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# Halt on move to raise speed limit

## 30mph signs will stay at Gobagrennan following residents' petition

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A BID to relax the 30mph speed limit on the A83 entering Campbeltown has failed - following strong objections from Gobagrennan residents.

Argyll and Bute Council had proposed changing the speed limit just beyond Drumore Farm to 40mph, in line with national speed limit guidelines.

It would then revert to 30mph just beyond the Gobagrennan junction.

Many drivers have been hit with penalty points and fines since that stretch of the A83 - where there has been no suggestion of a safety or accident issue - was reduced from 60mph to 30mph five years ago.

At a public meeting held by Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee to discuss the proposed changes, John and Helen MacTaggart, who live near the Goba-  
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Santa made a lot of Castlehill Primary one and two pupils happy last week when he made a surprise visit to their Christmas party. See inside for a lot more festive pictures from Kintyre schools. 08\_c52santa01

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# 30mph signs will stay following residents' petition



The view north from the junction at Gobagrennan which objectors say is difficult to navigate.

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grennan junction, presented a petition from other residents objecting to the proposals.

Mr MacTaggart told councillors vehicle access onto the main road was difficult due to the blind corner at the north western end of Drumore Cottages.

He added: 'Another 10mph added to the limit will only exacerbate the situation.'

'It is not long since the 30mph signs were moved north west to their present position and we do not think that this change, which we wholeheartedly support-

ed, has been given a fair chance to settle in.'

He said often drivers ignore the 30mph speed limit in this area and the noise of accelerating vehicles is 'an intrusive feature of our lives'. He also argued that many people, including visitors on the Kintyre Way, use the pavement running past the junction and any increase in speed limit could cause more accidents. There are 31 properties served by the Gobagrennan road as well as a quarry.

The section of road from the lay-by at Drumore south was made

a 30mph speed limit in 2008 while the passing place for moving wind towers was being constructed. Bill Weston, traffic development manager for Argyll and Bute Council, told councillors 40mph was a viable limit and the 30mph speed limit was inconsistent with national policy and needed changing. He said speed limits at an appropriate level on what is 'effectively an open road' would be more likely to persuade motorists to drive safely.

Most councillors agreed not to change the

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speed limit.

Councillor Donald Kelly told the Courier: 'It would be madness and irresponsible to do anything other than support the views expressed by Mr MacTaggart.'

'We should be in the business of trying to

make our road network safer for the public rather than the reverse.'

Councillor John Semple said due to the refusal to change the limit the council was considering making the whole section 30mph.

He said: 'This seems

unacceptable. There is no reason for it. It's going to make it even worse.'

He suggested there was space to make the limit 40mph between the lay-by and Drumore Cottages.

Councillor Robin Cur-

rie said he favoured the council's proposals.

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## Glenbarr wind farm application submitted

AN application to build a 19-turbine wind farm near Glenbarr - opposed strongly by village residents - has been formally submitted to Argyll and Bute Council.

Burcote Wind held a number of public meetings prior to submitting its planning application this week for the development at Creggan.

It has said if plans go ahead, Wind Towers (Scotland) at Machrihanish would manufacture

the tower sections of the turbines.

The company has also promised a community fund worth £313,500 annually for 25 years.

Speaking in September after hearing Burcote's proposals, Lorraine MacPhail of Skernish Farm, Glenbarr told the Courier not one of the 53 village households supported the wind farm apart from the landowners involved.

She said: 'We don't want these turbines - they would devastate Glenbarr.'

Another resident said he had been unable to sell his home because of the plans.

Graham Brown, chairman of Burcote Wind, said: 'This project has potential to create a long-term legacy of social and economic benefit to the area, as well as supporting jobs and skills at Wind Towers.'

The full planning application will soon be available to view on the Argyll and Bute Council website where members of the public can make any comments.

## Kept in custody over domestic incident

A TWENTY-three-year-old man was remanded in custody after appearing in court following a domestic incident in Saddell Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of Tuesday, December 17.

A 38-year-old man appeared in court on Monday in connection with a domestic incident in Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, in the early hours of Friday, December 20.

## Main Street arrests

THREE young men and two young women were arrested by police in Main Street, Campbeltown at 1.50am on Saturday, December 21 following a disturbance.

An hour later, two men were arrested for fighting in Main Street.

## Ducks stolen

POLICE are investigating the theft of two ducks from a property in Clachan.

It is believed to have happened in the early hours of Wednesday, December 18.

Anyone with any information or who saw suspicious behaviour is asked to call the police on 101.

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# Emergency food parcels go out in time for Christmas

LARGE food parcels guaranteed a surprise and happy Christmas for 10 struggling families in Kintyre this week.

They were put together by people and organisations determined to offer assistance until a proposed food bank for Campbeltown is up and running.

### Difficulty

'We quickly established with Argyll and Bute Council's social services that there are families in difficulty and this help is needed,' said Stephanie Cross, of Campbeltown, who, with Rev Chris Fulcher, was the initial driving force for setting up a food bank in the area.

'These parcels have

been put together because two private individuals felt strongly that we should be doing something in time for Christmas.

'They donated money and that was backed up by a collection from a carol service held by Churches Together in Machrihanish village hall.

'Money was also donated by Tesco and food by the Co-op, and further food came from Dalintober Primary and donations made to the Salvation Army. I'm really pleased this has been done. We believe the need we have seen already is just the tip of the iceberg. A lot of people are struggling.'

The parcels, put together by volunteers, were handed over to social services on Monday to be passed on to families requiring assistance.

### Food bank

Ms Cross said a second meeting to decide the shape and form of a Campbeltown food bank would be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, January 7 at the Lorne and Lowland Church old hall.

'We have to decide whether we want to be involved with the Trussell Trust or set up a food bank ourselves,' she added.

'Hopefully, people who missed the last meeting but have a real interest in seeing some-



The 10 food parcels ready to be distributed to families needing a helping hand for Christmas. 08\_c52food01

thing being done will come along.'

The Trussell Trust is the UK's main food bank charity and a representative offered advice at the Campbeltown group's last meeting.

### Emergency Food

Almost 350,000 people have received at least three days' emergency food from the trust's food banks in the past year compared to 60,000 in 2010-11 - reflecting the growing struggle for families, hit by rising living costs and falling incomes, to eat and stay warm.

## Wind farm bid to go to appeal

A RENEWABLE energy company is to appeal against the decision to refuse the development of an 11-turbine wind farm near Whitehouse.

In September Argyll and Bute Council rejected the bid by Renewable Energy Systems (RES) to build the wind farm at Freasdail because of visual impact and the development impinging on forestry operations. This week RES announced it would be submitting an appeal to the Scottish Government.

The company believes the wind farm could meet the average needs

of up to 13,000 homes and it says around 280 properties near the site are eligible for a £235 annual discount off their electricity bills.

While offering several financial benefits to the community, the company has already pledged support to the Kintyre Way by providing £30,000 of funding over three years.

Neil Martin, RES development project manager, said: 'RES remains firmly of the view that Freasdail is an appropriate location for a wind farm and the project will not impact on any nationally or regionally

important landscape features. We are therefore submitting this appeal within the deadlines set out by the Scottish Government. The limited and localised landscape impacts of the project will not generate an overall impact that justifies refusal of planning permission when balanced against the benefits of renewable energy the project can deliver.'

## Event cheers for Red Cross

THE FESTIVE Cheer event held in the Red Cross Centre, Kirk Street, Campbeltown on Saturday, December 14, was a huge success despite inclement weather, raising £744.62.

Visitors enjoyed mulled wine, Christmas pies, shortbread, a performance by the U3A Choir, and there was a raffle and guess the weight of the cake competition.

Anne Cousin, the Kintyre centre organiser, said: 'Our thanks go to everyone for supporting us on the day and to all those who made donations.'

'The money raised will go to the Red Cross minibus in Kintyre.'

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Pupils in primary one and two at Castlehill entertained parents with their rendition of Sleeping Beauty. Their production featured music and songs as well as fairies, trees, maids, gardeners and other characters.

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## Campbeltown Sheriff Court

### Six months' jail for fighting

A MAN involved in a fight has been jailed for six months.

David Cobain, 30, of 26 Main Street, Campbeltown admitted fighting and committing a breach of the peace along with Alasdair MacIndeor, 22, of Drumore Gardens, Campbeltown.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that the offences took place in Longrow on November 9 this year when they were both on bail.

Cobain was left with a bloodshot eye and grazes on his arms while MacIndeor had grazes on the knuckles of his left hand. Defence agent Christian Kane told the court Cobain had been released from prison just 10 days before the incident. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Cobain: 'With your record and the fact you were on bail, and you had only been released nine or 10 days prior there is only one possible sentence.'

He was sentenced to six months in prison.

MacIndeor also appeared for sentencing af-

ter admitting chasing another man, pulling him to the ground and kicking him repeatedly on Longrow, Campbeltown on June 16 this year.

Mr Kane told the court MacIndeor was making an effort to change his situation and had moved back in with his parents, adding: 'After the breakdown of a relationship he has been drinking more. It would be in the public interest to keep the stability in his life.'

The sheriff told MacIndeor: 'You have been in and out of this court recently.'

'You have seen the regulars and seen what happens. If you want that to be your way of life then carry on. It's down to you.'

Sentence was deferred on both offences for two months for him to be of good behaviour.

### Nurse caught with cocaine

AN auxiliary nurse has admitted possessing cocaine after she was found drunk in Burnside Square, Campbeltown on a night out.

Louise Bradley, 27, of 6 Sinclair Drive, Lochgilphead, appeared at

Campbeltown Sheriff Court last Thursday.

The court heard that police had attended Campbeltown Hospital on August 25 this year after Bradley had been found in an intoxicated state in Burnside Square.

Nurses who had tended to her found a plastic wrap of white powder in her bra and contacted police.

Toxicology tests showed she had been carrying 0.3 grams of cocaine with an estimated street value of £10 to £15.

Bradley, who was representing herself, told the court her actions were completely out of character, adding: 'I don't know where I got the cocaine from.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'I hope this was genuinely a one off.'

Sentencing was deferred for six months for Bradley to be of good behaviour.

### 'Designer drug' dealer to be of good behaviour

A CAMPBELTOWN man has had his sentence deferred for six months for him to be of

good behaviour after admitting dealing in a 'designer drug'.

At the town's sheriff court last month Thomas Smiley, 30, of 34 Albyn Avenue, pled guilty to possessing NBOME, a drug subject to temporary control, at his home with intent to supply on July 14 this year.

The court heard how police searched Smiley's home, finding 36 NBOME tablets, which he said he had ordered from the internet, believing them to be a legal high.

On the previous day the ambulance service had dealt with a man who had been unconscious before acting bizarrely and sweating profusely.

When the man came around he said he had taken a tablet provided by the accused.

At sentencing last Thursday, Smiley's defence agent, Jim McKewen, said he was paying back £2,000 in damages to his landlord, Argyll Community Housing Association, after police broke down his door. Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'We'll see if he can keep out of trouble.'

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**CAMPBELTOWN Nursery Centre put on a festive Nativity last week for family and friends featuring all the main characters.**

# Kintyre urged to resist coastal wind turbines

A CARRADALE resident is warning that wind turbine applications are putting the character and beauty of Kintyre at risk.

Duncan Murchie fears the area is in danger of 'sleepwalking' towards becoming seen solely as 'a wind farm platform'.

Mr Murchie is urging people throughout Kintyre to oppose bids for turbines around the peninsula's coastal edges.

His concerns have been sparked by plans for two massive structures - 77 metres to blade tip - on land north west of Low Ugadale Farm, a few miles north of Peninver.

He told the Courier: 'People in Kintyre have to ask where they want to be in 20 years' time, what they want their landscape to be like.

'I fear a precedent will be set if these two turbines go ahead.

'I don't believe the industrialisation of our unique and unspoilt beauty is what Argyll and Bute Council want or what the people want - and, if that is so, they have to make their voices heard by lodging their opposition to this proposal.'

Mr Murchie, formerly from Glasgow, retired to Torrisdale, near Carradale, with his wife, Ellen.

It was the beauty of Kintyre which attracted them and it is that, he believes, which brings others to the area.

'The piecemeal development of turbines of this height and scale outside Kintyre's central spine area could damage potential tourism development and threaten the success of our current and past efforts,' he said.

'Think of the accumulative effect upon the landscape of a plethora of turbines.

'We could be in danger of sleepwalking towards a future where Kintyre's most distinguishing characteristic will be perceived as a wind farm platform.'

Views on the two Low Ugadale turbines can still be lodged with Argyll and Bute Council (reference 13/01146/PP).

Scottish National Heritage has already voiced its concerns. It has stated: 'The potential cumulative interaction between different scales (and design layout) of turbines with other relevant wind energy development in this part of Kintyre (including any effect on the established development pattern) should be carefully considered and assessed.'

## Excellent meal for SWRI ladies

TWENTY ladies from SWRI Bellochantuy enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the Putechan Hotel on December 9.

After an excellent meal the ladies enjoyed an interesting picture quiz and the night ended by them all receiving a present from secret Santa.

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## Campbeltown Sheriff Court

### Drink driver sent to jail

A MUASDALE drink driver described as a public danger has been jailed for four months and banned from driving for 10 years.

Appearing in Campbeltown Sheriff Court in October and November this year, Robin Nolan, 43, of North Beachmore, admitted to two drink driving offences.

In October he pled guilty to being almost three times the legal alcohol limit on the A83 near Putechan Hunting Lodge Hotel on May 29 this year.

Last month he admitted to failing to provide police officers with breath samples and also failing to identify the driver of a vehicle in Tarbert on August 25 this year.

At his sentencing last Thursday, defence agent Christian Kane told the court: 'My client accepts he has transgressed here.'

He added that both offences were because of Nolan's 'serious alcohol addiction'.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'What I'm dealing with here are

two very serious drink driving offences against a backdrop of a three-year driving ban. He is a real danger to the public.'

### Assault man given chance to change

A MAN who put a young woman in a headlock has had his sentence deferred April 10 for him to be of good behaviour. Following a trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last month, Michael Johnson, 26, of 34 High Street, Campbeltown, was found guilty of seizing the 17-year-old by the body and putting her in a headlock on July 13 this year.

At his sentencing last Thursday, defence agent Christian Kane said Johnson had been going to Argyll College to try to get his life back on track. He added: 'He feels like he is making progress in life. He is asking for a chance.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'This is an opportunity to get out of this pattern of offending. You have the opportunity to choose something different for yourself.'

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On the cusp of a new year, who knows what drama, turmoil and delights are in store for us in 2014. But they most certainly will come. The human mind is a peculiar, contrary thing. It craves continuity, consistency and certainty, yet in being alive the only guarantee from birth is change. And despite that resistance to change, what thrills us most is the unexpected - but only when it suits us, like a cash windfall or Murray winning Wimbledon.

Politically, 2014 is guaranteed to be a landmark year. It could be when England finally gains its independence, courtesy of Scottish voters. That is a novel way of looking at September's referendum, and the prospect of such an outcome may be disarming for a lot of people south of the border.

Make no mistake, the reality of the referendum is yet to truly kick home. Apart from the politically active, most of us have been too busy getting on with our lives to give it serious thought. That will change with each day that passes in the new year.

The referendum will become a monumental, all-consuming issue for Scots and, by default, those south of Berwick Upon Tweed. And the whole world will be watching.

Have a fascinating 2014.

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## The realities facing Royal Mail customers

Sir,  
No matter how Alan Reid MP dances on a pin, his ignominious championing of Royal Mail privatisation threatens to have particularly harmful consequences for people and businesses in Kintyre.

Nobody seriously believes his assurances on the Universal Service Obligation - the reality is a privatised postal service, in a competitive market, will put pressure on government to reduce the terms of the USO, as its competitors cherry pick the profitable urban routes leading to reduced service in rural Scotland, like Kintyre.

Indeed Ofcom has already confirmed it has no power to stop the introduction of different prices for different areas of the country.

People will not be impressed with Mr Reid's risible 'No Scotland' assertion that different, potentially lower, postal rates in an independent Scotland will be a 'threat' when it is his London ConDem government, busy flogging off a vital national asset, that has left it wide open to takeover by overseas companies.

With 79 percent of Scotland's MPs voting against privatisation - just as 91 percent voted against the bedroom tax - but grossly outvoted and powerless to defend Scotland at Westminster, it is as clear as a pikestaff that the only way to ensure Scotland's voice really counts is to bring home the normal powers of independence to our parliament.

With a Yes vote the Scottish

people will be able to bring the Royal Mail back into public ownership, where it belongs, with fairer prices across Scotland reflecting Scottish priorities rather than stuffing the pockets of the money men in London.

**Ron Wilson**  
Yes Scotland - Kintyre

## Look after your financial health

Sir,  
The festive season is a time for celebration but it is also a time when many families face financial pressures which are particularly acute in such difficult economic times. Unfortunately for some of our most vulnerable, this is a time when they fall into debt. This is a theme which has dominated much of the parliamentary work I have been involved with over the past year as the Scottish Government builds what has become known as our 'financial health service'. Part of this is about financial education to better equip people to manage their finances and part is about providing better solutions for those unfortunate enough to fall into debt.

Charles Dickens would be appalled that his 'Christmas Carol' is as relevant today as it was when he wrote it. Three hundred years of the Union have left us in a situation where inequality and poverty are steadily increasing.

Nothing illustrates how slow moving and unfit for purpose the UK Government is than its failure to regulate payday loans, some of which charge interest rates in excess of 5,000 percent.

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fer a good alternative, providing a range of financial products at very competitive rates. I would advise anyone who is considering a loan to get in touch with a credit union and to benefit from their fair-minded approach.

The high spot of 2013 was undoubtedly the launch of the White Paper, Scotland's Future. I would encourage everyone to get a copy. Full details are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2013/11/9348>

This comprehensive blueprint for Scotland's Future puts us in pole position for campaigning next year, which will be our busiest and most exciting year ever leading up to the referendum on September 18.

I wish everyone a good New Year.

**Mike MacKenzie,**  
Highlands and Island MSP

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*Lochend Street in Campbeltown which has been causing drivers headaches since being made one-way earlier this year is to be blocked off at the Longrow junction and crossing points for pedestrians installed.*

*Councillor Donald Kelly said the new road layout at the top of Longrow had been a 'nightmare' for pedestrians and motorists. We asked our Facebook readers what they thought and received a strong response.*

**George Arthur:** Should have just left it as it used to be - total waste of money if you ask me.

**Davina Sandler:** I myself have had the occasion to be more than halfway across coming from the Co-op when this woman driver almost collided with me. She never slowed down. I will be glad to see some sort of crossing there. I am surprised I am still living.

**Jim Lang:** This nightmare at Longrow and Lochend Street, how did this ever get past the planning stage? Just an accident waiting to happen. You're taking your life in your hands if you cross the road where the crossing points were put.

**Rosemary Todd:** Why did they not just have pedestrian crossings?

**Rebecca Draper:** We need crossings at the swimming pool end. It's so dangerous for the kids when they are crossing to go to school. A few times we have nearly been hit by cars because they don't stop at the junction and pull straight out. It's just a matter of time before someone is knocked down.

**Iain Campbell:** It is about time as Aquarium Avenue is so wide it is very difficult for elderly and infirm trying to cross. It is near impossible for anyone who is in a wheelchair. Best news since the road has been redesigned. Well done to councillor Donald Kelly.

**Gus Laurenson:** Longrow should be one way with nose-in parking all along one side to encourage people to stop and shop with a one to two-hour limit.

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# Top marks for cake-baking pupils

IF the Christmas cakes baked by pupils and staff at Campbeltown Grammar tasted half as good as they looked, then they would have been absolutely delicious.

Once again, the entrants for the school's annual Christmas cake display surpassed themselves.

Home economics teacher Lorna Millar said: 'The pupils always start out wondering if they will be able to do this and end up surprising themselves by what they achieve.'

'They also have a great deal of enjoyment planning, designing and baking their cakes.'

Most of the cakes were created by Ms Millar's S5/S6 cake craft class and her colleague Alison Woodrow's hospitality class, with the rest by teachers.

Ms Millar added: 'Every year we are surprised by just how different and unique the cakes are.'



Some of the grammar school S5/S6 pupils who took part in the annual Christmas cake display. 08\_c52cake01

## Benefits fiddler is paying back £2,600

A MAN who admitted claiming £2,620 in job-seekers allowance, housing benefit and council tax benefit he was not entitled to has had his sentence deferred for him to be of good behaviour.

Last month at Campbeltown Sheriff Court Richard Coffield, 40, of 1 Cara View, Tayinloan, pled guilty to committing the offences between May and September of last year while he was working as a self-employed fisherman.

At sentencing last week, his defence agent Christian Kane told the court Coffield was no longer working and was paying back the £2,620 over a period of time.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'Having managed to get £2,600 of money he was not entitled to while working there is no reason he can't become a self-employed fisherman again.'

Sentencing was deferred again until March next year.

# 'Barbaric attack' man must carry out 300 hours' community service

## Victim received five stitches to lip

A MAN who carried out a 'barbaric' attack on a Campbeltown man in a pub has narrowly avoided a prison sentence.

Following a trial at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last month, Graeme Dunn, 27, of 52 Auchendorres Avenue, Port Glasgow was found guilty of head butting his victim in Whisky Mac's on March 17, 2012.

The court heard how it took nearly two years for police to trace Dunn after circulating imag-

es from the pub's CCTV footage.

Dunn had been visiting family for a pub opening in the town and after it closed moved on to Whisky Mac's. He was then seen grabbing a man and head butting him four times in the face, causing the victim to black out.

The victim received five stitches in his lip and three above his eye. Dunn claimed it was a case of mistaken identity and he had never

been to Campbeltown that day.

His defence agent David Watt produced three character reference letters to the court. He said: 'These letters show this is a man who served in Afghanistan with the territorial army with distinction. This is out of character. He accepts the decision of the court.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'With considerable hesitation I will deal with this matter by the imposition of a non-

custodial disposal.

'I was not impressed or persuaded by the contents of the three letters as clearly they did not have the advantage of seeing how you behaved in Whisky Mac's in March of last year.'

'I'm concerned that up until this morning you were not prepared to accept responsibility for that barbaric behaviour.'

Dunn was sentenced to 300 hours of community work which must be carried out within a year.

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# Disney's 'Frozen' on at the Picture House

CAMPBELTOWN The Picture House will be keeping people entertained over the festive period.

Disney's 'Frozen' (PG) is on this evening (Friday) in 2D at 8pm.

There will also be another matinee performance tomorrow afternoon in 2D at 1.30 pm.

The film will be shown in 3D tomorrow (Saturday) evening and again on Monday evening.

The cinema will be closed on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and January 2.

The next film 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2' (U) will begin next Saturday, January 4 at 7 pm in 2D. There will be 3D showings on the Sunday and Wednesday.

An exciting programme will follow in the ensuing weeks, please check the website and columns in The Courier.

Jane Mayo, chairwoman of The Picture House, said: 'The directors, management and staff wish all their patrons a very happy New Year and look forward to seeing them in the cinema frequently in 2014.'



Primary two boys were the angels in the production.



Santa came to Dalintober Primary Pre Five Unit with lots of toys, much to the delight of the youngsters.



'Mary and Joseph' are pictured during the Nativity play by Dalintober Pre Five unit on Wednesday.

## Packed crowd rocks to Nativity play at Southend Primary

THERE was a packed crowd at Southend Primary School's recent production of 'Do the Christmas Rock', a rock n' roll styled Nativity play.

Some of the children also performed a selection of songs and scenes at Saint Blaas's Church as part of a Sunday service.



From left, P4s Andrew Semple, Eoin Bruce and Craig Barbour as the wise men.



Melissa Chambers (P6), and Fraser MacBrayne (P7), were the rock n' roll narrators with Bryan McKerral (P6) as the angel Gabriel.

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Colourful Glenbarr Primary School pupils performed Away in a Manger and Hansel and Gretel to a packed hall.

# Successful Christmas party at Broom Cottage

BROOM Cottage hosted a very successful Christmas party last week for the Monday Seniors Social Club.

Entertainment was provided by Roger Gillespie, Peter McShannon and Lorna Hume. The catering for the party was donated by Phil and Jane Jackson.

Cathie Duncan, who organised the event, would like to thank all who helped to make it possible and to thank the regulars and visitors.

**Four generations of the Duncan family were present. From left: Cathie Duncan, Ann Maguire, Claire McPherson and Beth McPherson.**



The Monday Seniors Social Club Christmas party was a big success.

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**Coming Next: Saturday 4 January**

**Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 (U)**

**Coming Soon**

**Gravity**

**The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug**

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SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Frozen. Anna, a fearless optimist, sets off on an epic journey - teaming up with rugged mountain man Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven - to find her sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter. Encountering Everest-like conditions, mystical trolls and a hilarious snowman named Olaf, Anna and Kristoff battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom.

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10 Flexible (5)

11 Folk movement (7,5)

13 Make waves (6)

15 Sea inlets by cliffs (6)

17 Swimming costumes (7,5)

20 Old rope fibres (5)

21 Bouillon drink (4,3)

22 Potassium carbonate (8)

23 Mimic (4)

**Down**

1 Long-fin tunny (8)

2 Farewell in France (5)

4 Yellow fruit (6)

5 Settled in (4-8)

6 Siren (7)

7 Psychic (4)

8 Mansion (7,5)

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14 Closure for women? (7)

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18 Foreword, for short (5)

19 Masterstroke (4)

## Last week's solution

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# Review of the Year

## JANUARY



**A dramatic shot from the helicopter of the rescue of four crew of fishing vessel Amy Harris.**

FOUR Campbeltown fishermen escaped uninjured after a dramatic rescue from their burning boat in rough seas.

A mayday call was made from the Amy Harris 3 after a fire broke out in the wheelhouse. It was three miles south of Kilmory, Arran at the time. Royal Navy helicopter, HMS Gannet, was scrambled from Prestwick to assist Campbeltown and Arran lifeboats in dealing with the fire spreading through the boat.

Former Campbeltown Grammar pupil, Rev Catriona Hood, took up her

post as new rector of the school having been head teacher at Tarbert and previously deputy head at Lochgilphead High.

### Charity

A Campbeltown woman who dedicated six decades of her life to charity and helping people through illness was honoured by the Queen.

Jenny Campbell, 82, who now lives in Lochgilphead, was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year Honours List in recognition of her 60 years of service to the British Red Cross.

## FEBRUARY



**Heavy rainfall made road travel difficult.** 20\_t05flood07

IT was announced that 11 beds were to go at Campbeltown Hospital, leaving just 21 inpatient beds servicing south Kintyre's 7,000 strong population.

NHS Highland said the highest number of beds occupied in the hospital was 23 on two separate occasions in the last year.

Andrew Hemmings, chairman of Campbeltown Community Council, said: 'They shouldn't be closing beds when they are already struggling to care for people in the community.'

Saving the lives of a family involved in a serious car crash in Campbeltown saw passerby Jamie Conley and a firefighter Graham Paterson commended for their bravery by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue's chief officer.

Stormy weather saw floods of up to three feet as drainage systems throughout the area were overwhelmed.

Power was out in 247 homes in Machrihanish following a lightning strike.

## MARCH



**After the A83 was cleared at Clachan, travellers could still see evidence of the scale of snow drifts that defeated road clearing staff.** 08\_c13drift02

KINTYRE was shut off

for almost three days after snowdrifts of up to 18ft high blocked the A83 at Clachan.

With the area struck with relentless Arctic conditions, only tractors and emergency vehicles were

going anywhere.

An epic operation by Scottish and Southern Energy saw 500 staff drafted in from all over the country to restore heating and lighting to thousands of Kintyre homes, some of which were affected for

almost a week.

A Swiss millionaire blamed littering, difficulty finding employees, lack of visitors and a warning about the water supply for closing Sanda Island to the public.

Property develop-

er Michael Meier, who bought the island along with Sheep Island and Glunimore in 2010 for £2.5million, announced on his website that visitors would not be welcome on Sanda or Sheep Island.

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## APRIL



Nicola Sturgeon visited Campbeltown's New Quay where improvements will assist the renewables energy and timber industries. 08\_c16quay01

FURIOUS skippers warned that the fishing industry in Kintyre was on the brink of collapse, saying that proposed cuts to days allowed fishing at sea could ruin them.

Around 30 skippers of prawn fishing boats from Campbeltown, Tar-

bert and Carradale - who represent up to 150 crew members - met Marine Scotland bosses in Campbeltown to express their concerns.

### Massive boost

Kintyre received a massive boost with the announcement of a long-

awaited ferry service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan, which was to begin a three-year trial the following month.

Deputy first minister Nicola Sturgeon declared there was a 'real buzz about Campbeltown' -

thanks to the Kintyre Renewables Hub. Ms Sturgeon visited the harbour's £4.6m New Quay, part of a project aimed at trying to develop Campbeltown and Machrihanish as a centre for the renewable energy industry in Scotland.

## JUNE

CAMPBELTOWN businesses show they want to work with each other to promote the town to the outside world when it is revealed that more than 120 traders have joined Explore Campbeltown in the space of just three months

'The idea, quite simply, is to get people to come here and stay longer,' said Neil Clapper-ton, managing director of Springbank Distillery, one of the founding companies of www.explorecampbeltown.com

### Proud

'We are proud of this wee town and want the world to know about it.'

Travelling to Kintyre is also made easier with Campbeltown Airport beginning Sunday return flights from Glasgow.

Glasgow-based Dawnne McGeachy won the £25,000 Jolomo Bank of Scotland Award for her dramatic paintings of waves and fishing boats, which are inspired by her youth in Campbeltown where her



Alan Myles, winner of the competition to name the play park, cuts the ribbon with help from Ailsa Clark from Inspiralba. 20\_c26playpark02

father was a fisherman. Justine Narot, a pupil at Campbeltown Grammar, picked up the inaugural Jolomo Schools Award at the beginning

of the month. Pipes and drums signalled the opening of Campbeltown's new play park next to the New Quay.

## MAY



David Mayo, Malcolm MacDonald, The Makar Liz Lochhead, Harvard Davis and Jane Mayo at Sunday afternoon's reception held at the Seafiel Hotel. Photo courtesy of Sarah MacDonald

ALL roads - and a new ferry link - led to Campbeltown as the town came alive with cinema buffs, the Kintyre Songwriters Festival, and 800 MOKRUN competitors.

It proved the perfect occasion to launch a new way of travelling to and from Kintyre via CalMac's new Campbeltown to Ardrossan ferry link.

A packed audience celebrated Campbeltown cinema's 100th anniversary.

People from across Kintyre gathered at the cinema to

enjoy an evening of memorable adverts, a Movietone news reel about the Battle of the Atlantic, a showing of silent film McNab's Visit to London, with piano accompaniment by David McEwan, and a screening of The Great Gatsby.

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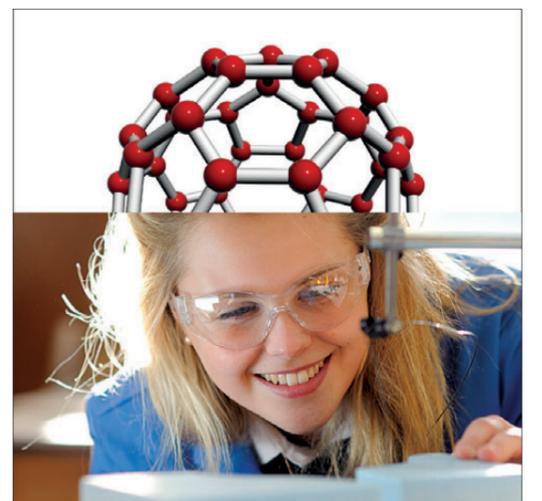
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Notice is hereby given that Creggan Wind Farm Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Burcote Wind Limited), company registration number 06850950, 15 Pitreavie Court, Queensferry Road, Dunfermline, Fife, KY11 8UU has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent to construct and operate a wind farm to the north-east of Glenbarr on the Kintyre Peninsula within the Argyll and Bute Council area (central grid reference NR 693 381). The installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be around 62.7MW comprising 19 wind turbines with a ground to blade tip height of up to 125 meters.

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

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

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The Environmental Statement can also be viewed at the Scottish Government Library at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

Copies of the Environmental Statement (ES) may be obtained from Creggan Wind Farm Ltd (tel: 01383 749645). Volumes 1 and 3 of the ES are available at a charge of £195 per hard copy, Volume 2 of the ES (the Figures) is available at a cost of £255 per hard copy and the short non-technical summary is available free of charge. CD copies of the whole ES are available at a cost of £10.

Any representations to the application should be made by email to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at: [representations@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:representations@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

or

by post to The Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation, not later than 5 February 2014.

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

When initial comments from statutory consultees are received further public notices will give advice on how this information may be viewed by members of the public, and how representations may be made to Scottish Ministers. During the consideration of the proposal, Scottish Ministers may formally request further information to supplement the Environmental Statement and this will also be advertised in such a manner.

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

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

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT**

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02878/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse involving alterations in ground levels and upgrading/formation of vehicular access/driveway	Land South East of Castleton Farmhouse Castleton Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RU	Ardrishaig Area Office

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Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/02808/PP	Demolition of existing extension, alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and erection of decking (dwellinghouse to be achieved by conversion of two flats)	1 Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll and Bute PA31 8RN	Ardrishaig Area Office

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

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A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

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**AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

A Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee will be held in the Town Hall, Main Street, Campbeltown At 10.30am - Wednesday 8th January, 2014

Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public question time will take place for 30 minutes during the meeting. Questions can be asked on the day or can be submitted in advance to the Area Governance Manager, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon PA23 7AP. Telephone: 01369 707134.

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**DOUGLAS** - On December, 21, 2013, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital Lochgilhead, Alexander (Alec) Walter Douglas, formerly of MacBrayne's Buses, in his 91st year, beloved son of the late Alexander and Jessie Douglas, dear brother of Molly and Walter and a dearly loved uncle. Funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 11am, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for Ardrishaig Parish Church.

**GALBRAITH** - Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow on December 21, 2013, Janet McDougall Martin (Jessie) in her 85th year, 46 Ralston Road, Campbeltown, formerly of Peninver and the Dhurrie Farm, dearly beloved wife of the late John Barbour Galbraith (Jack), a loving mother to Agnes, and grandmother of Carolyn and Peter. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, Campbeltown on Saturday, December 28, at 11.00am. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of The M.S. Society.

**LAMBIE** - Peacefully at her home, 64 Highbank Park, Lochgilhead with her family by her side, Jessie Lambie, nee Bruce, in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Bobby, and loving mother of George, John and Christina. Dear mother in law of Heather, Norma and Donald. A loving granny of Andrew, Jennifer, Alison, Lauren, David, Bruce and Morven. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilhead Parish Church today, Friday, December 27, 2013, at 11am, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care and Mid Argyll Hospital.

**COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**JACKSON** - Marleen and family would like to thank all family and friends for all calls, flowers, cards and letters of support following the sudden death of Alex. Special thanks to Tarbert District Nurses, especially Sarah for her continuous care and support during and after Alex illness. Thank you to Rev. Tommy Bryson for his visits, touching service and kind words and to Stan Lupton funeral directors. Finally, to everyone who attended the service and gave generously to the collection for Tarbert Nursing Aid.

**SINCLAIR** - Ross, Scott, Adele, John and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phonecalls received following their recent sad loss of Louisa. Our grateful thanks to Dr. Helliwell and local ambulance crew for their efforts and care and kindness to the family at a very difficult time. Our thanks are also extended to Rev. David Carruthers for a comforting and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral directors for caring and efficient services; to the Grey Gull Inn for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to the many who attended at Church and Graveside to pay their respects, especially those who travelled a great distance. The retiral collection realised over £1050.00.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CAMPBELL** - Treasured memories of Marion McKenzie, who died December 19th, 2009, a much loved and missed wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

We little knew that morning that God

Would call your name.

In life we loved you dearly in death we do the same

It broke our hearts to lose you

you didn't go alone

for part of us went with you

the day God called you home

You left us peaceful memories,

Your love is still our guide and though we cannot see you

you are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken,

and nothing seems the same

but as God calls us one by one

The chain will link again.

**CHISHOLM** - Treasured memories of a loving husband, dad and papa, Johny, who died on December 28, 2011.

Forever loved and greatly missed.

Netta and family at home and abroad.

**DUFFY** - In memory of Craig, a dear friend and fellow fisherman, tragically taken too soon.

Always remembered, The TT Boys.

**MACFARLANE** - In loving memory of Dugald, Mary, Angus and Donald, who passed away. Loved and remembered everyday

- Euphie and Eric

- Mhairi

Goodnight Grampa Tom Lorimer

- From Mhairi, Eilidh and Tom

**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, now and eternity.

- Aileen, Gemma, Jamie, Craig and Conor.

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**Christ Church**  
 Bishopton Road, Lochgilhead  
 Eucharist service Sundays 11 am  
 St Columba's, Pottaloch, nr Kilmartin  
 1st Sunday of the month 9.00am  
 3rd Sunday of the month 3.00pm  
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 Father Simon Mackenzie  
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 01546 602315  
 SC013787

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 SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2013  
 11.00 am Worship Service,  
 Rev. Hilda Smith  
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 Further information (01546) 606218  
 Lochgilhead (Church of Scotland) SC016311

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 Sunday 29th December 11.00 am  
 "It's the thought that counts - Think Jesus"  
 All age Family Service followed by tea & coffee  
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 www.springbankchurch.co.uk  
 SC014646

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 Charity Number SC001002  
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 Morning Worship  
 Rev. Cliff Acklam  
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 Enquiries 01546 606926  
 www.argyllcommunities.org/nknapdalecofs

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 George Street, Campbeltown  
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 All Welcome  
 Scottish Charity Number: SC009980

**Highland Parish Church**  
 SC002493  
 Sunday 29th December 11.15am Mr. M. Ramsay  
 Tuesday 31st December No Badminton  
 Everyone very welcome

**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
 Burnside Street, Campbeltown  
 Sunday 29th December 10.30am Morning Worship  
 No evening meeting  
 Lt. Mark Scouling

**St. Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church**  
 Argyll Street, Campbeltown  
 St Kieran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown  
 Scottish Charity No SC023277  
 Sunday 29th December  
 The First Sunday after Christmas  
 10.45am Holy Communion  
 All Welcome  
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 Rev. Tommy Bryson  
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 Everyone very welcome SC002622

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 "It is good to sing praises to our God"  
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 Sunday 29 December 2013  
 11.00am  
 Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch  
 Speaker: Graham McLean  
 "A New Day is dawning"  
 All Welcome

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**  
 Scottish Charity Number SC011686  
 Sunday 29th December  
 Morning Worship 11.15 am  
 Mr. W. Crossan

**PERSONAL NOTICES**

**HAPPY 21st LAURA**  
  
 Love From Mum, Dad, Steven & Kathryn

**Happy 40th Birthday Daddy on New Year's Day**  
  
 Lots of Love Ella & Jack xxxxx

**MAISE MCKINVEN**  
 wishes family, friends and neighbours a Happy New Year

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR 2014**  
 to all my friends & family from Alex Galbraith.

**MILTON - GOODWIN**  
 Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on December 20, 2013 of Sophia, only daughter of Susan and the late Ronald Milton, stepdaughter of Andy Hay, Lochgilhead, to Richard, eldest son of Lesley and John, Minard.

**COURIER ANNOUNCEMENTS ADVERTISER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For Funeral Directors Blair, MacDonald & Lupton please turn to page 16.

**Thought for the Week**

with Marilyn Shedden



AS I write this in the last ebbing days of 2013, the storm is relentless with gales and rain once again battering our coastline.

This is always a time to reflect on the past year and think once again about what the new year has in store for us.

We look back on the good times and the bad, the storms and the sunshine in our lives.

Sometimes the storms seem to dominate and we wonder when the calm will come.

We are past the Christmas rushing and feasting and all the busyness that has filled these last weeks and we await the start of 2014.

At this time I wonder about those across our globe who will spend the days of the new year on simply trying to exist, on feeding their family for another day, and on basic survival.

So many pleas come in from so many charities asking for help to help the helpless, that we might be forgiven for saying we can't help them all.

Yet we have just celebrated the birth of one who was a refugee, of one who depended on the hospitality of strangers and of one 'who had nowhere to lay his head'.

We have just celebrated the birth of one who said, 'when you feed the hungry and take in the homeless you do it for me'.

We have just honoured the one who called us to be the voice of the voiceless.

I wonder if the whisper of the Christ child is lost in the roar of our own materialism as the adverts tell us to buy yet more things we do not need.

Let us not leave the Christ child in the manger of our lives for if we do our faith will never be weaned.

2014 has possibilities to be different – and so have we.

Every blessing to you all.

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**CHILDREN at Rhunhaorine Primary are full of festive fun as they rehearse for their Christmas play. The school performed A Little Bird Told Me, a Nativity musical involving some brightly coloured birds and all the usual Christmas characters.**

# Festive fun and frolics at Drumlemble Primary



**Drumlemble Primary P4-7 pupils pictured during their performance of Cinderella 2: the revenge of the ugly sisters.**



**Drumlemble Primary one to three pupils performed A Penguin Christmas at the school concert.**



**Drumlemble Primary pre-five unit members are pictured telling the Nativity story at the school concert.**

# Grant pays dividends for castle trust

TARBERT Castle Trust has received a £1,420 grant from the Co-operative Group for its project to create a community woodland for use as an outdoor teaching resource.

The award is from The Co-operative Membership Community Fund, which is distributed to support local good causes.

Robert McPhail, of Tarbert Castle Trust, said: 'Funding is becoming ever harder to secure, therefore we were delighted to hear that we were successful in securing this grant from The Co-operative. The cash has made a

huge difference to our group.'

Liz Armstrong, The Co-operative Group's membership officer in Western Scotland, said: 'We are proud of the community fund, as it demonstrates how our members can make a real difference.'

Community fund application forms are available online at www.co-operative.coop/communityfund or by phoning 0844 262 4001.

Awards are allocated by local Co-operative members' committees, based on a set of values and principles such as social responsibility and caring for others.



Castlehill Primary one and two pupils were delighted when Santa made a surprise visit to their Christmas party last week and everyone received a gift. 08\_c52santa01

## Abusive messages

A YOUNG man was arrested and appeared in court on Monday accused of sending abusive text messages following a complaint to the police from his ex-girlfriend earlier that day.

## Campbeltown Darts Association results

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts Association Week 8 Results: Southend 7 Fiddlers B 3, Kilbrannan A 6 Kilbrannan C 4, Burnside 9 Ailsa 1, Fiddlers 9 Kilbrannan B 1, Commercial /Bye. James Wilson had a finish of 149 for the Fiddlers and Mark McEachern had a finish of 114 for Kilbrannan C. No more fixtures until January 6.

## Fined £40 for noise

A RESIDENT in Ralston Road, Campbeltown was given a fixed penalty fine of £40 after failing to heed a police warning about shouting and playing loud music at his home in the early hours of Monday.

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# JACKPOT

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**Entry will be void if crosses overlap.** Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.  
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**To allow for the Christmas holidays spot the ball will run for 2 weeks**

**Entries must be in by 12noon Monday 30th December**

**week 2 of 2**

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ball jackpot  
now at  
£2550!



Captain Ewan McIlroy heads the ball goalwards during a Carradale attack. 08\_c52carr02

# Carradale rue missed chances

SOMETIMES football is strange beyond explanation. This was such a match.

Carradale played below form, were often outplayed and outclassed, yet could have won comfortably.

It makes no sense, but the fact is they missed at least half a dozen excellent scoring chances

against the league leaders from Glasgow who showed enough skill to explain why they are unbeaten in seven matches.

Credit also has to go to Anderston's keeper who has mastered the art of meeting and blocking an onrushing forward.

<b>Carradale</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Anderston Victoria</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>West of Scotland AFL</b>	

All the same, a strange match.

The MacFadyen Transport sponsored Carradale side saw their first chance slip away

in just six minutes when Adam Graham seized upon a poor pass-back but then shot wide of the goal when one-on-one with the keeper.

It was a scenario that was to be replayed time and again.

The visitors, a sharp and physical bunch, opened the scoring in 17 minutes when a corner was met by a header which found defenders posted missing as it travelled across goal and into the net.

Confidence boosted, Anderston doubled their lead when their centre forward rode two tackles before firing a shot inside Robert Coffield's right-hand post.

Graham, Cammy Maguire and Mark Davis - Carradale's man of the match - were all then foiled in one-on-one situations with the keeper.

Ryan McConnachie was given a free header on the stroke of half time but put the ball over the bar.

Carradale started aggressively at the start of the second half but were caught out by a sucker punch from a three-man Anderston move down the right before their striker tucked the ball away from close range.

In the 67th minute Maguire was again blocked by the onrushing keeper as he broke free on goal.

Anderston then won a penalty and duly made it 4-0 after Coffield was adjudged to have fouled one of their forwards.

Graham had another chance late on, which he failed to take when he was through on goal, before McConnachie's head perfectly met a corner kick to finally put Carradale on the scoresheet.

Team manager Nonnie MacAlister said afterwards: 'Anderston Victoria played well and

passed the ball well, yet we made a lot of chances, which we failed to take.'

The match ball was sponsored by Neil Galbraith Electrical Services.



**Ryan McConnachie headed home a late goal for Carradale.**

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## MacMillan and Ronald defy weather

ICY gale force winds sorely tried the patience and skill of Dunaverty Golf Club members who participated in the popular Christmas event.

In some cases the ball went backwards and teeing up on the third tee was almost impossible.

George MacMillan conquered the conditions to record the best scratch score of 70.

Donald Taylor, playing off six, returned the leading score in the morning with a nett 66 but it was John Ronald in the afternoon who came out on top with an excellent nett 63.

Due to flooding on the 17th fairway it was replaced by the practice ground par three, making the course par 65 and CSS for the day was 65.

Severe weather conditions resulted in the December medal being postponed and this is due to be held tomorrow (Saturday).

The New Year competition is set for Thursday, January 2 with one ballot time from 10am to 11am.

## No winners in Dunaverty Lottery

THERE were no winners in Dunaverty Golf Club's three number lottery on Sunday.

The winning numbers were 10, 15 and 19 and the next draw will take place on January 5 with a jackpot of £300.

Tickets are available from the clubhouse, committee members, Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.



Carradale forward Cammy Maguire finds himself swamped by Anderston defenders. 08\_c52carr01

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