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# Fishing boat crew arrested

## Over the weekend damage was done to the vessel due to the high winds

THREE crewmen of an Irish fishing vessel which went hard aground outside Campbeltown Loch early last Friday morning have been arrested.

The local harbour authority is continuing to monitor *the Argent*, after it hit rocks at Macringan's Point, at the mouth of Campbeltown Loch.

A mayday call was received by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency last Friday at 2.45am and Campbeltown Lifeboat launched to its aid.

### Lifeboat

The four crewmen from the boat were taken safely ashore by the lifeboat.

The Irish fishing boat is being monitored twice a day by the harbour authority and the fuel was taken from the boat to reduce the potential pollution.

Over the weekend damage was caused to the vessel due to the high winds, but

the authority now needs to decide when it will be removed from the rocks.

Inspector Tom Harper of Campbeltown Police Station confirmed three men had been arrested and reports will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

'Three men, aged 38, 46 and 53, were arrested in connection with alleged offence under the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 in relation to their fitness to operate the vessel,' said Inspector Harper.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman said its staff were on scene early on Friday morning.

'They have been liaising closely with the other agencies involved to ensure that any risks to the environment or the safe operation of the harbour are minimised and addressed as quickly as possible,' said the spokeswoman.



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**Jail for breaking friend's jaw**

A CAMPBELTOWN man who was unanimously found guilty by a jury of breaking his friend's jaw has been jailed for 30 months.

George McAllister, of 21 John Street, was found guilty of assault to severe injury on January 15, 2012 at his address. The offence was committed whilst on bail.

The 31-year-old attacked his friend after catching the man kissing his girlfriend.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said he was 'of a high risk of re-offending' and of 'repercussions within the community'.

**Man admits carrying scissors**

A CARRADALE man admitted carrying scissors in a public place without reasonable excuse when he appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Police found the scissors in 38 year-old Michael Gruber's backpack after spotting him 'considerably under the influence of alcohol' in Campbeltown.

Gruber, of 21 Tormhor, will return to the court next month for sentencing.



The children who won prizes in the road safety calendar competition at Castlehill Primary School with members of KCPP. 20\_c51road01

**Road safety calendar competition**

THIS year's winner of Argyll and Bute Council's road safety calendar competition is primary two pupil Morgan Reid.

Local children are asked to design posters every year, with the overall winner receiving a £50 voucher and a trophy for their school.

Morgan of Castlehill Primary School will have her picture featured at the top of the calendar, which is sponsored by the Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel (KCPP). Eva MacDonald, MBE, from KCPP, presented Morgan, and nine

other prizewinners from her school, with her vouchers and certificate. The Road Safety Unit received more than 1,300 entries from 46 schools in the region.

The prizewinners at Castlehill Primary School are as follows: 1st overall in Primary 3: Chloe MacKinlay, 2nd overall in Primary 1: Jamie Graham, 3rd overall in Primary 2: Calum Scott. Highly commended: Alice McKendrick P1, Aidan Brodie P1, Jodie Dalziel P2, Erin Binnie P3, David Love P3, David Wong P4.

**£500 fine for throwing glass**

A 26-YEAR-old man has been fined £500 after admitting throwing a glass at a framed picture in Tarbert hotel.

Appearing at the town's Sheriff Court, Christopher Corkindale of 27

Lochend Street, Campbeltown, admitted the causing the damage, smashing a plant pot and committing a breach of the peace at the hotel on October 1.

He further admitted

a driving a car on the same day without permission from the owner.

As well as fining Corkindale, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC added six penalty points to any future driving license.

**Campbeltown needs to 'rise to the occasion'**

Three-day-a-week ferry service from the Ayrshire coast to be piloted from this summer

by RUTH McCLEAN  
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WITH a ferry service and weekend air service is to be piloted, Campbeltown now needs to come together and 'rise to the occasion'.

As revealed in the Scottish Final Ferries Plan published last week, Campbeltown is to get a three-day-a-week ferry service from the Ayrshire coast via Brodick to the town piloted from this summer.

**Piloted**

A weekend air service from Campbeltown to Glasgow, which has been pushed for in Kintyre for a long time, is also to be piloted.

'Overall this is a good thing for Campbeltown,' said convenor of Campbeltown Community Council, Andrew Hemmings. 'What needs to happen now is that Campbeltown rises

to the occasion and be ready for visitors.'

The plans will be taken forward and the finer details finalised for the air service when the Public Service Obligation (PSO) is renewed in the spring for Loganair.

A business case is also to be developed between the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council to consider adopting the A83 into the trunk road network between Campbeltown and Kennacraig.

Councillor Donald Kelly said Argyll First has been the catalyst for potentially getting the A83 adopted.

He said that he doesn't think a ferry service via Brodick is really what the peninsula is looking for and it will be down to cost if the service is to be successful.

Councillor John Semple welcomed the proposals and said: 'These add significantly to a key objective of mine, to make Argyll and Bute better connected to the rest of Scotland. 'Alternatives to the A83 will be welcome when improvement works start so I hope we can market this route widely as such for the tourist season next year.'

**Maximise**

Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group, said the local community now needs to work together to maximise the benefit to the whole area.

'In the meantime the council needs to bring sections of the A83 up to standard, the potential for adopting the road is not an excuse for the council not to address the issues with the A83,' he said.

**Final Ferries Plan reveals Gigha ferry will be berthed in Ardminish Bay**

IN FUTURE, the Gigha ferry will be berthed at the ferry slip at Ardminish Bay.

This was revealed in the Scottish Government's Final Ferries Plan released last week.

The ferry is currently stationed on the south point of the island, but if the current port can be improved, the government hopes to keep the ferry docked at Ardminish, which is nearer the middle of the island, to 'improve the operational time of the vessel'.

This would save time moving the ferry to its starting point.

The island has also been involved in a pilot scheme for the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) since October. This involves setting ferry fares on the basis of the cost of travelling the same distance by road.

According to Willie McSporran, chairman of the Gigha Community

Council, the islanders are seeing little benefit and see the revised tariff as being mainly for tourists.

He said: 'It is to the advantage of people coming to the island, not to the islanders.'

**Little information**

He added he was not aware of any great problems with the ferry service, but feels the islanders were given very little information in advance and despite being told fares would not go up, they have not gone down either.

'They could advise people in advance what is happening,' he said. 'They said if the fares go up it will not happen. They haven't come down anyway.'

Any difference in tourist numbers due to the lower fares will not be known until summer. 'We haven't lost anything but we haven't gained either,' explained Willie.

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### Guilty of firing air rifle in caravan park

A 19-YEAR-old man has been found guilty of firing an air rifle in a caravan park in Southend in the middle of the night.

Frazer Shaw, of 17 Castlepark, Campbeltown denied discharging a firearm at Kilmashenachan Caravan Park risking injury to the others.

The procurator fiscal told Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Wednesday Shaw had been seen taking out an air rifle on August 4.

He had then been spotted firing the rifle three times before putting it back in his car.

Defence agent, Sandy Mitchell, said Shaw had been firing at an empty beer keg, away from the caravans where he believed there was no risk of injury to others.

Sentencing was deferred for reports until January.

### Pellet lodged in Islay man's leg

AN ISLAY man had a pellet permanently lodged in his shin after a friend shot him in the leg.

Andrew Stevenson, 18, of 11 Charlotte Street, Port Ellen, was found guilty of assaulting the man and causing serious injury after shooting him with an air rifle at Bay View, Port Ellen, in September 14 this year.

Sentence on Stevenson was deferred until January for reports.

### Development plan consultation

A THREE-month public consultation on the proposed Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan (LDP) will start in January.

The plan provides a clear vision of how Argyll and Bute's land will be used over the next 10 years in response to the key challenges facing our area such as population loss and climate change.

The focus of the plan is on creating sustainable jobs and realising new investment opportunities.

# Renewed hope for better mobile phone coverage

by PAMELA PATERSON  
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THERE are renewed hopes the Southend area will eventually receive good mobile phone coverage.

At the Kintyre Initiative Working Group meeting held on Friday, members were told Vodafone believed upgrading the mast at Southend would do little to improve coverage.

The company say the very small improvement to the coverage would not justify the cost needed to upgrade it and so would look at other options.

Despite this, the UK government is in the process of appointing a supplier as part of their mobile infrastructure

project. £150 million has been set aside for this purpose. Their aim is to give coverage to as many 'not spots', places without mobile coverage, as possible.

The government was hoping to have a company appointed by the end of the year but this has been postponed until the spring, with no official reason given.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute said it was hoped the supplier would liaise with local councils to identify where extra coverage is needed in the New Year. 'The Southend area is an obvious place,' he said, adding: 'I see it as a priority.'



## New minister for Kintyre churches

AFTER being without a minister for a period of time, churches in the area welcomed Reverend Steven Fulcher.

He was inducted into the new charge of Saddell and Carradale linked with Southend.

Along with the new linkage, the members of presbytery also produced a first, perhaps a sign of the times, as for the first time it was two church elders and an auxiliary minister who were officiating.

Moderator Donald MacKinnon of Kilmore and Oban, Rev Catriona Hood, auxiliary minister and Ian Maclagan of

United Church of Bute carried out the ceremony.

Southend Church had been vacant since June 2009 and Carradale since May 2011.

Rev Fulcher and his wife Chris, who was also recently ordained as a minister, will stay in the manse at Southend. The service was followed by a social and presentations at St Blaas's Hall.

Left to right: Donald MacKinnon, moderator; Rev Steve Fulcher; Ian Maclagan, presbytery Clerk and Rev Catriona Hood, auxiliary minister. Inset: Rev Steve Fulcher and his wife Chris.

### Drink driver fined and banned

AFTER trying to reverse out of a car park while over double the drink driving limit, a man has been given a two-year driving ban.

David McDowall of Craimill, Peninver admitted trying to reverse his car out of the Royal Hotel's car park onto Main Street on December 9 whilst having 77mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath; the legal limit is 35mg.

Police had to smash a window to get the 33-year-old to stop his car.

His defence agent, Christian Kane, said McDowall was 'thoroughly ashamed' of his behaviour and was 'thankful the police came across him'.

He was disqualified from driving for two years and received a £500 fine.

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Campbeltown Grammar School's 6th years who have worked together to make Christmas hampers for vulnerable people in the community. 08\_c52grammar03

## Sixth year Christmas Hampers

SIXTH years in the school have also been very busy putting together Christmas hampers.

These will go across the Kintyre area, to Southend, Carradale, Tayinloan and Gigha to people who have

been suggested as being vulnerable in the area. The money for the hampers was all raised by the sixth years by putting on coffee mornings, a school dance, first year activities and a non-uniform day.

# Christmas events at the grammar school

IT HAS been a busy time at Campbeltown Grammar School, with plenty of festive events taking place in the run up to the school holidays.



Nicky Brown and Janice McShannon from the Co-operative, Campbeltown handing over their cheque to Ronan Cooper, Liam Macallum, Alice Morton and Jo Chinn. 08\_c52grammar01



Alice Morton, Jo Chinn, Liam Macallum and Ronan Cooper with some of the presents bought by the Co-op. 08\_c52grammar02

## Learning support holds annual fete

The learning support department held its annual fete, with teas, coffees, cakes and biscuits available for visitors, as well as decorations and plants to buy.

### Helped out

Pupils helped out at the event, becoming waiters and waitresses for the

day, as well as being involved in making many of the items for sale.

### Cheque

Employees from the Co-operative in Campbeltown came to visit the fete and presented a cheque for £700, which will go towards funding for the learning support

department, paying for trips and equipment.

The Co-operative ladies had also gone on a shopping spree and bought a number of items, such as pens, craft kits and books. They also donated a Christmas cake made by Jane Campbell.

'We want to use the money for things we don't get paid for by the council,' said Mrs Walker, principal learning support teacher.

### Treats

She added: 'We do fundraise as well on our own and use it to buy treats and extra things.'

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## Home economics department have been busy in the kitchen

IN THE home economics department, pupils and teachers alike have been busy in the kitchen baking Christmas cakes.

The annual cake-baking event had even more people involved this year, as Alison Woodrow, principal teacher for home economics, decided to run evening classes so pupils who are unable to study home economics and staff were able to learn how to bake.

'The S5 and S6 do



Charles Henderson, Graham McConnachie, Gayle Mathieson and Gregor Semple surrounded by Christmas cakes in the home economics department. 08\_c52grammar04

cake baking as part of their national hospitality course,' she explained: 'Pupils who couldn't do hospitality came after

school and we had quite a few staff as well.'

As many boys as girls got involved in creating their festive cake crea-

tions, while several staff have said how much fun they had learning and how they hope to do it again next year.



The Christmas cakes were a real show of skill and creativity. 08\_c52grammar07



Animals featured on several of the cakes. 08\_c52grammar06



One of the many Christmas cakes made by pupils and staff at the school. 08\_c52grammar05



ANYA Griffiths, Hannah Millar and Finn McCallum, left to right, were Mary, the Red Robin and Joseph in Campbeltown Nursery's nativity play *The Red Robin* on Monday. 20\_c51nursery01

### Drink driver fined and banned

A MAN'S behaviour, described as 'pretty spectacular', landed him a three year and three month driving ban.

Malcolm Rennie of High Ballevain Cottage, Kilkenzie, admitted driving drunk, shouting and swearing at police and refusing to give a breath test, all of which took place on November 11. Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the town's sheriff court last Wednesday that a member of staff had seen Rennie driving away from Putechan Hotel after drinking.

Rennie's car was spotted in a ditch on the A83, and he was found in the back of a friend's car.

Police asked him to provide a breath sample, which he refused, and then swore at them.

Defence agent, Christian Kane, said Rennie had been 'well and truly drunk' and he accepted his behaviour was unacceptable.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said Rennie's behaviour had been 'pretty spectacular' and also fined him £680.

# Kilkerran playpark is one step closer

A NEW play park for Campbeltown is one step closer to reality as the group behind the plans has been granted European funding.

#### Approved

The Kilkerran Play Park group, which has been hard at work fundraising in the last few months, has been approved around £41,000 from LEADER.

This must be match-funded by the group, who have so far managed to raise most of this, with £26,000 from Argyll and Bute Council, as well as money from the Rotary Club of Campbeltown, the Campbeltown Common Good Fund, Inspiralba and a number of businesses have also given cash support.

The play park is to be built at Jock's Boat on Kilkerran Green, and will be in place of the current park at Kilkerran Road which is in a dilapidated state.

Ailsa Clark, who is part of the group, said they are now looking to get the remaining funding in place and get a preferred contractor finalised.

'We want to get work started in the spring, and hopefully the play park will be ready for the summer,' said Ailsa.

#### Fundraising

The fundraising group continued their efforts at the weekend as they took Santa and his sleigh around Campbeltown, singing carols on the way to the delight of locals.

### Christmas food hamper for Jessie

A LUCKY lady from Campbeltown picked up a food hamper as part of a local housing association's annual member's prize draw.

Jessie MacPhail, who is a life member of Argyll Community Housing Association, won the Mid Argyll and Kintyre prize in the draw.

## Michael Russell launches Apple app

AN ARGYLL and Bute MSP is the first member of the Scottish Parliament to launch an application for Apple devices.

Michael Russell's aim is to keep constituents up to date on a variety of information, including his work in the constituency.

There will also be local, national news and weather updates as well as jobs in Argyll and Bute.

'This is a novel new approach to both keeping

constituents up to date and to ensure that I can be as accessible as possible,' commented Mr Russell.

#### New content

He added he hoped to add new content to the app regularly and is certain along with the website, social media presence and monthly newsletter it will be a useful source for constituents.

The mobile version will be available in the app stores before Christmas and is free.

## Kintyre Way crossing to be improved

MONEY has been set aside to improve the Kintyre Way crossing point on the A83 just south of Tayinloan.

Argyll and Bute Council has earmarked £3,000, which will be used to improve visibility for motorists and pedestrians.

The roadside hedge will be removed and road signs improved.

The work will be carried out in February.

### New coast and countryside trust

A TRUST helping to deliver projects which will benefit local communities in Argyll and the Isles is to be set up.

The Argyll and Isles Coast and Countryside Trust will develop and promote outdoor physical access works, and look after small-scale environmental improvements and biodiversity projects.

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



According to Money Supermarket 10 per cent of people estimate that they will still be paying for their 2011 Christmas bills well into 2013.

I wonder what the total will be by now.

The cost of Christmas has gone crazy and we are all sucked into the trap of trying to think of what to buy for people who really don't need anything.

Naturally we all want to give to those we love, and it would not be in keeping with the spirit of season to ignore this aspect of Christmas.

However, I wonder if we really need to spend so much.

Internet shopping takes on a whole new concept at this time and our wee local shops which serve us so well here, find it hard to be competitive as the big stores roll out their bargains.

Gifts can come in many different guises and are not always wrapped in fancy paper.

Some of the best gifts we have received this year have been the gifts of friendship, the gifts of welcome, the joy of a meal shared, the promise of time with friends and many small acts of kindness.

We also received the gift of consideration, as one friend spent a morning chopping logs that will keep us warm throughout this winter and probably the next.

These are the gifts that last and cost something of the giver in a way that reflects the true spirit of Christmas.

As we will now be bombarded with all the hype of the January sales, I think I will turn the TV off, sit by my cosy fire with the logs burning and reflect on the gifts that came wrapped in friendship.

I will think too of God's gift that came wrapped, not in fancy paper, but in swaddling bands.

There will be no charge on your credit card for this gift.



Geoff Supple during Easter 2012 walking the West Highland Way for Marie Curie Cancer Care Charity. Inset: Early 1960's Vulcan Bomber, which used Machrihanish as a Cold War Dispersal Airfield.

## Down Memory Lane

DURING his first visit to RAF Machrihanish in the early 1960s as a teenager, working as an aircraft technician on a Vulcan Bomber, Geoff Supple, recalls his time whilst waiting for transport back to Lincolnshire.

Geoff, who stays in Retford, contacted *The Courier* to trigger the memories of others who were in the town at this time.

On this day, and during a wander through Campbeltown, Geoff and his colleagues, stopped for lunch, when they met up with a local lad, who Geoff recalls as being around 19 too.

### Dance night

They went to his Aunt's café on the seafront, and during conversation they spoke about a dance night back at their base in Lincolnshire.

'Suddenly an irate detachment commander appeared in the cafe and informed us that the Transport Command Argosy was landing earlier than expected and we were to get into the Landrover and back to base,' explained Geoff.

'In amongst all the hubbub I suggested to Jock, as we called him, that he come back with us to Lincolnshire and

come to our dance on base.'

Before long Jock was kitted out with an anorak a beret and a tool bag and was standing waiting for the Argosy to taxi in and pick them up.

'The giveaway was his shoes which were Italian style with buckles as opposed to heavy boots which we all wore,' said Geoff. 'Nobody in authority seemed to notice though.'

Jock confessed that to the lads he had never been away from Scotland before let alone fly in an aircraft.

They had not been sussed out when they arrived back to RAF Waddington, where he stayed the night.

'Next came the problem of getting him back to Scotland,' said Geoff.

'He told me that if he could get to Glasgow by 3pm there was a bus down the Mull of Kintyre which would get him back to Campbeltown.

'A mere 416 miles to do in 1963, it would take more than the hour and a bit it took to get to England.'

The next morning they began thumbing a lift back to Scotland for Jock.

'So maybe after 50 years I've got away with it - somewhere in Campbeltown a guy exists who told this story to his girlfriend when he didn't show up for their date on the Thursday evening. I'll bet he had some difficulty convincing her, his mum and everyone of his epic adventure.'

## Letters to the Editor

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### Kintyre local hub project

Sir,  
I would like to provide a follow-up to the recent article about the Kintyre local hub project I am hoping to get up and running.

We aim to create a

'feel-good' and 'can-do' atmosphere by providing a permanent display and market place for local goods, skills and talent, accessing relevant training and providing a meeting and entertainment venue, celebrating our wealth of artistic and cultural resources.

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## Hopefully Kintyre will be put on the map

THE next two summers will be crucial for the economy in Kintyre and at long last the chances of getting a ferry to the mainland permanently are a step closer.

It is great to see the government finally recognising the remoteness of Kintyre.

One must congratulate and thank all the organisations and individuals who took the time to make representation to the government to get the ferry, weekend air service and also to get the A83 adopted into the trunk network.

Hopefully now Kintyre will be put on the map and make it easier for tourists to get to, and once again the peninsula will be thriving.

With a strong emphasis on local food produce and environmentally friendly products, affordability, variety, quality and value for money are high priorities. Why import potatoes and carrots when they can be grown here?

I would like to propose some ways to kick-start it: a Kintyre's Got Talent Competition; a celebratory quilt depicting Kintyre's history and culture, perhaps to hang in the refurbished town hall or proposed art's centre; or an introduction to permaculture course.

Permaculture is a new movement centring on health, caring for others and caring for our planet.

If we embrace these concepts as a community, we could do a lot towards easing the effects of global warming, through developing local produce and new sustainable job opportunities, so that our young people can have a more fulfilled and prosperous future here.

This is a project that will centre on people and give us 'people power'.

If adequately supported it could improve our quality of life, especially for youngsters and for the less well off, and

promote tourism in the area.

If you would like to participate in or help organise any of the above events, or offer premises, support or comments, please contact me.

**Susan Maxwell,**  
Campbeltown,  
01586 551282.

### Councillor congratulates

Sir,  
I would like to congratulate the boards of The Long and Winding Way company and the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust in their success in applications to the Coastal Communities Fund.

This is a great boost to organisations who have taken on enormously significant projects which add to the quality of life and tourism offer here in Kintyre, their work is much appreciated and valued.

I would also like to thank Ruth McClean, senior reporter at *The Campbeltown Courier*, who is moving on to pastures new, for her good nature and tact, and with your permission, I would also like to thank my constituents in South Kintyre.

I have not been as visible in the constituency since the elections in May as I would have liked to be, my new position in the council takes me away a lot, but hopefully the work I am doing in that role is starting to make a significant difference for you. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**John Semple,**  
Depute leader - Argyll and Bute Council.

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# The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust - Surf Award 2012

THE progress and success of the housing improvement programme on Gigha has wowed judges in a national award.

The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust can add another accolade to its ever-growing belt, as it picked up a SURF Award in the infrastructure and regeneration category.

The awards, organised by Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network, gave particular emphasis to the island's housing improvement programme, which includes the redevelopment of 26 properties in the last 10 years.

In 2002 a community buyout took place of the island, and the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust was formed.

In March the community celebrated the tenth anniversary since the buyout, which was prompted by the risk of a sale to another party, resulting in the population being evicted and the need to address a lack of investment over the years.

'When visiting our island the judges were impressed by all of our achievements, however were particularly overwhelmed by the progress and success of our housing improvement programme,' said Audrey Dickie of Gigha Heritage Trust.

The judges were impressed by the community led nature of the regeneration of Gigha.

A report from SURF said it was clear that the community's approach was highly successful in optimizing the community regeneration benefits out of the investments in island infrastructure.

The trust has overseen an expansion of the population to more than 150, a 50 per cent increase, and the schools roll to 19, more than 200 per cent.



Elaine Shaw, chairwoman of Gigha Heritage Trust with Derek Mackay MSP with the award.

'The judges found the final decision of choosing a winner in the Infrastructure and Regeneration category difficult. However, the community's sheer determination and enthusiasm in taking control of their own fate led to their selecting the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust as the 2012 SURF Award category winner,' said a spokesman for SURF.



A house undergoing renovation on Gigha. In the last 10 years a total of 26 properties have been redeveloped by Gigha Heritage Trust.



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# New app for photographs

TO GET the Year of Natural Scotland 2013 get off to a flying start a new application has been launched to allow people to upload their photographs.

By the end of the year, it is hoped it will become a snapshot of how the area worked, played and an overview of the places visited.

Launched by Argyll and Isles Apps, the '50,000 Reasons to Visit Argyll and the Isles'

project. The promotional video, available on YouTube, explains how to become part of the project by uploading photographs onto the application.

It's easy to get involved by emailing [photo@argyllandtheisles.info](mailto:photo@argyllandtheisles.info).

There's no limit to the number of photos and videos that can be uploaded and the project is open to everybody.

Argyll and the Isles founder Catriona

Craig said: 'We aim to build a map of Argyll and the Isles through photos. Starting on January 1, with the ringing in of New Year, right through to Hogmanay 2013, we will capture a year in pictures.'

'I believe this is the first time anything of this nature has been done in the area and I'm very excited that Argyll and the Isles Apps is launching it in Scotland's special year.'



Primaries 1 and 2 on stage at their nativity play which took place last Friday afternoon. 08\_c51castlehill01

## West Kintyre Stargazers

MEMBERS of the West Kintyre Stargazers were treated to a talk on Sunday from the vice presi-



Chris O'Kane, Louise Duncan from the West Kintyre Stargazers and David Lapsley, general manager of Putechan Hotel. 08\_c51putechan01

dent of The Astronomical Society of Glasgow, Chris O'Kane.

The talk, which took place at the Putechan Hotel, centred on Ancient Egyptian civilisation and astronomy, explaining the mythology and kingship of Ancient Egypt and the role observational astronomy played in their society.

Chris O'Kane is an A/V technician based in Glasgow and who has studied Ancient Egyptian culture and astronomy for the past 15 years.

## Nativity play held at Castlehill Primary School

PUPILS at Castlehill Primary School in Campbeltown entertained their audience at their nativity play last Friday.

Combining three classes, pupils from Primary 1 and 2 put on their festive costumes and performed the story of Jesus' birth.

Their performance came complete with a variety of songs, which the children sang at the school.



A group of angels who were also narrators of the play, performed at the school during the afternoon. 08\_c51castlehill02

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# Review of the Year - May to August



## Firefighters tackle major blaze at Tayinloan

TWENTY-five fire fighters battled a deliberate blaze at a shed on a Kintyre farm for nearly 12 hours. Three teenagers were, at the time, blamed for the fire where 100 tonnes of hay was allegedly set alight at Cullinan Farm, Tayinloan. The hay, worth more than £10,000, 'went up in minutes' according to manager of Killlean Estate, Archie McSparran; the estate owns the farm. He looked on as the fire fighters battled the fire, which started at 10.30am. Fire fighters stayed on scene until 8pm on Monday May 7, returning on Tuesday morning to douse down the remaining wreck and carry out an inspection. Appliances from Carradale, Campbeltown and Tarbert attended. A stand by appliance came from Helensburgh to cover the Kintyre area, with another travelling from Clydebank to cover Tarbert Fire Station. 20\_c196m04

## Royal Hotel opens after refurbishment

PRESIDENT and CEO of Southworth Development LLC David Southworth gave a clear message to *The Courier* in May that they are 'never leaving'. The Royal Hotel in the centre of Campbeltown was officially opened, unveiling the £4.95million worth of renovation. The company has invested £19.3million in all the projects, as well as further grants fund-



Susan Gilchrist and Laura McCallum played the pipes outside the Royal Hotel to mark its opening. 20\_c49royal01



Around 100 took part in the second Gigha Challenge in May. People of all ages ran, walked or cycled around either the 11.2-mile course or a shorter five-kilometre route. 20\_c19gha02

## Community now own the airbase

AFTER four years of hard work, Machrihanish Airbase owned by the community of Campbeltown. In the largest and most complicated community buyout seen to date, Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) finally secured the deal from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for just £1. And reassurances were given in an exclusive interview to *The Courier*, that there is no radioactive contamination at the former RAF site. The site boasts more than 200 buildings, one of the Europe's longest runways, and 1,025 acres of land. There is around 14 miles of road on the site, with leisure facilities including tennis and squash courts, as well as a shooting range. The buyout has been completed with support and financial assistance from the Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Water and the MoD.



The start of the seventh Mull of Kintyre Run. Fishing boats rescued from rocks

AN EPIC 20-hour operation to get two Irish fishing boats off rocks at New Orleans, near to Second Waters, was successful. Campbeltown Lifeboat was called out at 8.20am on Thursday, June 7 to the vessels the *Argent* and *Elegant II*, which had gone hard, aground at high water earlier that morning. The *Argent* had gone to try and pull the *Elegant II* from the rocks, but got stuck too. The all weather lifeboat (ALB) under coxswain David Cox with seven crew on board, and the inshore lifeboat (ILB) under helmsman Fraser McNair with two crew was also launched. The lifeboats returned to the scene at 11.30am and at 2pm managed to pull the *Argent* clear at high tide.



## Jubilee celebrations

CAMPBELTOWN joined in with the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A parade was organised, with various groups marching down the town's Main Street and along the front to Quarry Green. Music was provided by Machrihanish Dunes Sound of Kintyre Pipe Band and Campbeltown Brass. There were a few stalls and a bouncy castle and later in the afternoon a tug of war competition took place. Campbeltown Lifeboat opened its doors as well. Many members of the fundraising committee served cream teas, and members of the crew showed people around the boats. Up and down the peninsula people celebrated with various events. It is hoped this will go



Back row: Fi McKinven, Margaret McKendrick, Isabel Campbell and Jenny Graham; front: Sheena Graham and Ailsa Stewart. 20\_c28red01

## Red Cross celebrate centenary

AN EXHIBITION to celebrate the centenary of Kintyre's branch of the Red Cross is now on display in the town's library. Ladies from the current generation of the committee were joined this week by two of the longest-standing members, Sheena Graham and Ailsa Stewart. The exhibition includes the minutes of the first ever meeting in 1912, as well as photos and documents from events where the service has been called into special action, notably the war and the Chinook helicopter crash at the Mull of Kintyre in 1994.

## All shapes and sizes at pet show

PETS of all shapes and sizes competed for the top of their classes at the annual Campbeltown Pet Show on Kinloch Green on Saturday. A total of 80 pets were entered into the show creating 167 entries in various different classes. Organisers would like to thank everyone who helped set up and run the show, to those who gave donations, to Burns Pet Nutrition Scotland for providing prizes for all class winners and to Narrowfield Kennels for their generous kennelling voucher. The net proceeds of £162.37 from the show have been donated to RNLI Campbeltown.

## New football exhibition launched

A NEW exhibition opened last week at the town's museum to celebrate the historic legacy of football in Campbeltown. After the opening, Scottish First Division side Greenock Morton helped mark the occasion with a friendly match against Campbeltown Pupils at Kintyre Park. For local man, Alex McKinven, the opening was the realisation of a long-held dream as he saw the fruits of his original idea go on show. It is hoped this will go on to the National Football Museum at Hampden Park. Through a combination of photographs, trophies and memorabilia, the display gives a fascinating journey through the 140-year history of football in Campbeltown. Among an array of items displayed, is the loan from Hampden of the world's oldest known football, dating back to the time of Mary Queen of Scots.

## Good turn out of spectators at Kintyre Agricultural Show

ENTRIES at the Kintyre Show were up on previous years and the directors of the Kintyre Agricultural Society (KAS) are 'very pleased' with the way it went. The weather stayed dry for most of the day which helped to encourage a good turnout of spectators. However the committee feels the road diversion caused by the problems at the Rest and Be Thankful may have put off a few regular visitors from out-with Argyll. 'We would like to thank all exhibitors, sponsors, trade stands, stewards, helpers and all members of the public who came along to support the show and make it such a successful day,' said John Armour, KAS secretary. On Saturday evening Campbeltown Young Farmers held an after-show ceilidh at The Putechan with Cool An Aire from Oban performing.



Six-year-old Lucy Jo Stenton tucks into a hotdog at the show. 21\_c28show18

## First sprint triathlon a success

CAMPBELTOWN'S first sprint triathlon went down a storm at the weekend with more than 70 people from across Scotland swimming, cycling and running. With perfect weather for the event, organisers are already looking to make it bigger and better next year, with the possibility of having an open water swim. The triathlon consisted of a 750m pool-based swim at Aqualibrium followed by a 20k loop cycle to Ballochgar, past Peninver and back, and finishing with a 5k run down to Glenramskil and back.

## Fun Day at the rugby

A RUGBY fun day looks to have succeeded in its aim of attracting more of Kintyre's younger generation to the sport. Impetus On a perfect Sunday on the Meadows in Campbeltown, it was demonstrated to all who came that the impetus and passion is there to ensure the sport keeps growing in Kintyre. For organisers John Forster and Duncan Galbraith, the number of youngsters new to the game who attended made it a major success. Duncan told *The Courier*: 'We are ultimately trying to get five to 10 year olds playing the game. All of the young kids here have never touched a rugby ball in their lives but from what I've seen today some of them have got amazing natural talent.'



Rising high at the lineup in a practice match. 08\_c3rug04



One of the bands at the very successful Mull of Kintyre Music Festival. 08\_c34mufest14

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## Little grey Fergie comes back home to Kintyre

'If it had been some other make of tractor it would be long gone



The Grey Fergie tractor, which is currently in Hamilton Brothers to be refurbished. The work is expected to take eight to 12 weeks to be completed. 20\_c52tractor01

IT'S SMALL, grey, and like a boomerang, always comes back. No, not a carrier pigeon, but a little Grey Fergie Tractor, which has come home to Campbeltown where it was first sold in 1955.

After years of winding its way around Argyll, the Grey Ferguson was picked up by Auchindrain Museum in Furnace to be part of its collection, once it has been restored to its former glory by Hamilton Brothers in Campbeltown, the place where it was originally sold.

Not only does the tractor have strong connections to Campbeltown, but also to Auchindrain, where it was a working tractor on the commercial farm until the tenant decided to retire in 1963.

The vintage tractor's journey begins after being sold to a farmer at Johnstone, west of Paisley. After two years of service it returned to Hamilton Brothers, after the farmer traded it back in.

It then went to Kilmacollm, and back to Hamilton Brothers in 1961.

### Decided

When the only remaining tenant at Auchindrain decided it was time to get rid of his horses and use a tractor on the land, he bought the third hand Fergie for around £260.

In 1963, the farmer retired and the tractor went to St Catherine's, then on to Cowal, where it was fitted with Land Rover tyres at the front and used to drag the family's boat in and out of Loch Fyne.

After more than a decade, it seemed the tractor's life was at an end. It was traded back into Hamilton Brothers who believed the salt-water

damage meant it could only be sold as scrap.

However, Hugh McLean, who worked at the tractor dealers at the time, said he would take it, giving them the scrap value for it.

He kept it in Tarbert where it stayed for 10 years.

'He started it up every year to make sure it did not seize up,' said Bob Clark, core development manager at Auchindrain.

### Discovered

It was in 2010 that Auchindrain Museum discovered there had once been a tractor used on the farm. After making it their quest to find the machine, they eventually discovered who owned it.

Bob said: 'One phone call and half an hour later we owned it.'

With the help of a government grant and Museum Galleries Scotland, the tractor will be given a full restoration where its journey began, in Campbeltown.

Gavin Reid, who is in charge of the restoration of the tractor, believes it will take eight to 12 weeks to get it back into working order. Gavin

himself is a vintage tractor enthusiast and has built his collection up over the last few years.

He said: 'We sold it originally and we always knew where it was. It's come back to where it came from.'

Despite it being 20 years since Hamilton Brothers last repaired a Grey Fergie, they still have some parts in the workshop.

'If it had been some other make of tractor it would be long gone,' he said.

The 52-year-old tractor's refurbishment is not only to make it look shiny and new, but also to make it fit for farm work.

'We will be using it to do demonstrations of arable farming,' explained

Bob. 'It's not just a display piece, it will be put back to work.'



The tractor at work near St Catherines in the 1960s which is where it went after it left Auchindrain.

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**SKIPNESS**

**Eddie the Penguin performed at Skipness Primary School**

SKIPNESS Primary School pupils performed *Eddie the Penguin Saves the World* to friends and family.

It is an eco-play which encourages people to save the environment. They held an eco-craft

fair after the show having made crafts from recycled materials.

They raised £91 for school funds.

There was also a visit from Santa followed by tea and coffee and cakes.



**SOUTHEND**



**Santa made an appearance at the Southend senior citizens party last week.**

**ISLAY**

**European funds for Islay tidal array**

A TIDAL array for Islay is set to be offered cash from European funding.

The Sound of Islay tidal array has been significantly boost as funds from the EU's NER-300 scheme, to the tune of €20,650,000 have been allocated.

Welcoming the news, Michael Russell MSP said: 'This funding will boost the local and national economy and make use of the wave power around Islay.

'Scotland's tidal energy potential is huge-

ly exciting, with our waters having a quarter of Europe's total tidal energy potential.

'The renewables sector is a fast growing industry that is bringing jobs and investment to communities across Scotland, it is good news that such a huge investment is being made in Argyll.

'There is no doubt that Islay will lead the way for other developments in Argyll and Bute and throughout Scotland in future rounds.'

**GLENBARR**



**Pupils from Glenbarr performed their nativity plays to a packed hall of friends, parents and relatives last week, raising £428.**

**TARBERT**



**Some of the young musicians who performed at the concert.**

**Tarbert Music Centre holds Christmas Concert**

YOUNG musicians showed just why Tarbert has got talent at the local music centre's Christmas concert.

Parents, grandparents and music centre supporters joined with tutors to hear young people from P4 to S6 play fiddles, accordions, whistles and guitars.

**Festive spirit**

And this year there was the addition of the Tar-

bert Music Centre singing group to add to the festive spirit.

**Wonderful**

Tarbert Music Centre's co-ordinator Paula Mclean said: 'It was wonderful to see so much support from the village for the concert.

'The young people have practised so hard and it's great to see their hard work recognised tonight.

'We are delighted that so many young people choose to learn an instrument through Tarbert Music Centre and would be delighted if more adults, as well as children, decide that music lessons are top of their New Year resolution list.'

Music centre lessons start back in the village hall on Thursday January 17.

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Lucy Thornhill, Oban: Sunset from Pulpit Hill, Oban. T52lucythornhill1no

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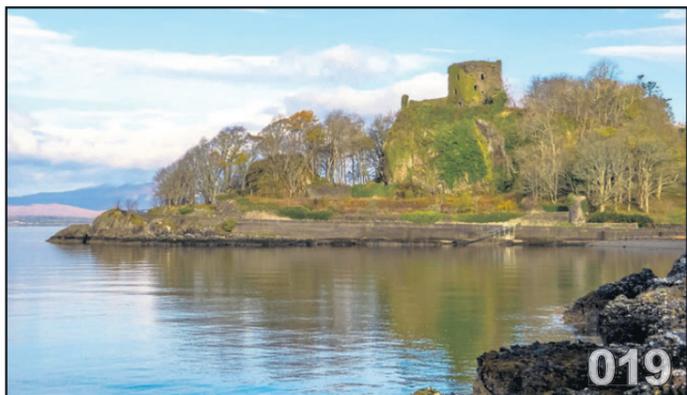
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David MacMillan, Oban: Dunollie Castle. T52davidmacmillan1no

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Alasdair Bennett, Campbeltown: The shot is of the Carradale Water estuary in Kintyre looking south east to the Kilbrannan Sound with Arran in the distance. T52alasdairbennett1no

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Michael Reilly, Campbeltown: Taken on Arran. T52michaelreilly1no

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**RUBY WEDDINGS**

**MACPHERSON - SCALLY** - Robert and Fiona were married in the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown, on December 30, 1972, by the Rev C M Henderson. In sickness and in health truly meant.

**DEATHS**

**FOGGIN** - Peacefully at the Lorn and Islands Hospital Oban, on December 23, 2012, Walter Foggin, in his 82nd year, of Woodside, Crarac, Minard. Beloved husband of Theresa. Loving uncle to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral Service will be held in St. Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead on Monday December 31, 2012, at 9.30am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Mid Argyll - Home Care Team.

**GILLON** - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 20, 2012, Elizabeth Forbes Chambers (Betty), in her 85th year, Cala-Na-Sithe, Southend, dearly beloved wife of the late John Gillon and a dearly loved aunt, great aunt and great great aunt. Service in Southend Parish Church, on Friday, December 28, 2012 at 12.00 noon, funeral thereafter to Keil Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Southend Parish Church.

**PATE** - Christina Margaret. Peacefully in Dunoon, on December 15, 2012, Margaret, beloved wife of James Guy Lindsay Pate, much loved sister-in-law to Sheena and a loving aunt to Fiona, David, Colin and their families. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 19.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CHISHOLM** - A year has gone since you were here, But in my eyes there is still a tear, In my heart you will always stay, We love and miss you every day. In memory of my dear husband John, who passed away December 28, 2011. Netta and Family  
**CHISHOLM** - John R. - Dad We thought of you with love today but that is nothing new We thought of you yesterday and the days before that too We think of you in silence, we often speak your name All we have is memories and your picture in a frame. Hazel & Craig.

**CHISHOLM** - John R Papa Forever remembered Forever missed Elaina, Amy & Alistair  
**CHISHOLM** - In loving memory of a dear brother in law and uncle Johny. Margaret, Jimmy and family.  
**CHISHOLM** - Remembering our dear brother in law Johny, who passed away December 28, 2011. Nan, Bert and family  
**KELLY** - In fondest memory of my dear husband, Willie, who died December 30, 2010. I think of you in silence I often speak your name But all I have are memories And a picture in a frame My heart still aches with sadness My secret tears still flow For what it meant to lose you No-one will ever know. - Elizabeth x.  
**MCLEAN** - In loving memory of Betty, who died on December 30, 2011. A dear mum, gran and granny. Your life touched this world in a way no other can Leaving not only wonderful memories, but lasting imprints in our hearts. A mother's love is forever, for now and eternity, She'll be there with her arms outstretched on the day we meet again. - Aileen, Gemma, Jamie, Craig and Conor.  
**MARTIN** - In ever loving memory of my dear mum and nannie, Jean, who passed away December 29, 2001. We shall never forget the pain Of the day you went away How the sunshine in our lives Turned to clouds of darkest grey. You're now within a world of light Where you so softly lie asleep. Within our hearts will always stay The precious memories that we keep. - Your ever-loving daughter Isabel, loving granddaughter Kerry and precious great grandchildren Eilidh, Daniel and Linzi xxx.  
**MILLER** - Treasured memories of Robert, dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Passed away January 1, 2011. Our thoughts are with you every day. Flora, Robert, Fiona and Amanda.

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**FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND** George Street, Campbeltown  
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown Scottish Charity No SC023277  
Sunday 30th December 2012 The First Sunday after Christmas 10.45am Family Communion  
Details of services are on the church door  
Enquiries Tel: 01586 551141 The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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# Brigade benefit from bowls tourney

A CHARITY bowling competition has helped to boost the coffers of a local youth organisation.

Argyll Bowling Club held its annual Triples Open Competition which saw nine teams of three entered, with teams from Tayinloan as well as a mix of Argyll and Stronvaar members.

The First Campbeltown Boy's Brigade, which was recently reformed, received a cheque for £235, raised from the day.

The unit boasts more than 50 boys, with two groups according to age.

**Round robin**  
The event was played on a two section round robin format, each game being six ends.

Both sections were keenly contested with both going all the way to the wire and whilst section two saw a clear winner of the triple skipped by Antony Fox. Section one came down to shot difference between team Kerr just pipping

team Ronald +15 to +9.

Antony Fox's team had been alternating the skip in the early rounds and they once more changed their playing positions for the final. This looked to be a good strategy when they took the first end, after a brilliant bowl from young Gavin McLachlan, picking up the jack and taking it through to score one shot

**Blended**

However, from there on things went towards Kenny Kerr's team,

which blended youth and experience.

**Grabbed**

The fourth end and Jamie McLean grabbed a terrific shot bowl only to see Kenny coming through and taking the score back to them.

Finishing score was 10-1.

Winning team, lead, Bobby Mathieson, second Lee Allen and skip Kenny Kerr, runners up were lead Antony Fox, second Jamie McLean and skip Gavin McLachlan



President Donny McCrimmon hands over a cheque for £235 to Alistair Nimmo of the First Campbeltown Boy's Brigade. 20\_c51bowls01



TWELVE coaches and players from Campbeltown Pupils AFC, Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association and Carradale AFC attended a coaching course with Martin Rae, Argyll and Bute Council's Football Development Officer. The Level 1 Club Coach course was held on the all weather pitch over a weekend.



Left to right: president Donny McCrimmon, Bobby Mathieson, Lee Allen, skip Kenny Kerr, Antony Fox, Jamie McLean and skip Gavin McLachlan.



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**To allow for the festive holidays Spot the Ball will run for 2 weeks.**

**The deadline for entries is 12noon, Monday 31st December, 2012.**

**Winners will be announced in the issue dated Friday 4th January, 2013**

## SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION

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## Coaching Champions event for Oban

WORLD class coach mentors will be heading to the area as part of the Coaching Champions programme.

Former Olympic and national coach Kelvin Giles and Scottish rugby hero, British Lion and now talent manager at the Scottish Institute of Sport, Tony Stanger, will be hosting a coaching academy, as part of the weekend in February.

Bookings are currently being taken and further information can be found at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coaching-champions](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coaching-champions).

## Dunes ranked in top 100 links golf courses in the UK

MACHRIHANISH Dunes Golf Club has been ranked number 38 out of 100 in the top 100 links courses in the UK.

National Club Golfer magazine created Great Britain's Top 100 Links Courses list and is based on criteria imposed by the magazine.

This is the fourth top 100 ranking that Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course has earned this year, in addition to accolades for being its sustainability and environmental friendliness.



Better facilities and coaching has helped rugby in Argyll go from strength to strength.

## Trophies presented at Kintyre Bridge Club



**THE Ruby Carr trophies were presented to the winners of a competition recently held by Kintyre Bridge Club.**

**The bridge club which meets once a month in the Ardshiel see members coming together from all over the peninsula.**

**Left to right: East/west winners Alice McLean and Enid Colville with Jack Wallace, club president, and north/south winners Wendy Beasley and David Robertson.**

## 'Bomber' helps to raise £500 for young Cooper

EX-RANGERS played John 'Bomber' Brown helped to raise more than £500 for a local boy who has been in Yorkhill since he was born.

The local Rangers supporter's club invited John down recently and as well as taking a tour of a local distillery and going out on Campbeltown Lifeboat, he was also treated to breakfast at the Bluebell café.

An evening at the Argyll Bowling Club, Campbeltown raised more than £500 for Cooper Scally who has been

in Yorkhill Children's Hospital in Glasgow for just over six months. He was born in May, weighing just 1lb 12oz and the money will go to helping the family with costs for travelling and for special gifts for Cooper.

**Thank**

The family would like to thank everyone who donated, and to Billy Gilchrist and Ronnie Souden, chairman and vice chairman of the supporter's club for organising the night in aid of Cooper.



Jenny Souden with John 'Bomber' Brown on the Rangers Supporter's bus on the way to the match.

# Rugby in Kintyre goes from strength to strength

OVER the last six months, Kintyre Rugby Club has gone from strength to strength.

With new goal posts eventually erected at the pitch on the Meadows Playing Fields, the coaching could get down to seriously training up the boys to compete.

To date rugby numbers have seesawed through the various age groups. However it is envisaged that after the New Year there will be more game time especially against Islay, Lochgilphead and Oban for everyone.

After school training has been consistent especially with the under 16 and under 14 age groups. The Meadows on a Saturday has been very eventful with a wide range of boys turning up, numbers the coaches hope will improve over time, especially if they are able secure game time; this is something the club is focusing on going forward.

The club thanks Michael Casey for allowing it to take a group to Islay in school time as part of a school activity during the year.

Despite it being a torrid day a total of 40 boys

enjoyed an interesting mix of rugby.

'It was gratifying that the work Duncan has been putting into the coaching paid dividends because we did overpower the Islay boys and thereafter a mix of Islay and Campbeltown created a balance and a round robin of games achieved game time,' said John Forster of the club.

'An enjoyable experience for all concerned and again building bridges for home and away.'

John said is not their intention to enter the youngsters into the Glasgow Festival in March and be host to an under 18 tournament in Campbeltown in the spring.

'We also wish to encourage more boys to participate,' explained John. 'Within Argyll we are the only other club except for Oban with a proper rugby pitch and facilities where games can be played an asset which hopefully can be exploited.'

Training takes place at the Meadows in Campbeltown every Saturday at 11am and after school on a Thursday.

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