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# Merry Christmas



## Good Samaritan hands out Christmas cheer

by **MARK DAVEY** and **BEN RAMAGE**  
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A FORMER housing manager and her husband will share Christmas lunch with a 102-year-old they rescued when her Carradale sheltering housing closed.

Evie Strath, who was born in 1912 and will be 103 in February, faced an uncertain future when Abbeyfield Carradale House recently shut its doors for financial reasons.

Speaking to the Courier last Saturday, Evie said: 'I was very surprised when Joy offered to take me into her house. It is a home from home and I have fallen in love with the dogs.'

Good Samaritan Joy, who managed Abbeyfield for the last 18 months, said: 'When the decision was made to close I came home and cried about the fate of our three residents in particular Evie, who had been there 12 years.'

'We felt like a family at Abbeyfield. If Evie had gone into a nurs-

ing home it would have been so bad for her.

'My husband Bill suggested that Evie could have our spare room which is ensuite. I have worked as a nurse in care of the elderly all my life and have always fought their corner.'

'Even so it has been life changing for both of us.'

Mrs Bidmead said: 'Even though the Abbeyfield was a charity it still needed to break even and sadly with only three residents that was not possible.'

The house in Carradale closed on November 30, and Evie moved in with the Bidmeads on October 26.

The other two residents, Dennis Campbell and Margaret Causton, moved to Lorne Campbell Court in Campbeltown.

The house was started by a group of local residents hoping to build sheltered accommodation in the village under



Young guides Kaitlin Burnfield, Jennifer McCallum and Charmaine Vick, all aged 10, get set to eat their way through a festive cottage. 25\_c50guides01

the Abbeyfield Society banner, which already had several such houses throughout the UK.

The group was given a grant to cover building and furnishing costs, and the house was built in High Airs and opened on June 6 1985.

The first resident was

a Mrs Alice Borthwick, who was to be followed by more than 50 others.

Despite having a waiting list for some time, the house began to suffer financially from vacant rooms.

From 2013 to 2015, the number of residents fell from a maximum

eight to just three, causing a significant negative deficit in turnover.

Abbeyfield competed with Argyll and Bute Council's policy of 'Care in the Home', as this had a bearing on the difficulty of filling the empty rooms.

They were unsuccessful,

though, and the decision to close was taken in the summer.

Although Evie has featured in the Courier previously, she requested that we did not use her picture on this occasion. Further details of Evie's recollections will follow in next week's paper.

### Lucky five win tickets to Irn-Bru Carnival

FIVE people from across Argyll have received a Christmas present 'made from girders' and won tickets in a Courier competition to visit the Irn-Bru Carnival in Glasgow.

The lucky winners of pairs of tickets are: Freddy Arkell (Sound of Kintyre), Grace Galbraith (Carradale), Julieann Small (Lochgilhead), Elizabeth Small (Lochgilhead) and June Henderson (Lochgilhead).

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# MPA revisions but Arran set for a start in February

by **BEN RAMAGE**

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PROPOSALS to protect inshore fishing areas have been reviewed and will now be further discussed, but South Arran will proceed unchanged.

On June 11 four draft Marine Conservation Orders for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) were published, with consultation initially invited by July 9 2015 that was later extended until August 9.

After considering comments, adjustments have been made to three of the sites; Loch Sunart to Sound of Jura MPA, Small Isles MPA and Wester Ross MPA.

The proposal for the South Arran MPA has not been changed. That Order was laid in the Scottish Parliament on December 18 to take effect on February 8 2016.

Jamie McGrigor, Highlands and Islands MSP and the Scottish Conservative fisheries spokesman, said: 'Many fishermen will think the changes to the three MPAs do not go far enough and amount to tinkering at the edges, and there is real an-

ger that the South Arran MPA plan appears not to be being revisited at all.'

Donald Cameron, the Scottish Conservative Candidate for Argyll & Bute, added: 'The fishing sector underpins a significant number of direct and indirect jobs in Argyll and Bute, particularly in Oban, Campbeltown and Tarbert, and the Scottish Government should be doing all it can to support it.'

## Step forward

A spokesperson for the Community of Arran Seabed Trust said: 'These measures, while not perfect, are an important step forward for our inshore waters and the coastal communities which rely upon them.'

'COAST congratulates Richard Lochhead and the Scottish Government for standing up to pressure from well-resourced lobby groups and for putting the real interests of Scottish coastal communities first. We urge the Government to quickly progress Conservation Orders for the three remaining inshore MPAs.'



Louisa West, Isabel Eagers and Krystal McLean, who ran Tesco's collection on Saturday.

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## Tesco boosts festive food for Fareshare

KIND shoppers helped a Campbeltown supermarket donate food valued at £900 to its nationwide neighbourhood collection.

All donations from the recent event, as well as Tesco's top up extra 30 per cent, are passed to

Fareshare and the Trussell Trust.

The food, which includes store cupboard staples, is given to organisations including food banks, women's refuges, homeless shelters and children's breakfast clubs.

## A seasonal message from the Argyll and Bute Council provost

By Councillor  
**Len Scoullar**

WE ARE drawing near to the time of year when we extend goodwill towards our fellow men and women.

Each year the warmth of Argyll and Bute communities spills over and

the magic of the season sweeps us along on a tide of celebration.

In the midst of our festivities with family and friends, we may wish to stop for a moment and consider others for whom the holiday season can be a difficult

or lonely time. I send them warm wishes with the hope they may find comfort amidst the festivities.

This is the time of year when we often look back and reflect, and, in doing so, two words are prominent in my mind appropriate to the season; goodwill and peace.

The uninhibited goodwill has been extended by our communities towards the families who have come to Bute and who will soon arrive in

Campbeltown from Syria.

The goodwill, too, of the Scottish people, and communities throughout the UK who are offering sanctuary and peace to those who have arrived on our shores from war-torn countries.

As we close the door on the old year I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Argyll and Bute a happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

## Cow collision driver fined

AN ISLAY man who collided with a cow in the early hours of the morning was given six penalty points and fined £300 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

William Elliot, 28, of Coach House, Foreland appeared in court after being charged with leaving the scene of an accident and failing to give his details. Earlier the court heard that Elliot had been drinking in two Islay pubs and left to drive 14 miles home at 1.15am on June 28.

Two miles north of Port Ellen on the B8016 he collided with a cow, spun in the road and left his car at the scene. The police officers called a vet, to put the cow down and tried to trace Elliot at his house and the hospital.

Elliot phoned the police later in the day.

When asked why he had not reported the accident earlier Elliot said that he had been drinking and was scared he might have failed the roadside breath test.

## Police files:

### Hospital incident

A female was arrested for a suspected breach of the peace at Campbeltown hospital in the early hours of Thursday December 9.

### Drug warrants

There have been several search warrants executed at various addresses in Campbeltown, with a number of people having been reported for possession of drugs.

### Assault on Main Street

A female was reported to the procurator fiscal for an alleged assault on Main Street, Campbeltown on Tuesday December 15.

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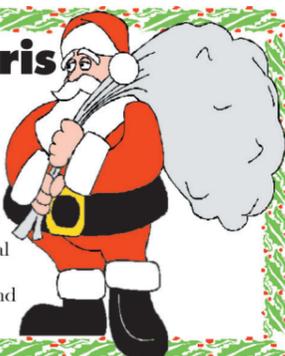
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# Gamblers fined for forged notes spree

A PAIR of swindlers who went on a gambling and shopping spree with forged notes have been fined at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

In January and February this year two Clydebank men, Sean Coleman, 23, of 3 Parkhall Terrace, and Michael McElhinney, 20, of 21 Sycamore Drive, travelled

the length of Argyll and Bute gambling, eating out and shopping with counterfeit bank notes.

Both men were fined £500 after pleading guilty to 12 charges of passing off the fake currency as genuine.

During sentencing, on Thursday of last week, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC, said: 'Neither of you are a stranger to these courts.'

'This was a deliberate course of criminal actions. I would like to make a compensation order but the amounts are quite small and the logistics complicated.'

Earlier the court heard that starting on Monday January 26 this year the two men placed bets at bookmakers William Hill and two branches of

Ladbrokes in Oban using counterfeit £5 and £10 notes.

In February the pair headed for Lochgilphead where they scammed the Bargain Zone and R.S. McColls with further £10 and £5 notes.

However, the proprietor of the Bargain Zone managed to capture the men on CCTV and an alert was sent out.

At the time, The Bargain Zone's Samreen Choudry said: 'A man tried to pass a fake £10 note but when we noticed he immediately swapped it for a genuine one. He was quite nervous.'

The same day the men took a trip to Campbeltown where they paid for an Amelia's bistro



Dee Carrick in Mary's Meals Lochgilphead examines a note on the day of the men's spree. 08\_a08forged01

meal with fake Royal Bank of Scotland £10 and £20 notes.

They spent further counterfeit cash at Wal-

ly's newsagents, McKellar's on ice cream and the newsagents,

£20 at the Factory Shop, Wee Toon Trends and

Kintyre Crafters.

They were finally identified from photo boards put together by Police Scotland in July.



Two counterfeit notes spent at McColls in Lochgilphead during the spree. 08\_a08forged02

## Brothers who fought with police fined

BROTHERS who ended up in separate serious disturbances in Campbeltown were fined when they appeared at court.

Heavy goods vehicle (HGV) driver Peter McKerral, 25, of Dundoaran, Southend was fined £720, reduced from £900 for his early guilty plea, last Thursday.

McKerral had been charged after getting into a fight with a po-

liceman in Shore Street last May.

The procurator fiscal told the court police were called to a disturbance at 2.16am.

McKerral was violent towards the officers.

There was a struggle and he was eventually subdued with CS gas.

McKerral's defence solicitor said his client, who also farms sheep, had been out celebrating after lambing. He had since apologised to the

officer whom he knew.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'It must have been particularly bad for the officers to use CS gas. They were just trying to carry out their duties.'

Five months later McKerral's brother Craig, 24, also from Dundoaran, Southend, was involved in an incident in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Police arrived at about 1.50am to find Craig McKerral, also an HGV driver, being aggressive and trying to start a fight.

He was warned to go home but as he walked away from the police he grabbed a man and attempted to throw him on to the ground. He was arrested and was uncooperative with the police.

After fining Craig McKerral £300 with seven days to pay, Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'You and your brother, Peter, should be thoroughly ashamed of yourselves. You are men with good jobs and prospects. I do not want to see you back here again.'

### Fined for drug possession

AN unemployed Campbeltown man was fined £400 after pleading guilty to possessing methadone and amphetamines.

Alan Hugh McMaster, 32, of Flat 10, 11 Main Street, was caught when police raided his flat and found a bag containing amphetamine hidden in the cooker hood.

### Police officers racially abused

A WOMAN was fined £300 after racially abusing two police officers at Campbeltown Police office.

Tracy Sinclair, 43, of 6 Old Schoolhouse Lane, Houston, Johnstone, pleaded guilty to using sectarian language and racially abusing a police officer.

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# Nativities proclaim Christmas message across Kintyre

A CHRISTMAS highlight for many families is seeing their children act out the Christmas story in a Nativity play.

Dalintober early learning childcare centre's Nativity was called 'Come to the Manger' and was performed by both the morning and the afternoon group, whose ages range from three to four.

Pupils from Castlehill P1s and P2s treated the

whole school to a Nativity dress rehearsal, before parents got to see it the following night.

At Southend Primary School, the ELCC were joined by P1 to 4 in their Nativity performance 'What a Star'.

Carradale Primary School also put on a Nativity in their school hall as part of a Christmas concert last Tuesday.



Drumlemble P4 - 7s.



Castlehill narrators. 20\_c52castlehillnativity03



The wolf looks longingly at the donkey's moneybag at Castlehill. 20\_c52castlehillnativity04



Drumlemble pre-5s group.



Right: Dalintober ELCC PM group. 20\_c52dalintober02



Castlehill angels watch over

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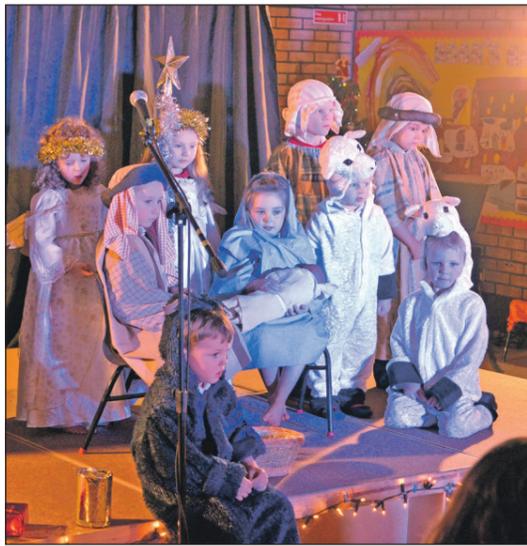
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Below: The cast of Southend's 'What a Star' Nativity.



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## True Christmas spirit shines through joyous act

AMONGST the merriment of Nativity plays, street processions, school concerts and choral carol services, it is important to remember not all will feel so lucky as 102-year-old Evie Strath on Christmas Day.

While she will wake up in a warm festive home thanks to the commendable goodwill of her former care home manager Joy Bidmead, who single-handedly stopped her from becoming homeless upon Abbeyfield's Carradale House closing, other elderly people may not be so fortunate.

Indeed, the national charity Abbeyfield's annual 'Coping at Christmas' campaign, which aims to tackle loneliness felt by older people during the Christmas season and beyond, is experiencing the highest number of calls from lonely older people in its five years of running.

While acts like Mrs Bidmead's are one of the greatest examples of benevolence to others, it is not beyond anyone to help ensure no one is left feeling lonely on what is one of the most joyous days of the year.

Kintyre's many charities are living proof that the area's communities will go above and beyond to help those most in need.

The elderly are often the most vulnerable in our society, and at a time which can enhance feelings of loneliness and depression for those isolated from their community, it is imperative that we strive to make sure everyone sees at least one friendly face on Christmas Day.

## Spare a thought for the workers

AS we enjoy our Christmas festivities and food it is worth remembering people in all walks of life who are at work.

It is not just the emergency workers and those in hospitals but also staff, such as those in the hospitality business, who go the extra mile to give us great times.

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## Oil revenue used to finance London projects

Sir,  
I thought it utterly absurd that Alan Reid wants an answer as to what cuts I would make if Scotland had become independent.

The fact is that Scotland remained in the union, more is the pity, thus making his line of argument completely hypothetical.

With the present polls indicating that the majority now favour independence, demands are rising for a second referendum, though I regard this as being too premature.

The time will surely come when Scotland does take the bold step of going its own way and, by then, I am hopeful that we will have moved on from this dreadful system of neo-liberalism, with its terrifying inequalities of wealth and income.

Thomas Piketty, the eminent French economist, has spelled out a severe warning that such inequality is threatening the very core of societies throughout the globe.

Finland has already started the process by looking into a possible economic system that will provide the greatest change since the industrial revolution.

Progressive economists are now predicting the end of the welfare state with a move to a basic income as inevitable, and the Finnish government is now considering scrapping welfare payments and paying a basic income to all people.

Finally, Mr Reid's jibe about my patriotism having to be paid for by others, was

surely uncalled for.

We had to watch our oil revenue being used to finance projects in London and the south east, whilst Norway prudently saved theirs.

Independence can only be achieved by the will of the Scottish people securing it in a democratic manner, but as I have previously stated, the ultimate motivation would be to liberate our nation from future Tory governments.

Mr Reid's party paid a high price for their involvement with them - he should know all about that.

**Norrie Paton,**  
**Kilkerran Park,**  
**Campbeltown.**

## Consulting the consultants

Sir,  
I am becoming frustrated at the ease at which highly paid policy makers are avoiding their responsibilities and increasing the burden on taxpayers by employing expensive 'consultants' to consult on the obvious and absolve themselves of the unpleasant responsibilities they are paid to make.

'It was not me guv, I consulted with the public, the public told me to do it.'

If the taxpayer is employing people on exorbitant wages then we would expect them to be capable of taking responsibility for decision making.

I am not saying that there is not a need to consult.

I think there is a place for consultants when specialist knowledge is required. However sometimes highly paid public servants need to get out of their ivory towers and do the consulting themselves

- rather than hiding behind appointed consultants when unpopular decisions have to be made.

It is called accountability. I do not think this is likely to happen because those in power are buffered from us plebs by employing consultants to replicate themselves in their empire building exercises.

Whilst Joe or Josephine Bloggs at the sharp end, who are providing the essential services, are made redundant because they are, according to the engineered consultancy exercises, surplus to requirements.

Many decisions are predetermined before the 'consultation'.

Take the following fairly recent fiascos as examples, 'consulting' on the reduction in hospital beds, regarding care in the community and on substance misuse services.

The latest contentious one - 'consulting' on savings to be made by Argyll and Bute Council.

They already know what the public reaction will be - one of extreme displeasure. What does all this cost? Why are they 'consulting' at a time when the goalposts are constantly changing?

For example regarding the recent decision not to reduce educational support workers. I am delighted for the younger generation, but will there be further repercussions for the vulnerable and elderly?

I think that with many essential services the Campbeltown flower beds may well be doomed, not bloomed.

The illusion of meaningful consultation continues at great expense for little gain. Perhaps the flowers and Kin-

tyre Recycling could be saved by not employing some consultants?

**Andrew Hemmings,**  
**Sound of Kintyre,**  
**Machrihanish.**

## Council's Government block grant boosted

Sir,  
Argyll and Bute Council should welcome the good news that in very difficult times the finance secretary has provided £22m (rough estimate) of protection for Argyll and Bute Council.

Revenue Support Grant (block grant from Scottish Government) which should have been cut by 15.5 per cent is to be limited to 4.5 per cent.

However, the Scottish Government cannot keep bailing out the council from its self-inflicted problems due to the incompetent administration having no longer term strategy.

**Councillor James Robb,**  
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# Finnie blasts Citizen's Advice closure proposal as 'false economy'

## CAB helped over 2,000 in Argyll last year

HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP John Finnie has condemned a proposal to cut funding for advice services, which threatens the future of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

Following a report in the Courier on the proposed cut of £55,000, which has allowed CAB to receive significant additional grant funding totalling £363,000 this financial year, Mr Finnie has raised concerns that the decision will cost the region much more than the proposed saving.

Mr Finnie said: 'Not only will removing funding for vital advice services like the Citizens' Advice Bureau make life more difficult for people across Argyll and Bute, it will cost rather than save money. This is a short-sighted false economy.'

### Estimate

'CAB estimate their services put £1.7 million into the pockets of people Argyll and Bute, and therefore into the economy.'

He also warned that removing advice services could cost the area mon-

ey as many people under claim benefits they are entitled to, which may exacerbate government welfare reform plans affecting Argyll and Bute.

'UK Government welfare reform will hit Argyll and Bute hard. Osborne's cuts will take over £7.6 million from the local economy, and of course that burden will be falling on the most vulnerable.'

'Killing off advice services in the name of 'savings' will hurt local people, hurt the local economy and ultimately hurt the council

budget. I'm calling on Argyll and Bute to scrap the proposed cut and guarantee the future of CAB.'

Jane MacLeod, chairwoman of the board of directors for CAB, recently said: 'It is difficult to understand why councillors would vote to lose this respected organisation, which brings such added value to the economics of Argyll and Bute and to the council itself.'

Last year CAB helped 2,032 clients with 8,755 issues in the Argyll region.



Santa with the happy children. c52salvation01no

## Salvation Army Christmas party

FATHER Christmas' sleigh swept into Campbeltown's Salvation Army Christmas party, delighting the children attending.

### Presents

At the recent event, the youngsters aged from nursery to P5 each received

presents from Santa, which they were all happy to receive.

The children of the Army Kidz Sunday School also took part in a nativity play during the Corps Carol Service, held in the Salvation Army Hall last Sunday.

## Santa stops off at Aqualibrium

A SPECIAL guest made an appearance at Fyne Homes first Campbeltown tenants' children's Christmas party.

Santa was mobbed after children had enjoyed playing musical chairs, pass the parcel, and tucking into some festive food.

It was the fourth in a series of parties, with the others taking place in Lochgilphead, Rothesay and Dunoon thanks to the initiative of housing administrative of-



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# A fascination with lighthouses led to a seven-year odyssey

TRIPS to some Kintyre lighthouses form part of a book described by HRH Princess Anne as showing 'a real dedication'.

The Patron of the Northern Lighthouses Board since 1993 was most impressed by Ian Cowe's seven-year journey by foot, car, boat, plane and helicopter around Scotland's coast capturing the great lights built by the Stevenson engineers.

That mammoth trip

has led to a book called Scottish and Manx Lighthouses, with all money raised from its sale going to the Northern Lighthouses Heritage Trust.

Ian, from Balmedie in Aberdeenshire, is the son and grandson of trawlermen, which he thinks may have influenced his love of the architecture of lighthouses.

In the introduction to his book, Ian said: 'In my 20s and early 30s I had travelled extensive-

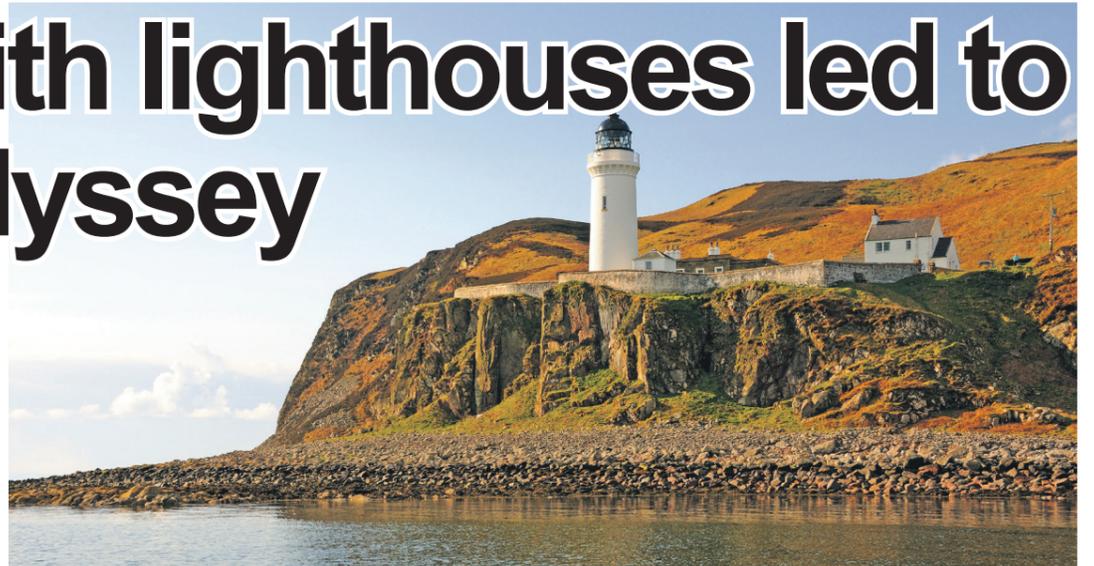
ly around the globe.

'However, I was aware there were large areas of Scotland which I had never explored including most of the lighthouses I had read so much about in my childhood.'

Ian acknowledges that he is not the first photographer to attempt to cover all these lighthouses, but he is certainly the first to do so since the advent of digital photography and the automation of the lights.

Every building gave a unique day out such as the steep walk down to see the Mull of Kintyre lighthouse's impressive lens which finished with a steep climb back in the dark. Ian said that being out close to or after dark is an occupational hazard of photographing lighthouses.

Ian said: 'For many, I was able to go on tourist boat trips but for some, such as Sanda and Ail-



An image of the lighthouse on Davaar Island which is not in the book.

sa Craig I had to charter boats. I have been quite lucky as the most expensive charter was £150.

'Winter is the best time as the sun is low in the sky which works well for shots at sea level but has the worst weather.

'I have had a camera since my 20s but would not describe myself as a professional photographer although most of the pictures in the book were taken on manual settings. Initially I was approached by a publisher from England and

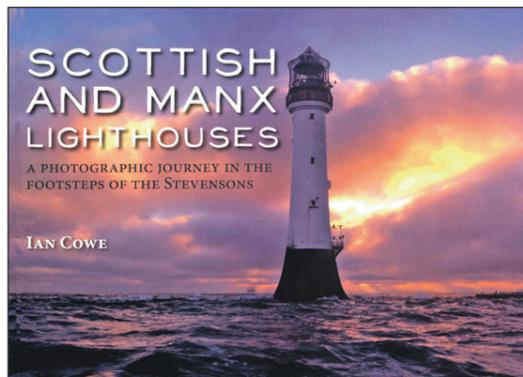
asked if I wanted to collaborate on a book but in the end I approached the Northern Lighthouse board.'



As a youngster Ian Cowe was always pestering his parents to take him to lighthouses.



A dizzying view from the balcony at Skerryvore which has been described as the most beautiful lighthouse in the world.



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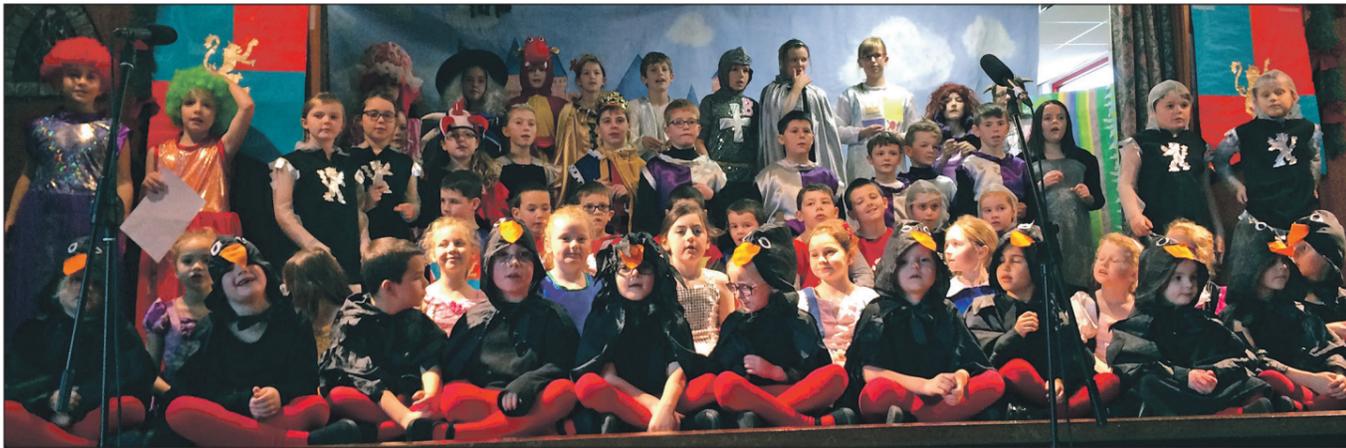
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The cast of Port Ellen Primary School's panto.

# Pantomimes and concerts

PANTOMIMES and concerts filled school halls around Kintyre with Christmas anticipation reaching fever pitch.

**Featured**

Southend Primary School's Christmas show featured two plays, a clarinet solo and chanter group. The older pupils excelled in their production of 'Christmas is Forever'.

Port Ellen on Islay's pantomime 'What A Knight' was equally well-received by everyone attending, featuring excellent costumes and acting throughout.

Glenbarr Primary School performed a variety of sketches, songs and instrumental pieces at their show on Wednesday December 1.

'The Puzzled Penguin', 'The Top of the Tree' and 'The Reindeer Dance' featured among a packed programme.

**'Prickly Hay'**

Rhunahaorine Primary School and Pre-5s' Christmas Show 'Prickly Hay' was held in Tayinloan Village Hall on December 14.

A total of £206.86 was raised

which will be divided between Calum's Cabin (<http://www.calumscabin.com/calum-s-story.html>) and Rhunahaorine School Fund.

Carradale's 16 pupils played many parts in a Christmas concert which included three musicals and a nativity as well as numerous individual instrumental performances.



Pupils performing 'Christmas is Forever'.



The cast of Carradale Primary School's Christmas Melody. 25\_c52carradale02



Santa and his reindeer at Glenbarr.



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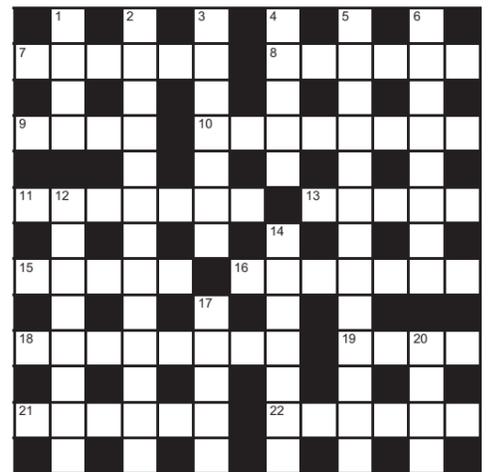
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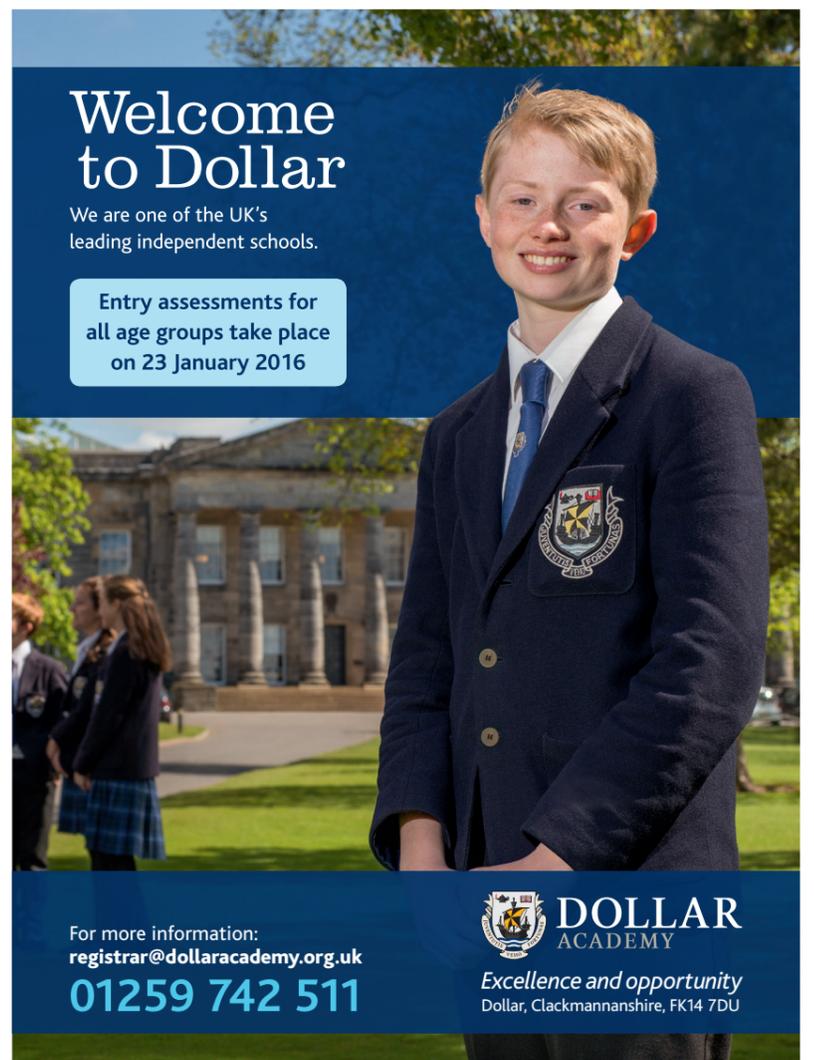
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The event, on Saturday January 2, in aid of Kintyre's cancer charity the Mairi Semple Fund, raised £740 last year.

**Local cause**

Argyll Hotel proprietor Nick Fletcher said: 'It is a great way to bring Christmas and Hogmanay celebrations to a close and support a worthy local cause at the same time.'

'Ceilidh's Homet features Paula Mclean, who ran the Tarbert Music Academy in between farming work, and Ryan McGlynn of Lochgilphead, a member of the

McGlynn 'dynasty' of traditional musicians.'

Mairi Semple Fund treasurer Margaret Semple added: 'The fund provides a range of support for people and their families in coping with cancer in the more isolated environs of Kintyre.'

'We rely very heavily on donations to enable us to do this.'

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The event raised £55 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and pupils visited the Campbeltown lifeboat station to present a cheque.

They were given a tour of the station and boats, thanks to the crew who gave up their time to show the youngsters around.

As part of their expressive arts pupils created an art gallery using wax and watercolour techniques, used role play to explore Edwardian manners and etiquette as well as creating three dimensional clay models with box surrounds.

The pupils were fascinated by fashion and food on the Titanic, so as

part of technology they researched fabrics of the period and dressed up as

well as baking bread and cakes for the tea party. Pupils learnt about forces

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Gigha primary pupils in Edwardian dress.



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structuring and the appointment of an experienced executive team and new commercially based pricing scheme to combat the unsavoury performance.

The company also sold its Glenfield Dairy business, based in Fife, to rival Graham's the Family Dairy in November.

Over the last six months the companies new heavyweight appointments include Kenny Bain as group operations director, Brian Mackie as chief operating officer and most recently Carl Ravenhall as non-executive director.

First Milk held a Special General Meeting in Haydock this month where members overwhelmingly approved some major governance proposals put forward by the Board aiming to give members more of a say in the direction of the business.

The business remains the UK's only major dairy company that is



First Milk CEO Mike Gallagher.

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Chief executive Mike Gallacher commented: 'The new governance structure is a critical enabler for the continuing transformation of First Milk. It delivers a more commercial, leaner and robust governance

structure while sustaining the recent rapid pace of change across First Milk.'

Chairman Nigel Evans added: 'This new governance structure gives members a stronger voice via the new Council and a more commercially focused Board.'

The role of one council will include holding the Board to account on behalf of the members, approving the annual budget, business plan and capital targets. Additionally the Council will appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board.

## Watchful posters halve dog fouling on farms



One of the posters keeping an eye dog walkers.

A SERIES of posters featuring large glow in the dark eyes have helped persuade dog walkers to pick up after their pooch.

The dramatic campaign urging walkers to clean up after their pets on agricultural land has more than halved the incidence of fouling on the sites tested.

### Hard-hitting

The posters combined hard-hitting messages and glow in the dark eyes to try and encourage dog walkers to pick up the mess by making them feel they are being watched.

Previous research had suggested that some dog owners act irresponsibly when they think there is no-one else around, which became the main focus of the campaign.

Four Scottish sites were monitored by National Farmers Union (NFU) Scotland and Keep Scotland Beautiful over a six week period during September and October to assess the impact of the posters.

The results showed an overall decrease of 52.1 per cent in the incidents of dog fouling recorded over the duration of the project. NFU Scotland

will now seek to roll out the poster campaign to farms nationally, with a view to assess the results at different times in the year.

### Offence

The results of the work will help NFU Scotland's efforts to have agricultural land incorporated into the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003. Under the Act, it is an offence for a person responsible for a dog to leave the dirt in a public open space, but the legislation currently excludes agricultural land.

This exclusion of ag-

ricultural land has real implications for farmers and land managers who must deal with the impact of dog dirt on their land. As well as affecting the quality and safety of crops, animal health is a major concern.

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#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03246/PP	Installation of biomass boiler cabin with associated flue	Lochgilhead Joint Campus Lochgilhead Argyll And Bute PA31 8AA	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/03308/PP	Variation of condition 10 relative to planning permission reference 13/02855/PP -amendment to foul drainage system	Land Adjacent To Clock Lodge Lochgilhead Argyll And Bute PA31 8NH	Mid Argyll Area Office
15/03314/PP	Erection of two storey rear extension, demolition and replacement of existing gatehouse to form ancillary residential accommodation	Green Oak Low Askomil Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6EP	Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
15/03315/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land South East Of Ballochroy Tayinloan Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Harbour Street
15/03334/PP	Installation of biomass boiler cabin with associated flue	Ardrihsaig Primary School Glegilp Ardrihsaig Lochgilhead Argyll And Bute PA30 8HF	Mid Argyll Area Office

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/03245/PP	Installation of biomass boiler cabin with associated flue	Inveraray Primary School The Avenue Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8YH	Sub Post Office Inveraray
15/03286/PP	Sub-division of one flat into two flats	33 Lochnell Street Lochgilhead Argyll And Bute	Mid Argyll Area Office

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#### ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

#### CREGGAN WIND FARM

#### SECTION 36 APPLICATION FOR CONSENT AND DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE CREGGAN WIND FARM, NORTH EAST OF GLENBARR, KINTYRE AND

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

#### PLANNING PERMISSION APPEAL: ERECTION OF 14 WIND TURBINES (UP TO 110 METRES HIGH TO BLADE TIP), UPGRADING OF ROAD JUNCTION WITH A83T AND IMPROVEMENTS TO C20. CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS TRACKS, CONTROL BUILDING AND SUBSTATION, TRANSFORMERS, ANEMOMETER MASTS AND ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT AT BLARY HILL WINDFARM, LAND NORTH OF LOCH ARNICLE, BARR GLEN, BY GLENBARR, KINTYRE

#### NOTICE OF INQUIRY SESSIONS TO BE HELD AS PART OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRY

Scottish Ministers have appointed Mr Scott Ferrie MSc MRTPI and Mr Christopher Warren BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI to consider and submit reports to them:

- on an application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of Creggan Wind Farm north east of Glenbarr, Kintyre; and
- under the terms of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, on an appeal made to them by RES Ltd in respect of the erection of a wind farm at Blary Hill, by Glenbarr, Kintyre.

The Reporters will hold a public inquiry to obtain more information on certain matters before they report to Scottish Ministers on the cases. The matters to be considered during the oral sessions of the public inquiry are:

- the landscape and visual impacts (including cumulative impacts) of both Blary Hill and Creggan proposals;
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- those other topics identified as being relevant to the Blary Hill proposal (national energy policy; national planning policy and advice; development plan policy and supplementary guidance; noise impact (including cumulative noise impact); shadow flicker; impact on local economy, tourism and recreation; impact on forestry; impact on habitats and species; impact on cultural heritage; peat stability and peat management; hydrology and hydrogeology; transportation; impact on aviation/air safety; telecommunications; suggested conditions/legal agreement)

No other matters relevant to these cases will be considered at the inquiry sessions.  
The sessions will be held in public and will begin at 10:00 on Monday 25 January 2016 within Tayinloan Village Hall, Kintyre. The public inquiry is estimated to run for 10 working days.  
Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the sessions. All inquiry documents may also be viewed at Glenbarr Village Hall, Kintyre, until the start of the sessions.  
All key documents relating to the appeal can also be viewed on our website: <http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk> using reference WIN-130-1 for Creggan and PPA-130-2052 for Blary Hill.

**DAVID HENDERSON**  
Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals  
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Our ref: WIN-130-1 and PPA-130-2052

### Goods Vehicle Operators Licence

Mellex Group Limited trading as West Coast Tool and Plant Hire of Titanium 1 Kings Inch Place, Renfrew, PA4 8WF is applying for a licence to use Plot 2, Site 11B, Kilmory, Lochgilhead, PA31 8RR as operating centre for 5 goods vehicles and 5 trailers, Plot 3, Site 11B, Kilmory, Lochgilhead, PA31 8RR as operating centre for 5 goods vehicles and 5 trailers and Achnafad, Tayinloan, Clachan, Tarbert, PA29 6XG as operating centre for 10 goods vehicles and 10 trailers. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.



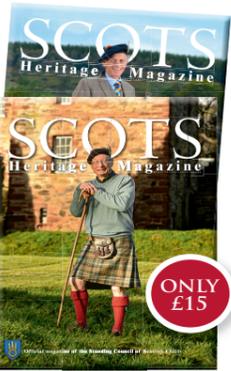

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011**

The proposed Blary Hill Wind Farm is located to the east of Glenbarr on the Kintyre Peninsula within Argyll and Bute (grid reference NR 710 365) and is subject to assessment under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2011.

Notice is hereby given that additional information in relation to an environmental statement has been submitted to the Scottish Ministers by RES Ltd relating to the application for planning permission for the Blary Hill Wind Farm that comprises 14 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 110m together with associated infrastructure and works. The planning application has now been appealed to the Scottish Ministers.

A copy of the additional information together with the environmental statement (August 2014), Supplementary Environmental Information (February 2015), the associated application and other documents submitted with the application may be inspected during opening hours during the consultation period specified in this notice at:

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Lochgilthead  
PA31 8RD

Argyll and Bute Council  
Campbeltown Service Point  
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Electronic copies of the additional information can be made available from RES Ltd (email [neil.martin@res-ltd.com](mailto:neil.martin@res-ltd.com)) free of charge. Hard copies of the additional information may be purchased from RES Ltd at a cost of £2.00.

Any person who wishes to make representations to the Scottish Ministers about the additional information should make them in writing on or prior to 29 January 2016 (quoting reference PPA-130-2052) to:

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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT was a very exciting day for two wee boys as they waved their daddy off and watched him roar off into space.

Tim Peake is the first British astronaut to join the crew of the International Space Station and the event was beamed across the world.

It was beamed across a world which Tim would soon view from the vastness of the universe.

He said that this was one of the things he was most excited about seeing on his space voyage.

I felt sad that he would not be with his family on Christmas day. Then I wondered just what it must be like looking at the planet we call home, and seeing it as a globe floating and spinning in space.

I thought of the beginnings of this planet.

Cosmic forces exploded with energy and heat and brought light.

Science and religion can agree on this.

Those of us who will soon celebrate once again the birth of Jesus Christ, believe that he is the Light of the World.

I wonder what Tim Peake will think as he looks on the earth on Christmas morning.

No doubt he will think about his family.

But I wonder what his thoughts will be about the planet.

What would we think if we were able to look down on our world?

We would not be able to see the scars and wounds on our planet.

We would not be able to see the sorrow and the suffering, the wars and the fighting.

I am told that the earth looks beautiful from space.

I believe that is how God intended it to look.

So on Christmas morning I will think of the words in a very old carol:

'Hush your strife ye men of war, and hear the angels sing.'

This is my prayer for our world.

May God bless you this Christmas.

## From our files:

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 28 1990

Luxury cruises to Campbeltown

CAMPBELTOWN embarks on a new era as a port of call for cruise ships from next year.

The Hebridean Princess is booked to berth at the Old Quay on May 4-5, July 13-14 and September 14-15 on the new cruise The Magic of the Mulls.

The Greek cruise ship Orpheus will call at Tarbert on July 5 on a summer cruise from Saint Nazaire to Lerwick and the operators hope to berth at Campbeltown instead in 1992 if they can get sufficient depth of water dredged at the wharf.

At 336ft and 4,142 tons, she would be the largest ship ever to berth at Campbeltown.

The harbour master, William

MacDonald, says the 16ft depth of water at the outer wharf of the Old Quay at low spring tide only needs dredging to 20ft to satisfy the Greek cruise ship operators, P and O Swan Hellenic.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO December 23 1965

Provost opens £30,000 bonded warehouse

A NEW bonded warehouse, built for the Springbank Distillery of Messrs J and A Mitchell Ltd at a cost of £30,000, was officially opened on Thursday by Provost Duncan McMillan.

The warehouse, with storage capacity for 300,000 gallons of whisky, is of modern design and is the first in Campbeltown to incorporate a racking system. Moreover the electrical fittings are all flame-proof.

Mr G. Hedley Wright, the distillery's managing director, who presided at the opening ceremony, said the new building was something new for Campbeltown. He hoped it would be the first of a whole series of new warehouses.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO December 25 1915

County Council Bye-laws - Warning to Cyclists and Carters

AT A Justice of the Peace Court in Campbeltown on Wednesday - Messrs J.N. Mactaggart and Andrew Hamilton on the bench - a farm worker from the district south of Blantyre was charged with having on November 26 ridden his bicycle on the public road between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise without having a light attached to his machine

that could be seen from the front.

He was also charged with having failed to have attached to his machine a rear light or reflector which could be detected by vehicles coming from the rear. He pleaded guilty.

Mr M. Dick, who prosecuted, stated that according to the Argyll County Council bye-laws issued on October 8, 1914, approved by the Sheriff on January 12, 1915, every bicycle should carry a rear red light showing red or a reflector which could be seen from behind.

This bye-law was not very well known, but the public must understand that such lights or reflectors must be carried by cyclists. This was the first prosecution of this kind in this district.



Kitchen staff and waitresses ready to serve the first course are, from left: Kirsty Black, Alyson Milstead, Jessica, Bethany and Rebecca Pater-son and Alan Milstead. 25\_c52popup01

## Backpackers hosts haute cuisine

A POPUP restaurant saw Campbeltown Backpackers become a venue for grub usually served in a high class eatery.

Impecunious guests, spending £18 a night at the dormitory style accommodation, would have been amazed at the spread served up by Carradale hotelier Alan Milstead, his wife Alyson and staff at the event last Thursday.

Before the meal Mr Milstead, who is chairman of Kintyre Amenity Trust which owns the Backpackers, gave guests a potted history and explained that hostel income boosts the nearby Heritage Centre.

In hostel style guests were served at two communal tables after a glass of fizz and kale crisps.

The meal used as much

local produce as possible including kale, potatoes and other vegetables from The Farm Shop at Bellochantuy, langoustine and lobster from Prentice Seafoods in Tarbert and Dunvalanree Hotel's own eggs.

A further popup restaurant is planned at a different venue in January, for details see: www.dunvalanreepopup.com

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God' (Matthew 5:9).

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**LIVINGSTONE - INNES**

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Laura Jane, only daughter of William and Margaret Livingstone, Emerivale, Lochview Avenue, Campbeltown, to George Alexander, only son of Wilson and Eileen Innes, Auchmillanhill Farm, Sorn, Mauchline.

**GOLDEN WEDDING**



**MCGOUGAN - MACDOUGALL**

At Martha Street Registry Office, on December 24, 1965, Duncan to Kathleen. Present address, Glen Roy, Dell Road, Campbeltown.

**DEATHS**

**CAMPBELL** - Peacefully, at the Beatson Hospital, Glasgow, on December 17, 2015, Jean Craig Patterson Gillies, in her 71st year, Glenholm, High Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of James F Campbell, much loved mother of Alasdair and Catriona and a loving and much loved grandmother. A private service will be held in Cardross Crematorium. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**JAMES** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 18, 2015, Margaret Colville, in her 85th year, formerly of Elindon, Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Ken James, much loved mother of Hedley, mother-in-law of Isobel, much loved and loving grannie of Neil and Naomi, and great grannie of Imogen and Kal.

**MCNAUGHTON** - On December 17, 2015, suddenly, but peacefully, at Perth Royal Infirmary, Neil, formerly of Glendaruel, in his 75th year, beloved husband of Flora Pearson, and loving father and papa to his children, grandchildren and foster children. Funeral service at Tarbert Loch Fyne Parish Church, on Tuesday, December 29, at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance, Scone, Perth.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**AITKEN** - Andrew and Ruth would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls received following the recent sad passing of Nettie. Special thanks to doctors and nursing staff at Mid Argyll Hospital and Ardfenaig Care Home, and to the staff of Argyll Home Care for their care and attention over the last few years, which allowed Nettie to live comfortably at her home. We would especially like to thank all our neighbours, friends and the wider local community for their friendship, help and support shown to all of our family over the years. Our grateful thanks to Rev Derek Gibson for a comforting and uplifting service and to Rev Angus McNeill for a personal eulogy. Thanks also to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professional services and to the Stag Hotel for catering. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at the church and graveside to pay their respects. The retiral collection has raised over £275 the Dochas Centre and Marie Curie.

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**SELFRIDGE** - In loving memory of my husband, Fred, taken from us on December 26, 2013.

Gone but not forgotten, - Think of you every day, Myra xx.

**SELFRIDGE** - Not a day goes by when we don't think about you...and smile.

- Love Carol, Ali, Colin, Siobhan and Rebecca xxxxx.

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- Angela, Josh and Fred xxx.

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Watchnight Service  
**Friday 25 December**  
Inverlussa Church 11 am  
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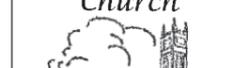
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# Slog in Sand set for sixth seaside showing



Cameron Campbell took the male junior race title last year.

THE ANNUAL Slog in the Sand should blow away any festive over-indulgence.

The event this year will take place on Sunday December 27 at Westport Beach, with all welcome to attempt the run in often bracing conditions.

The 10-kilometre race for men and women is the main event, while the juniors' three kilometres is becoming increasingly popular.

This is the sixth running of the annual winter blow out, which was won last year by Kenny Campbell, who ran a course record breaking 36:05, a full two minutes faster than any other competitor.

His Campbeltown Running Club team mate Stuart McGeachy finished second in 38:24, with Daniel Sheldrick from Tayinloan finishing third with 39:59.

Kenny has won four of the five Slog in the Sand runs, and will be looking to bag his fifth

this time around in the wake of representing Scotland at the British and Irish Masters' event in Dublin this year.

Fiona Graham took the ladies' title last year after pipping her Campbeltown club mate Jennifer Reid by just seven seconds, after 44 minutes and 25 seconds of hard running.

Fiona's daughter, Claudia, won the girls' junior race last time around with a time of 20:38, while Cameron Campbell won the boys' race in emphatic fashion in 13:13.

The schedule for the day is registration at 10am, before the juniors race off at 10.30am. The adults will then follow at 11am, with more close finishes predicted after a highly successful year for many Kintyre runners.

Entry on the day is £5 for adults and £2 for juniors. There are prizes for winners and welcome refreshments for all finishers.

## Pupils U14s' super seven spoils Baljaffray's day in Kintyre

Campbeltown Pupils U14s 7 Baljaffray FC Inter U14s 1  
Dumbarton Development Football league - 2002s

A HAT-TRICK from Campbell Litster opened the scoring in a scrappy game as the Pupils U14 demolished Baljaffray U14s.

Further goals followed from Fraser MacBrayne, Matthew

Laing and neat headers from corners by Ross Souden and Calum McKillop.

In the second half there was some great goalmouth action as the Pupils won a number of corners and

dominated the game.

The game did not end so well for Litster, described as a tough cookie by a spokesperson, as he was carried off the pitch and taken to hospital for a precautionary x-ray.



Calum McKillop beats the goalie for the headed seventh. 25\_c52u14pupils01

## Fiddlers darts men on target

IT WAS an all Fiddlers final for the Jimmy Taylor Memorial league doubles dart competition.

The event held at the Fiddlers Inn on Monday December 14 saw Stephen and Vince Jordan

win after battling Donald Stewart and Tony MacMillan.

Vince Jordan scored 180 and James White hit a finish of 141. A total of 24 doubles entered, thanks to Carol and Jim Green for donating the bottle prizes.



Winners Stephen and Vince Jordan.

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