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Crisis at Skykon

Workers told not to return after New Year break
Administrator brought in



The main gate to the Skykon factory was locked on Wednesday

THE fight is on to save the Skykon factory at Machrihanish, its 130 jobs and the prospect of many more in its new extension, which is lying completed but empty.

The workforce was told not to return to work after the holiday break because there was no money to pay them but the company's order book could be its salvation.

Colin Dempster and Andrew Davison of Ernst & Young have been appointed administrators of Skykon Campbeltown Ltd; its Danish parent went into administration last month. Andrew Davison said: 'We are currently reviewing the

By Joanne Simms

facility's financial position and order book with a view to assessing its immediate trading prospects. Some initial expressions of interest have been made and all options will be explored.'

The gates to the factory were chained shut on Tuesday when workers arrived for a meeting; they had to enter through the security gate at the other side of the former airbase.

They were told that the administrators were in talks with Siemens, a major customer with whom Skykon has

a lucrative order for the Clyde Valley wind farm project; they hope to have a deal in place by early next week to keep the factory working.

Jimmy McCallum, the shop steward for Unite members, has been here before; he has worked at the factory since Vestas owned it. When Vestas pulled out just before Christmas 2008 Skykon stepped in, in March 2009 saying it would invest £26 million alongside a Scottish investment of £10 million; the cash came in instalments as the project went ahead and £2.5 million had been paid out. Ninety-two weeks later they are gone.

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Fishing reprieve

No plans for three-mile fishing exclusion zone

FISHERMEN in Tarbert have received a boost as the Scottish Government confirms it has no plans to introduce a three-mile fishing exclusion zone on the Clyde shoreline.

A government spokeswoman said it has 'no plans at present to re-introduce a three-mile limit, either in the Clyde or elsewhere, or to introduce widespread spatial fisheries management measures'.

The move comes after the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), together with static fishermen, sea anglers and community councils, launched an online petition calling for all forms of mobile fishing, bottom trawling and dredging to be prohibited from the area within three miles of the Clyde shoreline.

Pleased

Kenny MacNab, owner of Flying Fish in Tarbert and former chairman of

By Edel Kenealy

the Clyde Fisherman's Association, said: 'We are pleased that the government has no plans to introduce the fishing ban at the moment but we would like a guarantee that it will not happen in the future. We would like to see it removed permanently from the agenda.'

Jenny Carlile chair of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, who has written to Fisheries Minister Richard Lochhead stating the proposal threatened the village's economy and identity, said she is pleased with the reassurance.

Whilst the government has ruled out the three-mile limit it has recognised problems with fish stock in the Clyde.

The government spokeswoman said: 'There is concern about

the state of the Clyde and consideration is currently being given to a study which would look at the present understanding of the state of the Clyde and the reasons for that state. The study would also consider whether there are any similar scenarios elsewhere and whether there may be steps which could be taken to help improve the area.

Details

She added: 'Marine Scotland Science and Policy Officials are currently working on a specification for this proposed study and more details should be available in the very near future.'

One hundred Tarbert men are directly employed on fishing boats and a further 300 are employed on shore as processors, drivers, port administrators, engineers and net makers.



Council roads depot disappears

IT IS the end of an era for Campbeltown as the council roads depot building on Kinloch Road disappeared under the diggers and demolition crew from Campbeltown contractor McFadyens. The Campbeltown roads depot has moved to a site at the Machrihanish airbase.

A competitive tendering exercise was carried out to appoint a contractor to undertake the demolition work, which McFadyens won.

The demolition is part of the CHORD Kinloch Road Regeneration project that will see the building demolished and the ground cleared.

The dressed stone front of the building will be recycled.

This land will then be transferred to ACHA to form part of its residential development in the area. In return, ACHA will transfer land in Park Square to the council for the construction of a new road linking Millknowe Road and Kinloch Road creating a gateway entrance to Campbeltown with attractive views of the iconic Aqualibrium building.

The depot site should be cleared and ready for handover in Spring 2011. 04_c52dep01

Ballot papers arrive late

A TOTAL of 389 ballot papers have arrived late for the Machrihanish Airbase buyout ballot.

Of these 367 were yes votes and 22 were no.

At the count before Christmas 50 per cent,

or 2,909 papers had to come back but there were only 2,789.

These late papers take the result over the required 50 per cent.

Chairman of the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, Ian Wardrop, said: 'The Scottish Government must take into account the problems with the postal service due to the severe bad weather.'

Fire-raising

AN 18-year-old man appeared on petition at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday afternoon, December 29, on one count of wilful fire-raising and another of reckless fire-raising on December 28 in the town.

He made no plea or declaration. The case was continued for further examination and he was released on bail.

Islay lifeboat called out

ISLAY lifeboat was launched on Thursday morning to go to the aid of the Jura ferry.

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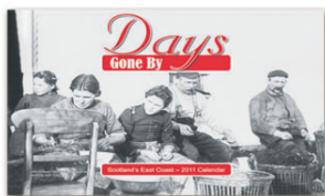


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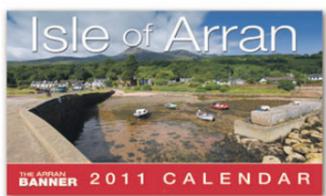


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Curiosity chops for charity

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Education Secretary refutes claims he breached conduct code

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute calls on Mr Russell to resign

EDUCATION Secretary Mike Russell has refuted claims he breached the Minister's Code of Conduct by appearing to advise local SNP members on proposed school closures in Argyll and Bute.

Mr Russell, who is the party's prospective Scottish parliamentary candidate for the constituency, claims he has done nothing wrong and said his comments, contained in an email, were a 'normal response' to an issue raised by a councillor.

In the leaked email – marked urgent and in confidence – sent a week before the council was due to vote on the proposal to close 25 schools, Mr Russell expressed concern that the SNP group seemed to be supporting the consultation. He also stated that backing the proposed closures would cause 'severe problems which could be very destructive to our reputation and prospects'.

He also branded

council officials 'obdurate'; states the SNP group should leave the coalition, if the council leader would not withdraw the proposals; and said there were eight or nine schools that could be closed 'with minimal difficulty'.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, called on Mr Russell to resign as a result.

He said: 'Mr Russell was acting officially on behalf of the Scottish Government when he wrote that eight to nine

schools in Argyll and Bute should close and that council officials were 'obdurate'. This is unwarranted interference by the Scottish Government in council business.'

Mr Russell said: 'I have made it clear from the beginning that I wouldn't make the final decision if this issue was called in [to the Scottish Government].'

'I was not advising councillors on how to vote, I was having a normal conversation. I think



Mary is pictured Craig Johnstone and the Head and Depute Head teachers Catriona Hood, John Welsh and May Taylor.

Mary says goodbye to Tarbert

A TARBERT dinner lady has waved goodbye to the village Academy after 16 years service.

Mary McNicol retired from her role as Canteen Supervisor on December 31.

Pupils said goodbye to Mary before the school holidays.

During a primary one to secondary six assembly, Mary was presented with flowers by Tarbert Academy Head Boy, Craig Johnstone.

Head teacher, Catriona Hood, praised Mary's kindness to the children in her care and her willingness to be flexible, accommodating and to share in the whole life of the school. Mary has also been great fun as a colleague with and her sayings will be fondly remembered – as will she.

Given her length of service, Mary was presented an Argyll and Bute Council clock by Primary 3 pupil Rachael Christie.

Dont be a Dumb Dumper!

DID you have a nice Christmas? Did you get lots of lovely presents and was your tree nice?

Good! Now make sure you get rid of all that empty packaging and the tree properly and don't be a Dumb Dumper!

Flytipped waste is still a problem in Scotland; at Christmas waste becomes a blot on the Scottish landscape over the festive season.

Last year, hundreds of calls were received over the Christmas holiday season, reporting flytipping incidences to the Dumb Dumpers hotline.

Encouraging

This year, the Scottish Flytipping Forum is encouraging Scottish homes to dispose of their festive waste properly, in household bins and freely at licensed waste sites.

Dumb Dumpers is the Scottish Flytipping Forum's campaign for reporting and dealing with flytipping.

To call the Dumb Dumpers hotline on 0845 2 30 40 90 to report it. Incidences of flytipping can also be reported on www.dumbdumpers.org.

Twitter for the tweeters

AN urgent plea has been made to protect some of Britain's favourite songbirds in the freezing winter weather.

The charity Song Bird Survival warned that some species may be in danger of near extinction as a result of the cold spell. They drew parallels with the winter of 1963 when over 80 percent of Britain's wren population died.

Encourage

The charity urged people up and down the country to put out food for songbirds. And they have even set up a special Twitter account – Saving Song Birds - to encourage people to care for birds like robins, wrens, bullfinches, tree sparrows and song thrushes.

Recent figures show that over 60 percent of Britain's songbirds have been wiped out in a generation.

'We wanted to reach a younger generation to make them aware of the massive problems facing songbirds this winter,' said Song Bird Survival chairman Clive Sherwood.

Song Bird Survival said that in addition to the cold weather there is the increasing concern over the number of birds killed by record numbers of predators like, cats, sparrowhawks, crows, grey squirrels and foxes.

Killed

They said that well over 200 million songbirds are killed by predators every year or put another

way, 20,000 songbirds are killed by predators every hour of every day in Britain. And they insisted immediate action was needed to properly manage the balance of Britain's wildlife.

Commissioning

'Even the once common house sparrow is down 75 per cent,' said Mr Sherwood. 'We have been commissioning high quality peer reviewed research in this area. We are starting to find that some species could be threatened with extinction, such as the tree sparrow, at one stage down 97 per cent due to the resurgence of the sparrowhawk.'

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Recycle your Christmas cards

JAMIE McGrigor MSP, Shadow Minister for the Environment, is urging people to recycle Christmas cards.

He said: 'Many supermarkets and other shops will be providing bins for members of the public to dispose of their cards and they are to be commended for doing this. Some retailers are also working with charities such as the Woodland Trust Scotland who are pledging to plant new

woodlands in return for recycled cards.

'Recycling has the potential to reduce significantly

the demand for landfill and natural resources as well as preserving existing woodland.'

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Is your business in good shape for the New Year?

WITH the festive period over many small businesses are using the start of the New Year to review their activities and plan the year ahead. Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway is on hand to help entrepreneurs develop their plans with a team of experienced Business Advisers.

Argyll and Bute's Council Leader and spokesman for the economy Councillor Dick Walsh, said: 'Evaluating how your business has fared to date and developing a realistic plan of action is important to help your business survive and grow.'

'Discussing your ideas in confidence with an impartial business adviser from Business Gateway could help your growth ambitions to be achieved.'

Whether business owners are looking for help in reaching new markets, developing new products or want specific advice around sources of funding or taking on employees, Business Gateway can help through its adviser support, comprehensive website www.bgateway.com and a range of workshops. To find out more or to book an appointment with a business adviser contact business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01546 605 459.

Managing the VAT rate change

The standard rate of VAT increased from 17.5 per cent to 20 per cent on January 4. The way that businesses should account for this change depends upon the type of business, but for any sales of standard-rated goods or services made on or after January 4

JIM Mather, MSP for Argyll and Bute has joined with party colleagues in calling upon the UK government to treat Mountain Rescue teams fairly and refund or remove VAT from mountain rescue services

There was a pledge made by Lib Dem candidates before the May 2010 election.

Jim Mather said: 'My colleague Michael Matheson, MSP for Falkirk West, who is a member of Ochils Mountain Rescue, has already written to the UK Treasury Minister, Danny Alexander calling for the abolition of VAT charges on the services of mountain rescue teams. I too have written to the Treasury Minister in support.'

2011 businesses must charge VAT at the 20 per cent rate. Retailers must clearly show prices inclusive of VAT but have up to 28 days following the change to adjust their prices. So, from January 4 to February 1, retailers can put up a notice to let customers know that an adjustment will be made at the till to account for the VAT rate change, but they must use the 20 per cent rate for all takings received on or after January 4.

Similarly, businesses issuing VAT invoices on or after January 4 must use the 20 per cent rate.

However, there are special rules for sales which span the change of rate. More information on the change in the VAT rate and how it applies to businesses can be found at www.bgateway.com.

Self-assessment deadline approaching for the self-employed

Business Gateway is also reminding anyone in self-employment that the deadline for self-assessment online submissions is midnight January 31. Normally anyone registered as self employed with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) will need to complete an online or paper tax return, to tell HMRC about their income and capital gains or to claim tax allowances or reliefs.

The local Business Gateway team is on hand to offer advice on completing self-assessment and can be contacted at business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk or 01546 605 459.

'Mr Alexander is the MP for Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey, a constituency that has several mountain rescue teams and he would be expected to have some appreciation of the sterling work that such volunteers contribute to the common good.' In the run up to the May elections Mr Alexander said on the record: 'It

has never been right that a vital service which relies on donations from the public and extraordinary commitment from volunteers gets hit by the government for a sizeable tax payment.'

It is estimated that the present VAT charges on mountain rescue fall between £150,000 and £200,000 a year.

Loch Fyne seafood expert set for development programme

A SEAFOOD expert from Cairndow-based Loch Fyne Oysters is heading to Boston next year after being selected for a top entrepreneurship programme.

David Attwood, production director at the prestigious Loch Fyne seafood company, will join five other Scottish candidates to take part in the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP).

Run by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Sloan School of Management, the course takes place on-site at MIT in Boston, America.

David Attwood said: 'I'm delighted to have been selected for a place on the MIT EDP. 'Loch Fyne Oysters is always looking for new ways to develop and grow its business and I am looking forward to exploring new ideas through the course.'

David was selected as a successful candidate through the Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) competition to find ambitious entrepreneurs.



David Attwood, production director at Loch Fyne Oysters, has been selected to take part in a top entrepreneurship programme in Boston next year.

Stephanie Anderson, Development Manager, HIE, said: 'The EDP participants learn to hone their customer focus and entrepreneurial skills, and to create a more favourable climate for innovation and entrepreneurship in their organisations, which in turn will help develop the entrepre-

neurial ecosystem here in the Highlands and Islands.

'The course is aimed at the most ambitious global businesses with growth potential and aspirations.'

Each year, HIE sponsors six Highlands and Islands businesses to take part on the programme.

Late payers cost time and money

SCOTTISH businesses could be losing as much as £105 million a year chasing customer late payment, according to new research.

The nationwide survey of business owners and managers by Bibby Financial Services has revealed that firms in Scotland spend a total of 918,000 days a year chasing customers for payments, which equates to an annual cost of £987 per firm.

The report also shows that nearly a quarter (21 per cent) of businesses in Scotland have been chasing much harder for payment over the last year, a worrying statistic considering the UK economy has returned to growth.

The situation could be about to get a lot worse for firms in Scotland if the Coalition Government repeals Darling's 2010 Budget pledge and increases the Govern-

ment's payment terms on invoices from five days, as announced in March 2010 to assist the cash flow of small businesses, to 30 days to save the Government millions of pounds.

'Our research demonstrates that late payment continues to be one of the biggest challenges faced by the region's small and medium-sized businesses,' said David Matthewson of Bibby Financial Services.

Retirement and an honour for Ella

FOR an Islay woman, 2010 ended and 2011 began both on high notes

Ella Edgar, who has been with Bruichladdich since the reopening of the Islay distillery in 2001 retired before Christmas.

And in the New Year's Honours List she was awarded an MBE for her voluntary work in the fields of Highland and Scottish country dancing and her dedica-



Ella Edgar

tion to teaching youngsters on the island.

Ella's career started with Ardbeg at the age of 19 until the distillery closed. Her working life has been spent in clerical administra-

tion; half in distilleries, either Ardbeg or Bruichladdich and the other half at Port Ellen school.

Away from work is a well-known Highland dance teacher. A Gaelic speaker, she is a very highly respected member of the Islay community, a very warm, engaging and friendly lady.

Managing director Mark Reynier said Ella's home baking would

be missed as well.

He paid tribute to her hard work: 'It was tough back then getting the company off the ground. There were a lot of activity, both emotional and physical; expectations were high and money was short. Through these very difficult, early times Ella was the stalwart who kept the show on the road, liaising with staff, contractors, visitors and suppliers.'

Halt to schools consultation

By JENNY SUTHERLAND

CONTROVERSIAL proposals to close up to 25 rural primary schools in Argyll and Bute have been axed.

At a special meeting of the full council on Wednesday, members agreed to go back to the drawing board after claims their original decision to consult on schools closures was based on inaccurate in-

formation. Members have now decided to hold a new review encompassing all primary schools in the area - not just the rural primaries.

A report before councillors, compiled by the Scottish Rural Schools Network (SRSN), claims to provide new facts, figures and alternative findings to November's original closure consultation documents.

Sandy Longmuir, author of the report, said he was 'shocked' by

Councillors vote to look at all Argyll and Bute schools

original document.

He cited 'fundamental errors' when calculating figures for each affected school and after the meeting said he viewed the decision as 'a step in the right direction but not a victory'.

Council officers will now examine claims

made in the SRSN's report before a new set of proposals are brought to the table on March 3.

Oversee

Councillor Ellen Morton, spokeswoman for education and lifelong learning, will oversee the review.

She said: 'I want everyone to be clear that our decision to suspend the current process allows us to reconsider our review of the entire primary school estate and will not impact on our plans to implement decisions in October 2011. I am in no doubt that we still have very

difficult decisions ahead of us.'

Councillor Morton, who took up her new role in November, added: 'What's important is the future of our children's education, not who said what, or who did what. We now need to move forward collectively on this.'

Councillor Donald Kelly, of Argyll First, who was one of nine councillors to request Wednesday's special full council meeting, said:

'We must ensure that when we continue with the new consultation, it is open and transparent.'

The council's education budget accounts for 29 per cent of its overall budget; it intends to reduce this by 15 per cent over the next three years, attempting to claw back around £12million.

Argyll and Bute Council will consider its entire budget for 2011-12 at a meeting on February 10.

Crisis at Machrihanish factory

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Mr McCallum said: 'The administrators are trying to save the place; Siemens have been paying up front for the last six to eight weeks, we have got to wait and see what they are going to do.' He said they were hopeful that work would begin again on Monday.

'Without this factory, future employment prospects for people in Kintyre would be grim. Everything possible must be done to keep the factory going,' said Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute after a briefing from the administrator on Wednesday morning.

'The Scottish Government must do all that it can to ensure that production resumes as quickly as possible and that a buyer is found to give the factory a secure future.'

Jamie McGrigor MSP said that the workforce skills and the new factory would be attractive to potential buyers: 'It saddens me that this enormously important source of employment to Campbeltown and Kintyre has been placed in administration.

'I will do all I can to

encourage the plant to stay open so that a possible buyer can be found and we should be positive about this as the workforce are incredibly highly skilled and the factory facilities are excellent.'

Scottish Government spokesman said: 'Scottish Development International and Highlands and Islands Enterprise are working with the administrators and every effort is being made.'

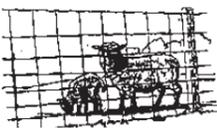
Douglas Cowan, Argyll and the Islands Area Manager for Highlands and Islands Enterprise, said: 'We

have been working hard to avoid this. Investment in this site over the past 10 years has created a great asset for Argyll and I have no doubt it will attract international interest from potential tenants.'



The gates at the Skykon factory were firmly locked with workers being told not to return after the festive break.

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Save Southend school

SITTING at the entrance to the village, with views across the fields to the coast, Southend Primary School was started in 1876 and has been a feature of village life ever since. In that time it has only had 13 head teachers and the staff and pupils value the positive relationships built up over a longer period, giving the children stability to learn well and giving the staff the opportunity to really meet the needs of individual children from nursery to when they leave.

Famous ex-pupils include the lady golfer Belle McCorkindale and

writer Angus MacVicar.

According to the council's proposal document, journey time to the receiving school, Drumlemble is a maximum of 30 minutes. Parent Council comment: Like every other school in these proposals, we dispute this hotly. They also say that Drumlemble is twenty minutes away by public transport. Anyone with a timetable knows that's nonsense. There IS no public transport directly from Southend to Drumlemble.

Occupancy level of the school: 35 per cent. School roll 2010-2011: 26 pupils.



The pupils were also hard at work lobbying; they met with a man from the North Pole, not the palace of Westminster.

Parent Council comment: Occupancy levels are still calculated using the old Strathclyde, pre Curriculum for Excellence method that Clelland Sneddon (Education Department) said was outdated.

We think they should update that now. Kilmartin school is 100 per cent occupied under that system and it's very clear to all that it's overcrowded.

Cost per child: At present the cost is £6,220 at Drumlemble and £6,787 at Southend. Amalgamated the cost would be £4,711

Parent Council comment: We are still trying to get information as to how this was calculated. The current data given actually contradicts these figures. The council's calculation methods seem to change from school to school and this figure may be around £2,000 out.

It's worth remembering that all our small schools attract extra funding from central government to support them so the council's claim that our kids are expensive is misleading.

Often they're cheaper!

School use: Southend Primary School has been used regularly by the community for a variety of activities and events. Southend has no village hall at present but there are plans to re-build Dunaverty Community Hall in the future and there is St Blaas's Church Hall. Parent Council comment: People and organisations wouldn't be using the school if there was something better on offer. There isn't, and the loss of the school would prevent some groups from functioning.

Class size in the receiving school, Drumlemble: There would be three classes with a total roll of 49 made up of P1-2, 13 pupils; P3-4, 18 pupils; P5-7, 18 pupils. Parent Council comment: The council can't defend stuffing kids into larger and larger classes on educational grounds and has offered no evidence to back it. All the research says it will be of detriment, not just to the Southend kids, but also the Drumlemble kids.

Saving to council from staff and prop-



erty: £10,3787. Transport costs to take pupils to new school: £8,869 Parent Council comment: Separate out the actual costs and you'll find that the notional saving is in staff, not buildings. And since there are no figures given for redundancy packages, we assume that staff will continue to cost the same as they do now. If there were redundancies, the cost of the packages would be huge

Southend parents and Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute braved the heavy snowfall on Friday December 17 to meet at the school to discuss the proposed merger with Drumlemble Primary School. They told the MP they were angry that LibDem councillors had voted to continue the consultation into merging rural schools. They also drew his attention to numerous flaws in the consultation document for Southend, especially the journey times for pupils. Mr Reid said after the meeting: 'The Southend parents presented a very good case for saving their school and I will pass their arguments to the Council. And the pupils were also hard at work lobbying; they met with a man from the North Pole, not the palace of Westminster. 04_c52sav01

and the impact on employment in the village would be devastating. Transport is another no-brainer; everyone sees petrol prices rising so we're clear that his is an under estimate. Parent Council response: These proposals were shoddy work from some very well paid people. There are so many holes in them they're almost destined to sink. Closing schools doesn't save enough

money to offset the cost of this massive consultation and the cash wasted on employing staff who make fundamental mistakes (like the number of pupils in a school!) in important documents that are supposed to comply with the law.

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Angus Martin's new book - Always Boats and Men

THE year 2010 was a prolific one for Angus Martin of Campbeltown.

Always Boats and Men was published earlier in the year by Stenlake Ltd. The book comprises a selection of Angus Martin's poems on fishing subjects, Mark I'Anson's paintings of fishing boats, old photographs - some of them of Campbeltown and local fishermen and of Angus Martin and members of his family - and end-notes providing background information on all the material.

An exhibition of paintings and archival material, with the same title as the book, opened in August at the Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther, and moved in October to the Open Eye Gallery, Edinburgh.

The book itself was launched there by Douglas Dunn, one of Scotland's foremost poets and Professor of Poetry at St Andrews University.

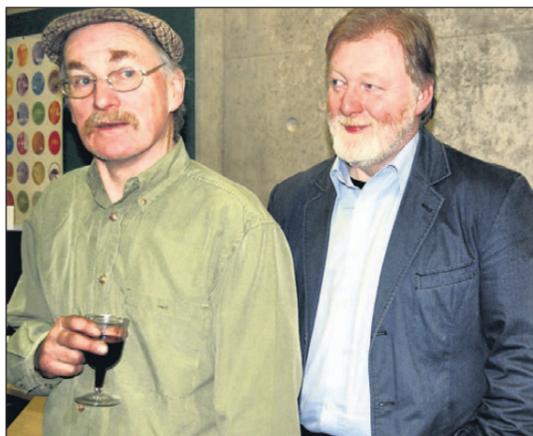
A second work, rounded off the year when Kintyre Civic Society, in association with the Grimsay Press, published a sequel to this book entitled *Kilkerran Graveyard Revisited*, which comprises anecdotes based on a further selection of the graves.

Kilkerran Graveyard Revisited follows the same plan as the first volume, *An Historical and Genealogical Tour of Kilkerran Graveyard*, which was published four years ago by Kintyre Civic Society. Angus Martin looks at a series of gravestones and discusses families

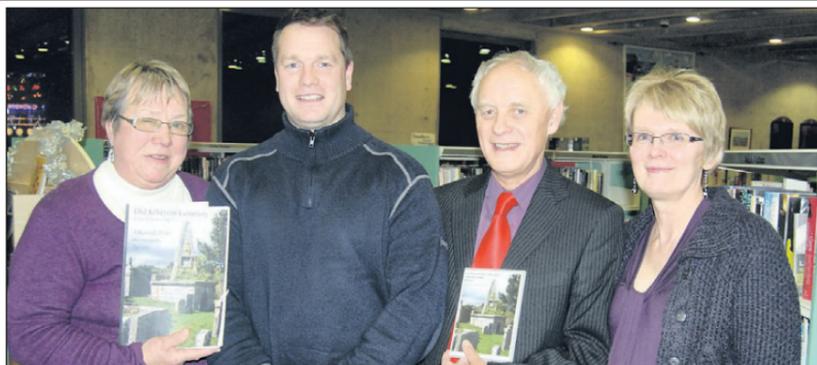
and events in which they were involved. Illustrations are by George John Stewart, who produced the sketches for the first book with a map to enable you to pilot your way round the graveyard to find the graves described.

Many Kintyre residents have already had

a chance to enjoy one of Angus Martin's information-packed tours around the historic gravestones in Kilkerran Graveyard and to read his first book recording details of the life and families of some of those interred. The book is now on sale in Campbeltown.



Angus Martin and George John Stewart at the Kintyre Civic Society book launch. 04_e52civ01



Anne Boulton, Adam Ford and David and Florence McEwan at the Kintyre Civic Society's launch of the CD. 04_e01civ02

CD packed with information

HISTORIANS and genealogists are going to thank Kintyre Civic Society for years to come for a CD packed with information.

Old Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown, Argyll: a record of the monuments therein, gives details of over 1,200 monuments of various sizes commemorating some 4,500 souls interred in the cemetery.

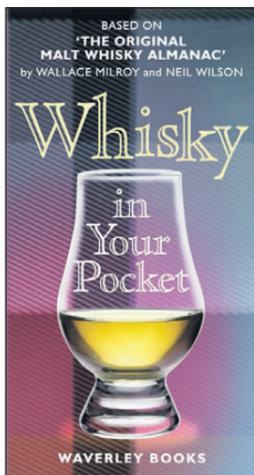
Indexes allow you to search under any name appearing on the stones, including maiden names, and an image of the wording on the gravestone will appear.

David and Florence McEwan of Campbeltown had compiled the details in 1984-85 into seven shorthand notebooks, but these were not easily accessible until Ann Boulton transferred the records on to computer, and Adam Ford, proprietor of 4D Teaching Tools, was approached to design an interactive CD to enable the information to be handled in a manageable form.

Research tool

Copies are available from local bookshops. This is very much a research tool for the family history specialist.

Book Reviews



Whisky in Your Pocket

The book that gave the single malt whisky market such a boost in the 1980s is back.

Amongst the whiskies featured you'll find our own Campbeltown, Islay and Jura malts lovingly recorded.

Wallace and Jack Milroy, Scottish wine and spirits merchants, persuaded many big London hotels, restaurants and clubs to start stocking a range of single malts and with them Neil Wilson wrote a pocket guide to single malts.

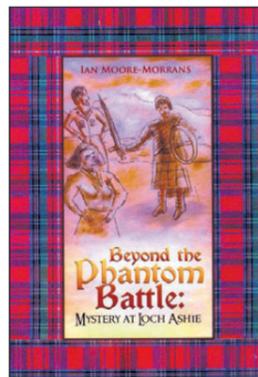
The Malt Whisky Almanac went on to sell over 300,000 copies worldwide; it ran to several editions before publication ceased in 1998.

But last year Wallace and Neil decided the book needed to be

brought back to life and the 2010 publication now includes not only malts but also grain and blended whiskies.

Whisky in Your Pocket is a superb book, designed as a primer for confused consumers who want to know more. The whiskies are illustrated with bottle shots, maps and a brief portrait including tasting notes, history and production.

This little book will help people buy with confidence and that in turn is bound to help the sales of malts.



Beyond the Phantom Battle: Mystery at Loch Ashie

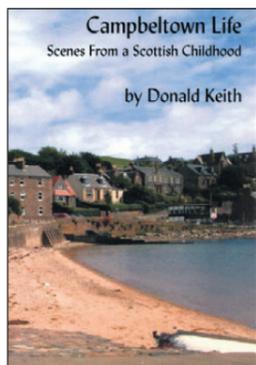
Ian Moore-Morrans grew up in Campbeltown and now lives in Vernon BC, Canada.

He has published a novel, *Beyond the Phantom Battle: Mystery at Loch Ashie*.

The book was inspired by an article Ian read when back home

in Campbeltown about sightings of a 'phantom battle' at Loch Ashie.

Ian was raised in Campbeltown, worked in McCorkindale's Blacksmith Shop and joined the RAF in 1950, aged 18. He and his late first wife and family left for Canada in 1965. The book was edited by Gayle, to whom Ian has been married for seven years.



Campbeltown Life: Scenes from a Scottish Childhood

DONALD Keith now lives in Corby but his childhood was spent in Campbeltown.

This year he published *Campbeltown Life, Scenes from a Scottish Childhood*.

He would have been an Eastender if it hadn't been for the Blitz when his family returned to Campbeltown.

'Having Alloway Jock as head of the family gave me a step-grandfather of some standing in the community. Often the very mention of his name was enough to get me out of many a tight corner,' said Donald.

And as a wee lad he got himself into some very tight corners in deed. Donald and his pals were like the Wee Toon's equivalent of Just William, only more so.

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Those Were The Days

Campbeltown Courier
Friday 4 January, 1985

German twinning link plan

CAMPBELTOWN is taking a lead in setting up a local cultural exchange with Argyll and Bute's German twin community.

Following the exchange visit of the German party in September last year a trip is being arranged to take local young people to the Amberg-Sulzbach region.

And it is hoped the sporting and cultural exchange will become a regular arrangement.

The Campbeltown area party is to go to Germany in July, with the first return visit suggested for the following summer.

Forty two people will be making the trip including members of the James McCorkindale School of Dancing, young pipers Neil McNaughton and Lorne Cousin, top Mod singer Anne-Marie McKillop and Longrow Campbeltown boys football team.

Campbeltown Community Councillor Tam Morris, who set up the twinning initiative, said the exchange will be educational.

Hogmanay celebrations

CAMPBELTOWN recalled old years gone by in traditional manner with a tremendous turn out to celebrate Hogmanay in the town centre.

People were there in their hundreds, families and friends meeting as the Kintyre Round Table staged the Hogmanay festivities in fine style.

Revellers on Main Street gathered around the town hall where they saw in the New Year with music, singing and dancing.

The sound of bells completed the tradition and the New Year rang out to a chorus of cheers, car horns and, of course, Auld Lang Syne.

Long standing residents of the town left the event with a sense of warmth, saying now the tradition has been revived 'it should continue year in and year out.'

Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shelden



I WONDER how many ploughshares will be in our churches this Sunday – for this Sunday is *Plough Sunday*.

This is more an English than a Scottish custom, and I think it's a lovely one!

On this first Sunday after Epiphany it is an opportunity to acknowledge all the work that is done in the fields and celebrate the beginning of the agricultural year.

Ploughshares are brought into church and prayers are said for the blessing of the land. In some rural areas farmers attend the service on their tractors – (that would certainly liven things up!)

Anyway when I see how hard our farmers work in these parts, I really think we should ask a blessing for the land and especially for those who work it.

As one who grew up in the city I never truly appreciated the long hours the farmers work in all weather to tend the beasts and harvest the crops.

The familiar sight of the well-kent tractors are evident, literally from dawn to dusk – and sometimes beyond if rain is forecast and the silage needs to be gathered.

Of course we have our Harvest services in Autumn, but what a lovely idea to ask for blessings on the land and on our farmers at the start of the year.

Soon behalf of all of us who benefit from all of you who labour in the fields, may you be blessed with fair weather, good health and crops in abundance. And, by the way, if anyone has a spare seat on their tractor, I would appreciate a lift on Sunday!



Down Memory Lane

With the sad news this week of the death of Campbell Maloney of Campbeltown Pipe Band we publish the famous photograph of Campbell and his then fellow band members with Paul and Linda McCartney, taken after the recording of Mull of Kintyre in the summer of 1979. A drummer dedicated to the pipe band world, Campbell was still a member of the latest line up of Campbeltown Pipe Band and had appeared on television earlier this year, recalling the recording of the famous song. He had been at band practise only days before becoming ill.

Surprising letter from Mr Sneddon!

Sir,
Clelland Sneddon's letter was truly surprising.

It's not often a council official has to step out into the public arena to try and discredit the very people he's supposed to be consulting!

The Argyll Rural Schools Network (ARSN) is made up from Parent Councils of the schools he's threatening to close, Southend and Glenbarr included, and they have done no more than pool resources, share information and help each other out.

It's composed of the parents of more than 500 affected children (not including those at receiving schools).

Some of them turn out to be accountants, journalists, doctors, architects, researchers, school bus drivers, social workers and many, many other valuable things besides. I doubt Mr Sneddon can call on such a range of expertise (though he did spend £750 + vat + expenses

per day on one expert whose advice he is now regretting having). Rather than try and pull rank on the consultants, Mr Sneddon would do better to acknowledge that parents can be experts too.

When they say he's about to make a great blunder of a financial mistake, it might be worth looking again at his facts and, like ARSN and the Scottish RSN, get independent advice to settle any doubts.

A genuine consultation would be one where parents and council officials were exploring the subject together and weighing pros and cons (as in Perth and Kinross).

Instead Mr Sneddon is busy with a tit-for-tat press campaign that does no more than underline that this is nothing at all like a genuine consultation.

Southend Parent Council

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Government wind farm analysis

Sir,
The Government has just published its analysis of the responses received to its nation wide consultation on its plans for Offshore Wind.

The section on the proposed Kintyre Inshore Windfarm confirms the huge opposition from individuals and organisations; of the 855 responses to the entire consultation, 297 were about the Kintyre Windfarm and only three were in support of Scottish Southern Electricity's (SSE) ill-sited development (and one of those was SSE!).

The part that relates to Kintyre shows the wide variety of reasons why this vast development is so potentially harmful to the economy, ecology

and quality of life enjoyed by our local community.

**Bob Miller,
129 Sound of Kintyre
Machrihanish.**

Time for practical action!

Sir,
Through your newspaper in recent weeks, and elsewhere, sums of money, £6-7 million, have been quoted needed to reinstate and bring the water and sewerage services provided from the former RAF Machrihanish base up to EC standards.

I beg to ask the question of the MoD and Defence Estates: that before anyone - be it the community buyout or any other interested party - buys the base, that as it that it is they the MoD who should be responsible to pay for and bring it up to standard.

I would like to ask the locally elected councillors and Jim Mather MSP and Alan Reid MP to ask questions of the MoD in the Scottish Parliament and Westminster in order for pressure to be brought about to resolve this disgraceful situation that their constituents find ourselves in.

In conclusion I would urge all residents whether owners or tenants to contact the politicians in order to express our dissatisfaction with the way this has been handled to date.

I would like to remind these local politicians that an election looms in May and votes count!

**Thomas H Brown,
73 Sound of Kintyre,
Machrihanish.**

Filling in the potholes

Sir,
It's good to see Argyll and Bute Council out filling the potholes already, but cold tar only lasts two minutes until a lorry runs over it! Take a look at the condition of Kinloch Road and Albyne Avenue if you don't believe me!

And as for Roading Cottages? This is not even a main road but has 10 major potholes and no matter how many times you report it you never get a straight answer.

When it snowed, they couldn't grit Roading Cottages, never mind fill a pothole!

It only has 15 houses and 22 cars, no lorries.

Well, make that one lorry a week to collect the rubbish and that had to wait nearly two weeks because it wasn't safe for the lorry or the workmen! But what about the people who stay in Roading Cottages, they have to risk life and limb to go out to work to pay bills, go shopping and pay road tax!

Yes, road tax! But you ask yourself, what for?

They don't bother keeping the roads up to scratch down here so why bother? Why should the people of Roading Cottages and Campbeltown pay!

We'd soon hear from the council if we refused to pay the percentage of the council tax that is supposedly spent on roads,

**Robert Coffield,
Campbeltown.**

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Tarbert's young talent at the Templar Hall

TARBERT villagers enjoyed a festive evening, raising money for the RNLI and CHAS.

Those braving the chilly evening temperatures were



The Fejes String Quartet.

New Year chamber music concerts

THE PRESTIGIOUS Fejes String Quartet - led by Hungarian violinist Tamas Fejes are the first guest artists of the New Year for Mid Argyll on Saturday January 8 and Kintyre, Monday 10, and their attractive programme comprises quartets by Mozart, Bartok and Debussy.

The quartet was formed in 2005 by senior members of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO) and Tamas is joined by Elita Bungard (violin), Mike Lloyd (viola) and Rachel Lee (cello).

A wealth of chamber music experience is thus brought together, and the Fejes Quartet is a popular visitor to Scottish music clubs delighting in their playing and their audience interaction.

Both concerts start at 7.30pm and please note the Campbeltown date change to Monday evening, with tickets at the door, and both clubs hope that music lovers in Mid Argyll and Kintyre can make the first concert of 2011 and welcome this talented quartet on their ABCT tour.

treated to a delightful evening of Christmas songs and music from top performers aged between six and 18 years.

With Templar Hall full to capacity, there was almost no more room at the inn for the latecomers.

An outstanding vocal group with Rachael MacFarlane, Fiona-Jean Arnot and Anna Preston, all aged 17, wowed the audiences with their beautiful harmony singing of some traditional Christmas carols and upbeat jazzy Christmas songs. The award-winning Tarbert Academy Folk Group (Emma MacFarlane, Niamh MacKaveney, Lucy Kemp-Smith and Emma Kok aged 14, 13 and 11) also gave heart-rending and stunning performances of some traditional Gaelic and Scottish songs.

Other acts included star guitar and song duo, 16-year old Caragh Sinclair and Lauren Prentice, with their rousing version of *Caledonia* and a very Christmassy *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. Members of

the folk group also performed brilliantly in duets and Niamh MacKaveney gave a lovely solo performance of the *Ashokan Farewell* on the violin.

The youngest performer, six-year-old Jean McPhee, ensured that there wasn't a dry eye in the house, with her absolutely beautiful duet-singing, together with Emma Kok.

The audience was thrilled by all the young performers' musicality, instrumental skills and incredible voices and were then also treated to traditional Christmas fare of mince pies, cake and non-alcoholic mulled wine. A Christmas sing-along to warm everyone for the cold journey home, rounded the evening off perfectly.

'It was such an enjoyable evening and it was so nice to watch such wonderful performances from young people in Tarbert. And seeing the little girls singing, it was like something from a Disney film, perfect,' enthused one concert-goer.

The organising group



Emma Kok and Niamh McKaveney.

was really pleased with both the talented young performers and the turnout on that very chilly night. The evening raised some £120 which will be split between the RNLI and CHAS.

Hopefully the evening will be the first of many such concerts in which audiences will be treated to performances from talented young musicians from across Mid Argyll.

GRADUATION



Fintan Rochford, son of Simon and Mary Rochford, Barochan Place, Campbeltown recently passed out from Army Foundation College, Harrogate. He is with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Armoured Corps, continuing his Phase 2 training at Bovington, Dorset, before joining his regiment in Germany.

Community Noticeboard

Home-Start Majik is starting a new Volunteer Preparation course on 13th January in Kintyre, if you are a parent and would like give a few hours a week supporting families in Kintyre this course is just for you. It is a comprehensive course and will go over a ten week period (a few hours every Thursday).
Please get in touch with Eleanor asap 01586 551140.

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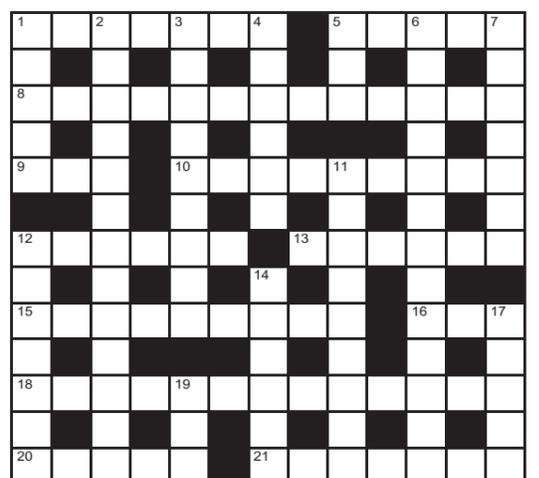
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Visit the wee pictures website for more what's on and coming soon.

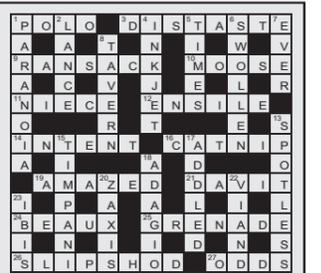
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According to the AA's Home Emergency Response experts, a burst pipe is the most common cause for a call-out during winter. Last year, homeowners faced an average bill of £343 for home emergencies, as a result of winter weather - but the total cost of a burst pipe incident often far exceeds this.

The damage and distress it would cause also makes a burst pipe the most feared winter. Tom Stringer, head of Home Rescue for the AA, says: 'A burst pipe needn't be such a worry, though. Help yourself by spending an hour giving your home a basic 'MOT'. 'As with your car, it does make a difference and could save you from the cost and distress of a household emergency.'

The AA's Home Emergency Response team has drawn up the following tips: *(If in any doubt, seek professional advice and assistance.)*

INTERIOR OF THE HOME

- Get your boiler serviced regularly by a qualified Gas Safe-registered engineer.
- If you regularly use an open fire or log-burning stove, get the chimney swept.
- Familiarise yourself with the location of your mains water stop valve (it's usually under the sink or stairs), in case you need to shut it off in the event of a burst pipe.
- If you know how to, bleed your radiators, as air pockets reduce their efficiency.
- Check pipes and water tank for missing insulation and arrange replacement if necessary.
- Check windows and doors for draughts – fit draught excluders or repair seals as necessary.
- When required, wipe condensation off windows to help prevent build-up of mould and damp – consider buying a de-humidifier if the problem is persistently bad.
- If your home is going to be empty for a while (for more than a few days) or if you have a second property, keep the thermostat set to low, to stop the temperature dropping too low.
- Keep a torch and spare batteries in a convenient place and have emergency contact numbers to hand, including a local plumber, electrician and gas engineer.

EXTERIOR OF THE HOME

- Walk round and do a visual check of the roof for any missing tiles or damage.
- Check guttering from ground level by looking for signs of water overflowing during heavy rain. Get someone in to rectify if you're not confident on a ladder
- Check exterior walls for any damage that could let water in and inspect windows for cracked panes – arrange repair work as necessary.
- Make sure that brick air vents are clear from obstruction.
- Clear as necessary any drain gratings and pathways.
- Consider purchasing sand/salt and shovel to clear driveways and paths.
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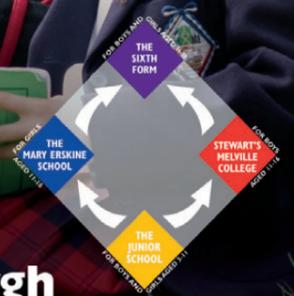


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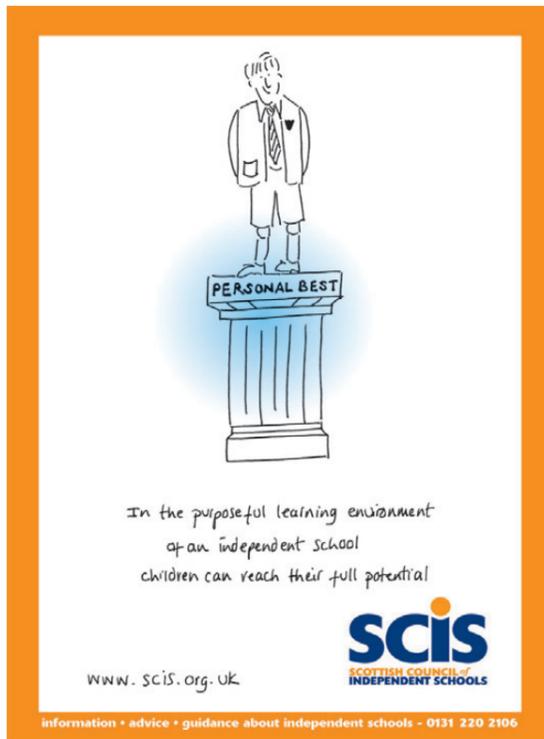
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NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF ARGYLL & BUTE CORE PATHS PLAN

FINALISED DRAFT PLAN LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

Argyll & Bute Council has prepared the Finalised Draft of the Core Paths Plan. The Plan has been drawn up to provide the public with a system of paths to give reasonable access throughout Argyll & Bute. The plan also details Launching Points where non-motorised users can launch canoes and other small boats. The plan covers the whole of Argyll & Bute outwith Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park.

The Plan is available on the Council's website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/oldp. The document, detailed maps and comments forms are available online. Comments can be made directly from the website.

Copies of the Plan including the maps, may be inspected free of charge during business hours at the Council Offices at 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT.

Help with making Comments or Objecting - The Outdoor Access Team can help you in a number of ways including sending you a copy of the documents by post. Feel free to call us to discuss the process and clarify any issues that may concern you. We can send copies of the Core Paths Plan maps for small areas around a house, farm or community by email or by post. Call 01546 604 140.

All representations in support of, or objecting to, the Finalised Draft must be made online or using the Comments Form available with the draft plan. Representations must clearly state the name and address of the commentator, the matters to which the comments relate and the grounds on which they are made. They must be returned to; The Outdoor Access Team

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All representations must be received before 12.00 hrs on Monday 4th of April 2011. Representations received after this date will not be taken into consideration by the council.

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Colville will be holding a surgery on Tuesday 11th January in the conference room, Aqualbrium, Kinloch Street, Campbeltown from 6.30pm - 7.00pm.
Councillor Colville can also be contacted on Tel: 01586 820209 or by email rory.colville@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W.1 South Kintyre)

Councillor Kelly can be contacted on Tel: 01586 810 391/07977327751 or by email donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk
Councillor Kelly will be happy to arrange meetings to suit constituents.

Councillor John Semple (E.W.1. South Kintyre)

Councillor Semple can be contacted on Tel: 01586 553 765 or by email john.semple@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Donnie MacMillan (E.W. 3 Mid Argyll)

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PLANNING

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Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging onto the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 28/01/2011

● Ref No: 10/00816/PP

Applicant: Hamish Thomson

Proposal: Erection of a conservatory and formation of a rear dormer window.

Site Address: Ellerig Mhor Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XH

Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray

● Ref No: 10/02058/PPP

Applicant: Ms Catherine Pendreigh

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank

Site Address: Plot 1 Land South West Of North Beachmore Farm Muasdale Argyll And Bute

Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Council's website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.

Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess

CLACHAN, RHUNAHORINE, SKIPNESS AND GLENBARR PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHANGE TO VENUE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

Argyll and Bute Council is consulting on proposals to amalgamate schools, under the terms of the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010. Please note that the venue for the public meeting for Clachan, Rhunahorine, Skipness and Glenbarr Primary Schools is now Tayinloan Village Hall, Tayinloan. The time of 7.00pm. on 18 January 2011 remains the same.

The Scottish Government

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CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

10 January 2011: Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, 6.30 - 9.00pm (refreshments available from 6.00pm)

All members of the public are invited to attend this workshop on the outcomes of the consultation on Scotland's draft plan for offshore wind at this Scottish Government event.

Scottish Government officials will present information on the outcomes of the consultation exercise and an update on further work on offshore wind. Officials will then be on hand to answer questions and hear your views.

The analysis of consultation responses has been published on the Scottish Government website: www.scotland.gov.uk/publications

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Description of controlled activity	Waters affected	National grid reference
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Abstraction or 2894.4 m3 per day of water	Unnamed Burn to Lochan Ceann a Choin	NM 8659 0116
Return of abstracted water approximately 0.45 Km away from abstraction point	Unnamed Burn to Lochan Ceann a Choin	NM 8639 0169

SEPA considers that the above controlled activity has or is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the water environment or the interests of other users of the water environment.

Any person affected or likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the application may make representations to SEPA in writing within 28 days beginning with the date of this advertisement, at the following address, quoting reference number CAR/L/1089663

Registry Department, SEPA Dingwall Office, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9X

A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge, at the above address, between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays) and by prior arrangement: 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8TA, 01546 602876.

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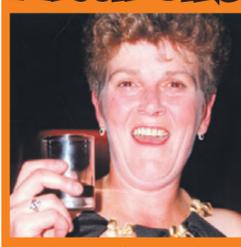
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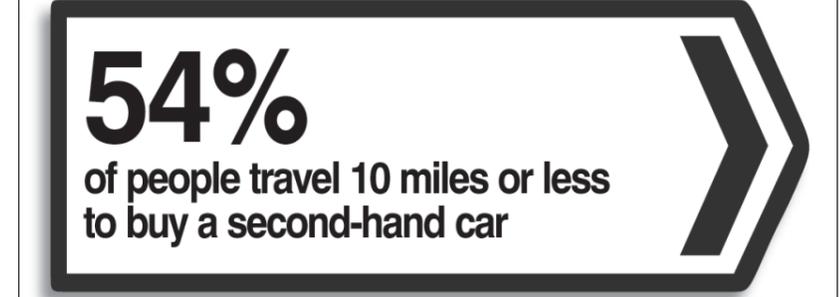


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'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!' (Romans 11:33).

BIRTHS

BARR - Donald and Katrina are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Alison, in Campbeltown on December 29, 2010. A little sister for Mae and James. Special thanks to Joyce and Catriona, and all at the Campbeltown Maternity Unit.

CANNON - Hugo and Catherine (née Turner) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Isla, on December 18, 2010 at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. A sister for Rosie and Cara.

MCLELLAN - Kenny and Eilidh (née Sinclair) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of, Hannah Sinclair, on December 29, 2010. Second grandchild for Peter and Margaret and third grandchild for Jan. Special thanks to the midwives at Campbeltown Maternity Unit and the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow.

DEATHS

BRECHIN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 4, 2011, Janet McKinven (Jan), in her 79th year, 79 Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late James Brechin, much loved mother of Audrey and James, and a loving granny of Paul and Beth. Funeral private.

KELLY - Suddenly, but peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 30, 2010, William Brown Kelly (Willie), in his 71st year, Dunella, 48 Ralston Road, formerly of Lochruan Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Taylor and a dearly loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

KING - On January 4, 2011, peacefully at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, William (Billy) King, in his 76th year, beloved husband of the late Maimie Docherty, much loved father of Alison and a dearly loved papa of Kimberly and Morgan. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 11, at 11.00am, thereafter to Cardross Crematorium, arriving 2.15pm, to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, collection if desired for helicopter retrieval team.

MALONEY - Suddenly at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on December 28, 2010, Campbell Maloney, in his 72nd year, 5 Ramsay Place, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Janette Robertson, much

loved father of Hazel and Lorraine and a loving and much loved papa of Rachael and Campbell. He will be sorely missed. Service in the Highland Parish Church, on Friday, January 7, at 1.00pm, 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 Highland Parish Church.

MCKERRAL - Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 3, 2011, Alexander Gilchrist McKerral (Alec), in his 73rd year, 136 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Joan and a much loved brother and uncle. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, January 10, at 2.00pm, 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 Campbeltown Hospital.

MILLER - Suddenly, after a short illness, at his home, on January 1, 2011, 1 Ardloch Cottages, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, Robert (Robbie) Miller, aged 79 years, formerly of Whitehouse, Tarbert. Loving husband of Flora and much loved father of Robert, Fiona and Amanda, respected grandfather of William, Sarah and Calum, and great grandfather of Milly, David and Amber. A dear brother and uncle to all the family, and a good friend to many. Funeral service will be held in Tarbert Parish Church on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 1.00pm, thereafter to Carrick Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

RALSTON - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 3, 2011, William Ralston, in his 92nd year, Conieglen, Drumore, formerly of Rhoin Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Gemmill Barbour, much loved dad of William, Matthew, Tommy, Elizabeth and Margaret, a dear father-in-law and a loving papa to all the grandchildren and great grandchild. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, January 8, at 1.00pm, 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 Campbeltown Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WATSON - Jack and the family of the late Margaret Watson express thanks for

the messages of sympathy and support they have received at this sad time. Sincere thanks to those who attended the funeral service. The services conducted by Rev Richard West at Rosneath and Rev Philip Burroughs at Campbeltown were greatly appreciated, as were the funeral arrangements by James Auld Funeral Directors.

IN MEMORIAM

GILLIES - Remembering with love and gratitude for the years we had together, my husband Ian, passed away January 5, 1996, also my father, Archie Bruce on December 19, 1976 and my mother Margaret Bruce on January 1, 1999, sadly missed father and grandparents of Lorne, Ailsa, Shian and Shuna.

- Iona, Kilmartin.
MCLEAN - Agnes. Promoted to Glory on January 6, 2008.

Our dearest nana, we miss you so much and think of you always.
- Love from Senga, Sean and Millie, and Maureen, Eddie and family xxx.

Precious memories of our dear mum - forever in our hearts.
- From Stuart and Caroline, Rene, Flora and families xxx.

MCMILLAN - In loving memory of my dear husband, William (Bill), who died January 5, 2000.

God saw you getting tired
When a cure was not to be
He closed his arms around you
And whispered come to me
So keep your arms around him, Lord
And give him special care
Make up for all he suffered
And all that seemed unfair.

- From his wife Mary, sons Robert and Laurence and all the family, at home and away.

TURNER - In loving memory of our beloved grandson Jonathan, died January 10, 2008.

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- Gran and Papa, 4 Eastfield, Tarbert.

TURNER - Jonathan (JoJo), January 10, 2008. You may not be here with us, but you are always in our hearts and thoughts and never forgotten.

- Uncle Colin, Aunt Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx.

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Tuesday 11th January
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Slog in the Sand

RUNNERS braced the icy temperatures and bitter cold wind on Westport Beach last Tuesday for the inaugural Slog in the Sand.

Hosted by Campbeltown Running Club (CRC), the 10k fun run saw more than 20 people taking part.

The club hopes that Slog in the Sand will become an annual event and CRC hopes to organise more community events to raise funds for local charities and to raise its profile.

The club would like to thank the coastguard for its help and support for the event.

Men's results: 1 Gary Turner 38:50, overall place 1; 2 Kenny Campbell 39:11, overall place 2; 3 Stuart McGeachy and Tommy Morran 43:29, overall place 3.

Ladies' results: 1 Jennifer Reid 47:52, overall place 9; 2 Katie Ferguson 49:24, overall place 11; 3 Elaine McGeachy 52:10, overall place 12.

The club would like to thank Donald Campbell for the homemade soup and Argyll Bakeries for providing rolls and cakes for all participants and helpers.



Top three ladies, left to right: Katie Ferguson, Jennifer Reid and Elaine McGeachy. 04_c53slog05



First lady home Jennifer Reid. 04_c53slog04



Winner Gary Turner crosses the finish line. 04_c53slog01



Left to right: Stuart McGeachy, Kenny Campbell, Gary Turner and Tommy Morran. 04_c53slog06



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Organisers hope Slog in the Sand will be an annual event

MORE than 20 people took part in the inaugural Slog in the Sand from Westport Beach to Machrihanish and back last Tuesday. Organiser Campbeltown Running Club hopes to make this an annual event. For more photographs and results see page 19. 04_c53slog03

Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series launch today

THE LAUNCH of this year's Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series takes place today (Friday) at the London International Boat Show.

Organisers of Scotland's largest yachting regatta, Clyde Cruising Club, will announce developments and changes for the 2011 Tarbert-based event.

The Scottish Series will take place from May 27 to May 30 on the Firth of Clyde in Tarbert, Loch Fyne and surrounding areas.

Daniel Seán Garnett

SORRY, but in last week's edition of *The Courier*, information supplied by Kintyre RFC wrongly identified a member of the Kintyre RFC U16 side in a photograph as Tony Anthony. It should have said Daniel Seán Garnett.



Jessica Little (left) and Lorraine MacDonald are now qualified Jog Scotland leaders with the Tarbert group.

Tarbert jogs into the New Year

TARBERT Jog Scotland is delighted to welcome two new jog leaders to their group. Lorraine MacDonald and Jessica Little successfully completed their training course in Glasgow and will be joining the team of jog leaders at the Tarbert Jog Scotland registration/information night.

This will be held in the Tarbert Hotel on Thursday January 13.

Tarbert Jog Scotland meets at the Bowling Club every Thursday at 6.30pm and this year will be introducing a walking programme as well as the normal jogging courses.

There will also be a new session, meeting on Tuesdays at 9.15am in the school car park to fit in with mums or dads dropping off children at school or nursery.

For more information contact Tarbert Jog Scotland on 01880 820774.

Gary wins New Year competition

BITTER winds but dry conditions greeted the 25 Dunaverty golfers who turned out for the New Year competition.

Robert Allan jnr got the event underway in company with Jim Cooper and Gary Howells. This transpired to be a good omen as Gary came in with a nett 57 to take the prize ahead of Robert who finished on 59.

Best gross score of the day went to the consistent Ian McKinnon who carded a 69 to pip Dun-

can Watson III by one stroke.

Despite the recent bad weather the course was in excellent condition with the greens being very receptive.

Presented

Gary was presented with the Captain's traditional prize of a bottle of whisky.

Results: 1 Gary Howells 74-17-57, 2 Robert Allan Jnr 72-13 59, 3 Ian McKinnon 69-6-63, 4 Duncan Watson III 70-4-66, 5

Robert Millar 76-10-66, 6 Campbell McCallum 73-6-6.

Gross score: 1 Ian McKinnon 69, 2 Duncan Watson III 70, 3 Robert Allan Jnr 72,

4 Gary Howells 74, 5 Donald Taylor 75, 6 Sandy Watson 75. CSS

for the day was 64. The postponed Christmas competition will be held tomorrow (Saturday) 8 at the normal ballot times.

There is a prize for the combined gross score of the New Year and Christmas competitions.



Captain Campbell McCallum (left) presents winner Gary Howells with his prize.

Scottish Amateur League fixtures

TOMORROW will see local teams from the Scottish Amateur Football League play the first matches of the new year.

In a premier one fixture, Campbeltown Pupils' first team travel to play Glencastle Sparta, with a 2pm kick-off.

The team is currently sitting third in the league with nine points.

Campbeltown Pupils

'B' will play at home in a division three fixture against Jamestown.

Kick-off is scheduled for 2pm with Peter McCallum as referee.

Second

The B side is currently in second position in division three, behind Alba Thistle.

Tarbert AFC travel to play Port Glasgow Old Boys Union in a premier division two fixture.

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