the Highlands in compiling a new report on delivery charges.

Of those, 84 per cent said they had been refused delivery of goods because of their location, while 85 per cent have warned friends and family against using certain companies because of their excessive charges.

Further infuriating locals is the insistence of companies in using couriers other than Royal Mail, who charge one price for delivery across the entirety of the UK,

including the islands.

Feelings are running so high that CAS says it was the largest response it has received to a poll of its kind.

The organisation will now be giving evidence to regulators in Scotland and England. Campaign co-ordinator, Angela Murphy, said: 'The comments reveal huge levels of anger and some of the examples reported are really shocking.'

Excessive

'With families watching every penny at the moment, these excessive costs are a major burden for people.'

'They are very angry and want something done about it. And so do we.'

Amongst those charges reported, a customer on Lewis was asked for £55 for delivery of an item costing just £26.

Handling fees on top of inflated delivery charges

were also common, with Tesco named as one retailer who tried to charge £20 delivery and a £15 handling charge for a bicycle.

Large companies weren't the only ones at fault. Numerous respondents reported problems with retailers on eBay also, with the buyer's postcode often resulting in higher fees or being flatly denied sale.

Angela Murphy said: 'We will be reporting this evidence to the Office of Fair Trading and to trading standards, as well as to both the UK and Scottish governments.'

'We are also writing to the companies named by the respondents to ask them to change their policies in the light of this evidence. We will be naming the companies and publishing more detail of that in the New Year.'



Collection held for Parkinson funds

THE Campbeltown and Kintyre Parkinson's UK Support Group held a collection for local funds at the end of last month in the local Co-op store. A total of £178.40 was raised on the day and the group would like to thank the generous people of Campbeltown at such a busy time.

Kintyre Way re-directed through Torrisdale Castle

MORE of the Kintyre Way has been taken off the road at Saddell.

The long-distance route has been re-directed through Torrisdale Castle, with permission from the landowners, and leads onto Saddell Glen.

John Bakes told the Kintyre Initiative Working Group that this new

part of the route would fit in very well with a bunkhouse in the Saddell area.

Long and Winding Way Company Limited, which manages the route is currently looking at the possibility of changing the finish point of the route from Southend to Campbeltown.

This could work in the favour of many, encouraging walkers to stay in Southend an extra night as they complete the walk the next day rather than heading straight back to Campbeltown to go home.

The Long and Winding Way Company has also taken on producing an updated leaflet of the Kintyre Trail.

The Kintyre Trail starts off in Tarbert and takes people on a tour round the area to try and encourage more people to visit Kintyre.

Red Cross window is the winner

THE British Red Cross shop in Campbeltown was voted to have the best Christmas window display.

Out of 49 shops and businesses in the town, which took part in the second annual competition, the efforts of the ladies from the Red Cross shop paid off when they received a cheque for £100 and announced as winners.

Leaflets were produced to allow people to carry out their own tour of the different window displays, with Yorkshire Building Society voted second and Numero Dix as third place.

The Christmas Window Competition is funded by Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll and the Islands Leader and the South Kintyre Area Development Group.

Feuding neighbours should learn to get along

FEUDING neighbours in Tayinloan should learn to get along said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday.

The sheriff found a case of breach of the peace not proven against a 59-year-old woman after another middle-aged woman from the village gave evidence saying that she had been threatened.

A Police Constable told the court: 'A number of complaints have come out of Tayinloan during 2011; we have got a folder full of incidents.'

'This is nonsense, and you are just taking up time that the police could better employ,' Sheriff Anderson told the two women, 'all this playground nonsense has got to stop.'

Tesco thief gets jailed

A CAMPBELTOWN man who stole a quantity of food and alcohol was sentenced to a total of eight months in prison.

Duncan Williamson, aged 23, of 8A Shore Street admitted stealing from Tesco Store, Campbeltown on October 13 and then again on October 23.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC sentenced him to four months imprisonment for each of the offences.

Five months in prison

PAUL Richmond was sentenced to five months imprisonment last week for placing two women in a state of fear and alarm on the town's Main Street.

Richmond, aged 25, of 55A Mill Street, who appeared from custody at the town's sheriff court this week and admitted also breaching the peace and acting in a disorderly manner, on August 23.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC sentenced him to five months imprisonment, which will run alongside the current prison sentence he is serving.



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Jan Nimmo and Sheena Howarth from the British Red Cross shop collect a cheque from Susan Paterson of the South Kintyre Area Development Group and Town Centre Manager Aileen MacLennan. 21_c52red01

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Increase in funds raised for the RNLI in Campbeltown

'We continue to rely on the generosity of the public to fund the lifeboat'

by RUTH McCLEAN
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THERE has been a large increase in the amount of money raised for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) in Campbeltown this year. The amount raised from 2010 has risen by around £8,000 in 2011, from £19,763 to £27,000.

A spokesman for the RNLI said this can be at-

tributed to the increased profile of the charity in Campbeltown over the last 12 months, including a ceremony to name the new inshore lifeboat, and also the RNLI celebrated 150 years of saving lives at sea in Campbeltown.

The number of launches for the crew at Campbeltown Lifeboat has risen

from 18 in 2010 to 24 in 2011.

The lifeboat's busiest period was during May, June and July when there was 13 launches.

Launches included two false alarms, machinery failure on boats, and in August there were two male divers missing off Pladda, south of Arran, who were subsequently found by the RNLI from Arran.



The 150th anniversary celebrations for Campbeltown Lifeboat Station began in March with the naming ceremony for the new inshore lifeboat in honour of the late Alastair Greenlees. The D class lifeboat Alastair Greenlees and members of the Campbeltown lifeboat station crew.

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In July there was a report of a child on an inflatable dinghy in difficulty near Muasdale Caravan Park.

The inshore boat was launched and the child was found by a member of the public safe ashore.

In August Campbeltown's all-weather lifeboat towed a yacht with four people on board from the approaches to Campbeltown Loch.

A crewman had been struck by a boom and was unconscious.

The crew landed the man on the lifeboat pontoon and he was transferred by ambulance to hospital.

Richard Smith, the RNLI's spokesman in Scotland, said: 'The RNLI's volunteers at Campbeltown have been busy in 2011 with a variety of shouts. As always, they have been available to go out in all weathers, at all times of the day and night to come to the



A gala day and raft race in July helped to boost this year's fundraising totals for the RNLI in Campbeltown. A dance in the Victoria Hall at night rounded the celebrations off. Campbeltown Lifeboat retained the trophy for the raft race once again, left to right: Robbie Lamont, Stephen Scally, Greg Scally, Kevin McCallum, Ronald Reid and captain David Mullen.

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assistance of strangers and then return home or to their place of work to continue with their daily lives.

'We continue to rely on the generosity of the public to fund the lifeboat service and the RNLI thanks everyone in the area who have given up their time to raise money for the charity which saves lives at sea.'



Jeannie Ives and Gus Greenlees.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheden



HOGMANAY just wasn't Hogmanay without Rikki Fulton.

He just had to send his police goggles flying over his helmet to send the audience into fits of laughter.

He had a great gift of making people laugh and brought much happiness to many. Rikki also seemed to be a very nice man, and many truly mourned his passing.

Tomorrow night on the last night of yet another year, we will remember with fondness in laughter and tears, those we have loved and lost and dearly miss.

We will wait once again for 'the bells' and will revisit the past in our memories.

It is a time for reflection and for reminiscing. It is a time for company but also for solitude. It is a time of past and also of future.

In a second, this year will be gone forever to give birth to a New Year.

Some will be pleased to see the back of this year as they hope for better days in 2012. Others will have cherished memories in this year to hold in their hearts forever. Some will just want it over.

All round the world some will gather their loved ones around them and hold them tight, while others will reflect quietly alone.

At midnight tomorrow the bells will ring out the old and bring in the new; drams will be raised, toasts will be made, tears will be shed, and so the traditions will continue.

We will ask God's blessing on those we love and pray that he will guide us through yet another year.

And so on this Hogmanay, I wish all of you a year filled with promise; a year filled with love and with laughter; and a year with people to love you and care for you. And may God hold you always in the hollow of his hand.

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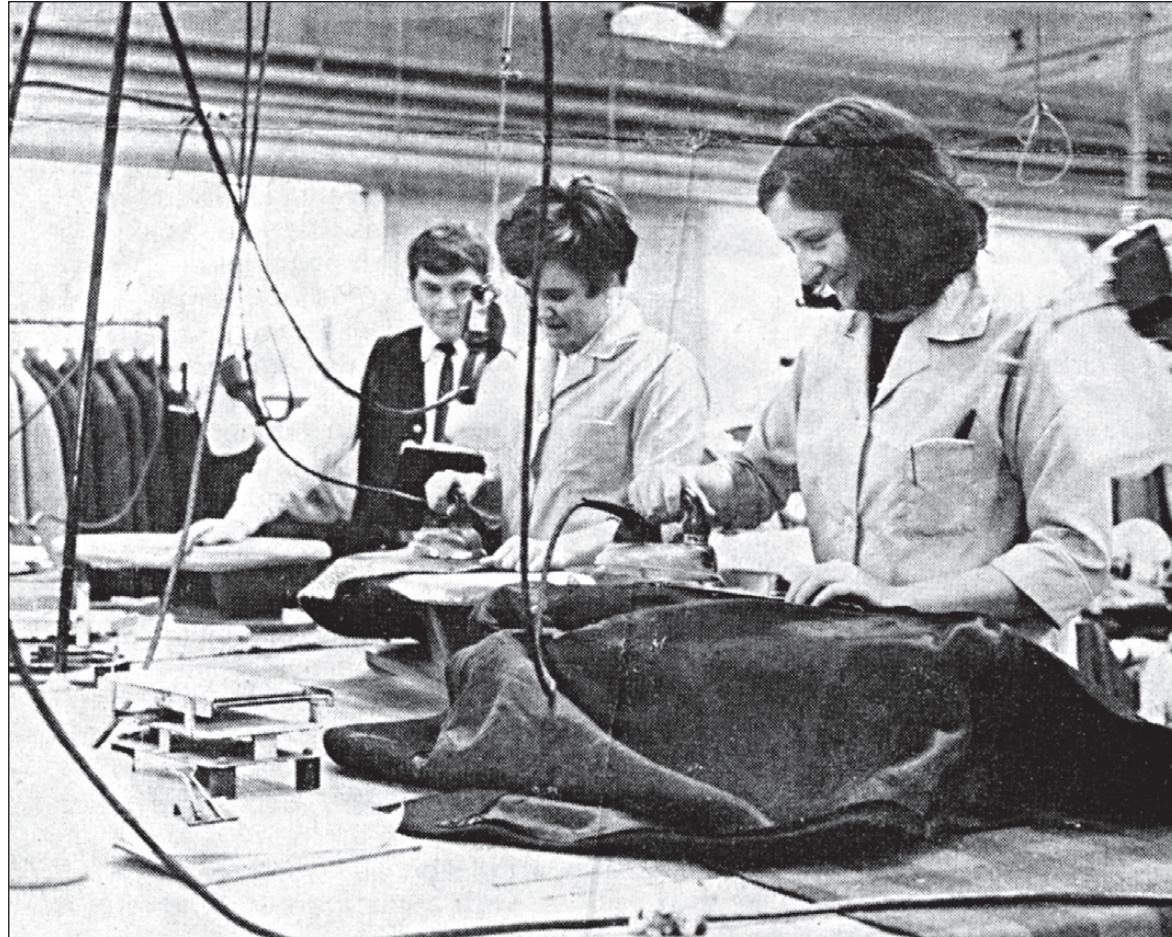
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Down Memory Lane

Ishbel McKerral of Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, sent in this photograph to *The Courier* of her younger days when working at the Andrew Douglas Ltd factory. Ishbel worked there between the ages of 19 and 23, and she thinks that this photograph was taken in 1963. It was considered to be a good job for a young woman or a working mum back then, because you would earn up to £7 a day! Ishbel is on the right of the photograph and with her is Isobel 'Ibby' Robertson and far left was Stanley Sexton, from the time and motion department. Have you memories of working at the factory when Andrew Douglas or Jaeger owned it? Please let us know!

Genesis Energy Turbine

Sir,

With regard to Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust AGM report focusing on the Genesis turbine we note that Mr David Bridge objects to the proposal which he has of course a perfect right to do but that does not facilitate his criticism of the trust negotiating with developers to ensure that if planning permission is granted this community receives the maximum benefit. Indeed the trust would be foolish if it did not take this course of action.

The Scottish Government has made clear its support for renew-

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able energy and as wind power is one of the major resources available in this area if our communities do not take advantage of this we will fail to support our young people's educational opportunities, our vulnerable services and needy residents. Tarbert and Skipness are among the few communities in Kintyre who do not currently benefit from wind renewable energy.

In the Genesis case if planning permission is granted and the project proceeds, the offer from Genesis in community

participation could be worth tens of thousands of pounds of community support in the years to come.

**Robert McPhail,
 Sonamarg,
 Tarbert.**

Scottish Ferries Review

Sir,
 The publication of the Scottish Ferries Review is welcomed but the wait has led to some elements of the information upon which it was

based becoming almost historical in nature.

I write as a resident of Islay and specifically of Port Ellen, which appears to be the only place, which is to receive a REDUCED ferry service, not because of reduced need but 'just because'.

For almost a year the pier has been closed for re-development, which is to be completed within three months - and paid for by CMAL.

Port Askaig is described as having 'an ideal geographical location for the communities

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of Islay and Jura' but I fail to see how this is so; for Port Ellen (population 1,000) it is 20 miles distant and the two ports are equidistant for the rest of Islay.

The troubled development of Port Askaig - grossly over-running both in time and budget - has been previously documented, so also the problems of the link-span, flooding, ice on the approach road, suitability of the Jura ferry ramp, the passenger gangway and the frankly numerous calamities to both boats and pier - with damage at berthing to the *Lord of the Isles*, *Hebridean Isles*, *Isle of Arran* and *Eilean Dhuira* - the latter most recently having to go to dry dock as an emergency earlier this month.

Jura has a resident population of 200. Are their needs somehow greater than the 3,500 of Islay; their single distillery more needful of transport than the eight in production on Islay? How, without increasing the working hours of the crew on the Islay-Jura ferry route, are they to take advantage of the increased sailings from Port Askaig; how are people from Port Ellen able to use as many services when extra road journeys of 40 mile round trips will be needed? Will these be paid for if going to the mainland?

Islay had been led to believe that we had a settled timetable. This bombshell of reduced services to and from Port Ellen has come without prior debate or consultation and should be removed, and if necessary a full re-evaluation of the suitability of the different ports carried out once both are fully operational.

Yours,
**Jean Knowles,
 Port Ellen,
 Isle of Islay**



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Something for the holidays

SPENDING time with friends and family is what everyone looks forward to over Christmas and New Year.

The lull between Christmas and New Year is the perfect time once all the rush is over to take time and enjoy seeing your loved ones. Whether its catching up with friends or going for a day out or a drive with family, can be just what you need to get out of the house at the busiest time of year.

No matter where you are in Mid Argyll and Kintyre there will be somewhere you and your family can go to spend time with one another.

And if you want to have some special time with your partner there is always a childcare option in your area who would help look after the kids whilst you take time out to care for number one.

Although some businesses shut down over the festive season there are still others open and raring to go to make sure you get the best service possible.

There are still many local shops that are open when the larger stores close over the festive period, and by shopping in the smaller stores help them to keep money going into the till over the quieter time.

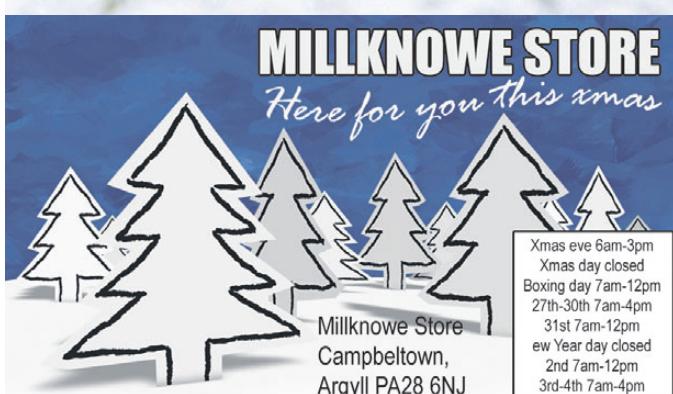
Whether you've forgotten ingredients for your favourite dish, or you simply need milk, the shopkeepers will welcome your custom.

Meeting friends for a coffee, lunch or cocktails could be exactly what you're needing to relax and catch up.

Old friends return to the area to see their families and there are plenty of places locally to go to for a bite to eat and a natter.

For the more adventurous there are activities also available across the area which you maybe normally wouldn't do at this time of year.

A family day out is maybe what you're needing, and whether it's a walk down the high street to see what's happening, or an hour's drive away there will be someone waiting to welcome you with open arms.



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Carnival ticket winners

WELL done to the following people in Mid Argyll and Kintyre who won a pair of tickets each to the Irn Bru Carnival at the Scottish Exhibition Conference Centre. They are: Andrew McMillan, Campbeltown; Sharon Ward, Campbeltown; Donald Campbell, Carradale; Tommy Millar, Drumlembie; Violet McNab, Furnace; Julie Ritchie, Campbeltown; J Nicholson, Carradale; Shona Young, Lochgilphead; Ann Smith, Dunoon and Heather MacKenzie, Ardriashaig.

Skipness family dance

TONIGHT (Friday) a family dance takes place in Skipness Village Hall.

The entertainment will be provided by Gunna Sound Ceilidh Band at 8.30pm, with a tea and raffle. Everyone welcome.

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Father Christmas delights pupils with presents

Father Christmas paid a visit to Castlehill Primary School last Tuesday afternoon to give presents to the boys and girls of primary one and two classes. 12_c52cast01



Dalintober school show raises £2,500

More than £2,500 was raised at Dalintober Primary's School Show. The theme was back to the 80s with all different age groups involved. Primary 7 are pictured during their part in the show.

Retrial collection donated to lifeboat

A CHEQUE for £425 was presented to Campbeltown RNLI last week.

The money, raised at the retrial collection for Margaret Forshaw, will be put to good use by the lifeboat.

Margaret's son, Alex, told *The Courier* his mother was always proud of her grandsons and great grandsons who were involved with the lifeboat and paid a lot of attention to what was happening with the lifeboat. He said her son-in-law was also part of it over the years and the family wanted to donate the funds from the collection to the RNLI.

Alex presented the cheque to operations manager at Campbeltown Lifeboat George Bradley and to Stephen Scally senior and sons Greg, Stephen and Mark. 21_c52life01



Noticeboard

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Daffodils in bloom!

Reader Andrew Williamson sent in these photographs to *The Courier* this week. He said every year these daffodils are in bloom before Christmas in front of the bungalow Kiaran on Lochview Road.

Clachan Primary School Christmas concert

Children from Clachan Primary School have been entertaining family, friends and their village. They took part in a Christmas concert on December 20 and performed a traditional Nativity.



Kintyre Toy Library party fun

Children from Kintyre Toy Library enjoyed their Christmas party which was held in their room at the nursery centre. All the children had a great time and enjoyed the special visit from Santa.

Marie Curie's New Year challenge

A PROGRAMME of events and challenges has been launched by Marie Curie Cancer Care to encourage people to keep their New Year's resolutions.

Whether your goal is to get fit, lose weight, meet new people or do something adventurous in 2012, Marie Curie Cancer Care is offering everyone challenges

to fulfil those common New Year's resolutions. There is everything from runs, treks, triathlons and cycles rides to help you meet your aim for 2012. Visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/challenge for more information about the various events happening across the west of Scotland you can get involved in, as well as some further afield.

GRADUATIONS



Carolyn Jean McAlpine, Craiglea, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert has graduated from the University of Strathclyde with an Msc in Human Resource Management. Carolyn is a former pupil of Tarbert Academy. She has been supported through her course by her employer Argyll and Bute Council.



Bruce Carmichael recently graduated from West Coast of Scotland University (Ayr) with a BA Degree in Broadcast Production. He also gained an HND in Sound Production at Perth College. Bruce is the son of Donald and Christina Carmichael, Tayvallich.

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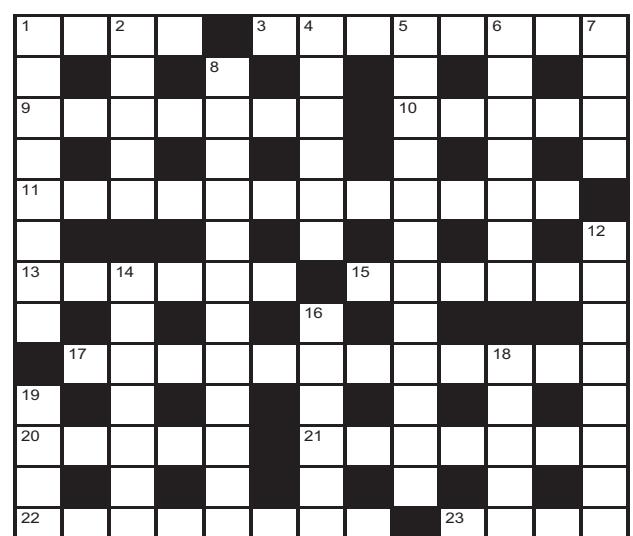
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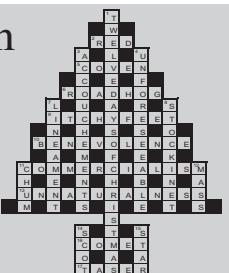
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JURA

£24,000 makeover for Jura Hall

A £240,000 makeover of Jura Hall has just been completed.

The work included the hall receiving a new eco-friendly, insulated coat, windows and doors, making it warmer and smarter.

The land next to the hall is now a car park, easing congestion in the centre of Craighouse and providing park and ride opportunities for locals and visitors alike.

It's just a minute away from the Jura Passenger Ferry jetty and well located for access to the Paps of Jura.

Jura Hall and Jura Development Trust worked together along with Jura's Growth at the Edge Local Development and Powerdown Officers to deliver the project.

The improvements to the hall have already seen an increase in use including a local production company hosting live music events, a youth club and a cinema started by Small Isles Primary Parents' Association.

The improvements to the hall mean it's easier to get to, we have more

bookings, lower heating bills and a smaller carbon footprint,' said Jura Hall treasurer Christine Fairman, 'The hall is well set for a sustainable future.'

Funding for the project came from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund, Argyll and the Islands LEADER, Jura Development Trust and the Hall's own fundraising.

DCW Limited of Helensburgh undertook the greenplating and WM Currie of Islay constructed the car park.

The car park will have a splash of colour come spring thanks to Small Isles Primary who held a sponsored daffodil plant to mark the completion, raising more than £100 for the school.

Ferry hits pier

THE JURA ferry, *Eilean Dhura*, was out of action recently after hitting the pier.

The vessel, which is run by ASP Ships Management, suffered minor damage but was off the run for a few days and replaced by the *Margaret Sinclair*.

LARGIESIDE

December meeting

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CARRADALE



Second Eco-Schools flag for Carradale

Carradale Primary has recently achieved Eco-Schools Green Flag Award status and received their second green flag.

On awarding this to the school, Eco-School Scotland said: 'Despite a falling school role, we were delighted to read that Carradale Primary has

been carrying on its environmental activities from its previous award most thoroughly, as well as having many good ideas for the future. In so doing, you have continued to involve parents, members of your local community and environmental agencies. Well done!'

ing, went to the Argyll Hotel, Bellochentuy, for its Christmas dinner.

After the adverse weather conditions of the last few weeks it was a nice change to travel in light winds and above freezing temperatures.

A very pleasant evening was had by all with a lovely meal followed by fun games organised by the Institute Secretary, Linda Hutchinson.

the Argyll Hotel in the village for their Christmas party.

After a delicious meal Elaine Hemmings thanked Libby Kerr and treasurer Susan Turner for all their work behind the scenes during the year.

Everyone received a gift from Santa and the president wished all the members a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

McAlpine told a public meeting that it would be good to get a programme of works for the B class roads in Kintyre.

'We have got all these other roads we need to address,' he said. 'It would take the pressure off if people saw works planned for some of their roads.'

Stewart Clark, head of roads and amenity services for Argyll and Bute Council said there is £75,000 of works planned for the B842.

He also said that with the budget being limited the contractors and council need to make the work as cost effective as possible.

BELLOCHANTUY

Christmas party

MEMBERS from Bellochentuy SWRI met at

KINTYRE

Roads meeting

COUNCILLOR John

SKIPNESS



SKIPNESS Primary School held its Christmas Show last week. The children performed *Jack and the Beanstalk*, the puppet show. This was followed by Christmas songs, a visit from Santa, a craft fair and teas, coffees and cakes. The children were joined by Clachan Primary School who thoroughly enjoyed the show. The craft fair raised £113 for school funds.



GIGHA Primary School held its annual pantomime and Nativity play recently in Gigha Village Hall. The children performed *Tinsel and Teatowels* and *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* to a packed audience, raising £614 for the Tenth Anniversary celebrations for the trust. They also raised £128 from the sale of Christmas cards. The parents provided an excellent buffet and there were lots of lovely raffle prizes.

KENNACRAIG

Plans approved

A PLANNING application for the erection of a house at Kennacraig has been approved.

The application is for the house to be built on land north of Kennacraig Farm.

TARBERT

£3,618 for RNLI funds

A TOTAL of £3,618 was raised in Tarbert this year towards the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Mid Argyll also raised £5,967.

ISLAY

Islay lifeboat call outs

THE number of emergency calls Islay Lifeboat has been called to has doubled over the last twelve months.

In 2010 the crew from Islay received 10 shoutouts, with 23 in 2011.

Its busiest period was in March and April when there were seven shoutouts, and launches included stranded boats, machinery failure on boats and sick crewmembers.

On March 3 the lifeboat took a diver suffering from the bends onto the lifeboat and he was airlifted by helicopter for treatment.

On March 13, the life-

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GIGHA

House to be erected

A HOUSE to be erected on the Isle of Gigha has been approved planning permission.

Argyll and Bute Council permitted the application for the erection of a house on land south west of Tarbert Farm on the island.

GIGHA

Resolve to recycle

by JOANNE SIMMS
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

IF you make only one New Year's resolution in 2012, then promise that you will waste less and recycle more.

Thanks to Kintyre Recycling, a dedicated band working away quietly in the background, far less



Jenna Campbell and Gus McEachran with bales of paper waiting for collection. 21_c46recyc11



A huge pile of the kerbside collection bags, the start of the story at Kintyre Recycling; all this would have ended up in landfill, if it wasn't for Kintyre Recycling. 21_c46recyc05



A bag full of drinks cans await crushing. 21_c46recyc08

- The service is not just for homes; commercial premises can also recycle.
- As well as paper, cardboard, cans and plastics, Kintyre Recycling now offers a new service taking bric-a-brac of pots, pans, cutlery, CDs, DVDS, computer games and 'hard' toys along with kitchen items.
- They do not collect videotapes or broken items.
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- Kintyre Recycling is sending out a calendar of collection dates for 2012; if you don't get one with your recycling bags, call at their office on Glebe Street and pick one up, or please call them on 01586 553858 or email admin.krl@btconnect.com for your copy.
- Happy recycling!

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Andy McCraig sorting cans. 21_c46recyc04



Amanda Card, general manager and Davie Conner, transport manager. 21_c46recyc09



Samuel Fee operating the security-shredding machine; this is of the additional services offered by Kintyre Recycling, where documents are disposed off under strict conditions of security. Many businesses in Kintyre use this operation. 21_c46recyc06



Plastic bottles and milk cartons, sorted, flattened and baled. This consistent, quality sorting brings in the highest prices for Kintyre Recycling and it has no problems finding buyers for its sorted waste. 21_c46recyc07



Peter Lang driving the forklift, with a bag of paper heading for the baler. 21_c46recyc10



William Clements and Mary Blackman who work for Argyll Supported Employment and Training (ASET), which supports the vulnerable adults who work at Kintyre Recycling. 21_c46recyc02

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Kintyre

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Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd January

The civic amenity site at the Roading Cambeltown will be closed 1st and 2nd January.

All other refuse collection days at this time will be as normal.

REFUSE COLLECTION CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PERIOD

Mid Argyll

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• No paper/card collection on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd January. This applies to route 1 and 2 only.

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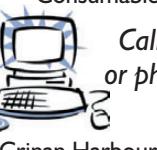
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DEATHS

ANNAN - On December 26, 2011, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, John Campbell Annan, in his 82nd year, beloved husband of Agnes Gillies, much loved Dad of Fiona and the late Sheila, dearly loved Pa of Louise, Megan and Camille. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Friday January 6, at 11am, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers or collection if desired for Mid Argyll Stroke Club.

CLELAND - Isobel MacQueen. Peacefully on December 23, 2011, aged 49 years, in Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban. Dearly loved mother of Alexander, beloved daughter of Marion and the late Walter, dearest sister of Susan and sister-in-law of Phil, dear aunt of Robert, Michael and David. A much loved niece, cousin and friend. Funeral service will be held in Clachan Parish Church on Tuesday January 3, 2012, at 1pm, thereafter to Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on Wednesday January 4, 2012 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to MS Society and MacMillan Nurses. "Everyday courage has few witnesses, but yours is no less noble because no drum beats for you and no crowd shouts your name".

IRVINE - On December 23, 2011, suddenly, but peacefully at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, Lorna, aged 53 years, beloved partner of Robert, much loved mum of Caprice and dearly loved granny of Peyton. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on December 29, interment thereafter at Glen Shira Cemetery.

KRAUSE - Passed away peacefully in her sleep, with her son by her side, on December 21, 2011 in Pensacola, Florida. Irene McIntyre Stewart, daughter of Renee, beloved wife of Don, much loved mother of Dale, mother in law of Doreen, a proud grandmother of Derrin and Kyra, much loved sister of Ian and the late Keith and much loved aunt, sister in law and friend.

MCDONALD - On December 26, 2011, peacefully at home, William (Willie) McDonald, in his 85th year, beloved husband of May Campbell, much loved father of Marie, Donald and Campbell, a dearly loved papa and great papa. Funeral service at A'Chleit Church, on Saturday, December 31 at 1pm, interment thereafter

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REID - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital on December 21, 2011, Catherine McDiarmid Wilson, in her 82nd year, Ashgrove, Ardnacraig Avenue, formerly of Calliburn Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie Reid, much loved mother of Jimmy and Marjory and a loving granny of Keith, Bruce, Calum and Megan.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MCALPINE - The family of the late Duncan would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their support and sympathy following their recent sad loss of their dad. Many thanks to Tarbert Medical Centre, a huge thank you to all the carers involved in Duncan's care over the last few years and to Pat his homehelp. Matthew Ramsay and Rev. Bryson for a comforting service. Also for all who attended the church and graveside. Fiona would like to thank Nicola for her much appreciated support at the time of her dad's passing, Stan Lupton for his guidance and professional services, Tarbert Hotel for fine purvey. Collection for Fisherman's Mission raised £445.

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Yacht race changes welcomed

More boats expected to berth in Tarbert

SKIPPERS attending this year's Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series may choose to berth outside of the host bay of Tarbert following changes to the 2012 competition.

Organiser Clyde Cruising Club (CCC) has announced a reduced entry fee for yachts entering the 2012 event, an annual stimulus for the local economy.

A large fleet of yachts is expected to visit Tarbert over the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend from June 1 to 4.

The new entry fee will not include berthing, as yachts can choose if they want to berth at Tarbert or elsewhere.

However, rather than reducing the number of crews in the Argyll village, organisers believe the reduced charges should bring more boats to Tarbert.

Competitors should expect to see a number of changes to the Brewin Dolphin Scot-



Boats line up for the final day of racing in the 2011 Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series.

tish Series 2012 event, with CCC providing a refreshed offering on the water and shore side. All competitors berthing in Tarbert will be based on the north shore for the

first time, concentrating all competitors in the one location, creating a festival atmosphere for all attending.

Commenting on this change, John Watson,

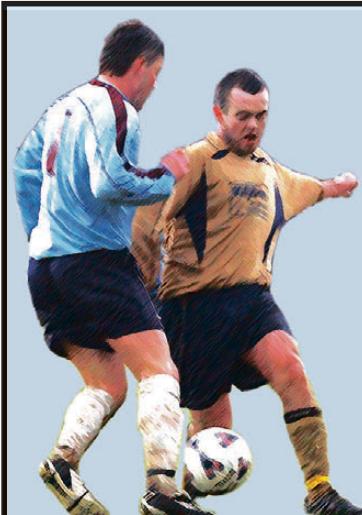
Commodore of Clyde Cruising Club said: 'Skippers will be given free reign over where they wish to berth throughout the series.'

'Of course, we would

encourage yachts to continue to berth at Tarbert, as following competitor feedback we are refreshing the shore side entertainment, meaning everything will be based

on the north shore at Tarbert, by the berthing bays.

'We are very excited about what is in store for the 2012 Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series.'



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Tribute to Jim Lay at Oban basketball competition

CAMPBELTOWN'S Jim Lay was remembered by a fitting tribute and minute's applause at the Argyll and Bute basketball challenge last week.

Secondary school pupils from across the area enjoyed the tournament, which began with the tribute to Jim, who was the principal teacher of PE at Oban High School when he died.

The event was organised by Active Schools to give pupils who have worked hard at their after school clubs throughout the year an opportunity to enjoy a full day of competition.

Oban High School won the boys' junior and senior final, with Tobermory High School winning the girls' junior and senior round robin competition.

Recent golf results from Dunaverty

DUNAVERTY Golf Club has held various competitions over the last few weeks for its members, results as follows.

November Medal played on November 26: handicap 1 S Watson 76-7=69, 2 R Coffield 87-17=70, 3 A Arkell 89-18=71; scratch 1 S Watson 76, 2 R Millar 82, 3 R Coffield 87.

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Christmas Competition played Christmas Eve: handicap 1 R Millar 77-10=67, 2 R Coffield 85-17=68, 3 D Irwin 80-7=73; scratch 1 R Millar 77, 2 D Irwin 80, 3 S Watson 82.

Sport in Argyll and Bute looks forward to 2012

'We want people to be more pro-active by shouting about what they do in sport locally'

DESPITE joining other council departments in having its budget cut in 2011, sport in Argyll and Bute should look forward to 2012 – the year of the London Olympics – with renewed hope and vision, according to community sport lead manager Willie Young.

Much of this optimism comes from the projected attendance figures for this year's Coaching Champions event in February, when more than 500 coaches – both budding and experienced – can sign up to any of the 56 different courses on offer.

Around 25 per cent of those attending Coaching Champions are from outside Argyll and Bute.

'Sports development is the biggest area of our work in community sport,' said Willie. 'For our Coaching Champions event we are expecting more than 500 people to attend.'

'Our first set of coaches have come through stage one and will be qualified at level two in September 2012. Our JogScotland groups, which are run by volunteers, are growing all the time.'

'Meanwhile, triathlons seems to be growing arms and legs; there is an established club in Lochgilphead and the makings of one in Oban.'

Such is the success of



Willie Young with Scotland football manager Craig Levein.

Coaching Champions, now in its fifth year, that it has been awarded the 'Inspire Mark' by organisers of the London 2012 Olympic Games, the only sports coaching course in Scotland to receive the honour, which indicates the highest quality in sport.

So what are the sports to watch out for in 2012 in Argyll? According to Willie, a focus of the council will be on gymnastics, while triathlon has 'grown arms and legs'.

Identify

'There is no gymnastics in Argyll and Bute, so we have been working with Gymnastics Scotland to identify staff who can go through the two-year coaching course.'

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'The Craggy Island Triathlon on Kerrera was a phenomenally successful event and there is a new event in Tighnabruaich and one planned for next year in Campbeltown.'

'This is why our coaching event is so diverse. We did table tennis two years ago and it is really taking off. Sometimes you get a wee inkling for a particular sport and you try to give it the potential to grow.'

On the leisure services front, the big project for the council is the all-weather football pitch for Campbeltown, which should be ready by June, if work goes ahead in February, as planned.

The £1m project, to be built in partnership with SportScotland, will be constructed beside Aqualibrium and means all Argyll's main towns will have all-weather pitches.

However, charges for these pitches will be reviewed in 2012, in a bid to 'maximise income' from the facilities. This is likely to mean a rise in charges for most facilities.

But asked how he would spend a hypothetically increased budget, Willie replied: 'Better communication. There is lots going on in Argyll and Bute but not everybody knows about it.'

'We want people to be more pro-active by shouting about what they do in sport locally.'

'It can be difficult for anyone moving into the area, or people who want to get back into sport need, to know what is out there for them.'



Slog in the Sand

MORE than 50 people from across the area braved the chilling wind and rain to take part in the second annual Slog in the Sand.

Organised by Campbeltown Running Club, the event is open to all runners, with many travelling down from Mid Argyll for the occasion.

Last year's winner Gary Turner was pipped to the post by Kenny Campbell this year, followed by Craig Metcalf in third.

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Kenny Campbell makes a sprint home to the finish line after the gruelling 10k run.

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Some members of Campbeltown Running Club were waiting at the finish line to record scores.

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For full results, times and report see Camp-

beltown Running Club's website.

Ballycastle to Kintyre swim

NEXT summer a man is hoping to become the first person to successfully swim between the Ballycastle coastline in Ireland and Kintyre.

South African Wayne Soutter believes he can be the first to complete the challenge, which has seen many endurance swimmers being unsuccessful in the past.

The 42-year-old hopes not only to achieve this personal goal but to raise funds to help the vital work of the Community Rescue Service (CRS) in Ireland.

The dad of two, who heads up a computer software company, now lives in London and has already begun training.

'No one has ever completed this 10.5 miles swim and many would say it simply can't be done. I would love to be the one to break this mind-set and at the same

planned for some time in July, August or September when the jellyfish population should be sparse and the seas calmer.

'For me it's the challenge of swimming a stretch of water that no one else has managed to swim as far as we are aware. To me that is a record-breaker. The fact that the Straits of Moyle are among the most dangerous waters on the planet is an added plus,' he said.

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