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Town on the way up?

CAMPBELTOWN'S economic prospects are the brightest they have been in years, according to a regeneration study carried out on the area.

However, consultants Yellow Book have warned that it will take at least a decade of hard work before the conditions are right for sustained economic growth and regeneration.

A consultant team led by Yellow Book were appointed in February last year by Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise (AIE) and Communities Scotland to carry out the Campbeltown regeneration study.

As a result, the team has drawn up a £2.5 million, five-year, action plan and made recommendations on how that should be delivered.

While acknowledging that Campbeltown has been in decline for almost a century, the report's conclusions are fairly positive.

The report states: 'Campbeltown still faces many severe challenges, but this is a time of optimism and opportunity.'

'There is no room for complacency: many of the emerging opportunities are still subject to a degree of risk and uncertainty and there will almost certainly be disappointments along the way.'

'Nevertheless, Campbel-

town's prospects are brighter than they have been for some years. It is vital that the partners seize the opportunity created by (among others) the Vestas-Celtic investment, the housing stock transfer, the completion of the [Aqualibrium] community project, port improvements and the [hoped for] resumption of the Ballycastle ferry.'

The main thrust of their recommendations is that a steering group should be set up to take the plan forward.

It has been agreed that the Kintyre Initiative Working Group should take on that role as it already consists of representatives of the public and private sectors, as well as community representatives.

Working group chairman Councillor Donald Kelly said this week that securing the condition of the town centre infrastructure should be identified as the immediate priority.

He said: 'The recommendations contained within the report will be obvious to most people. However, to implement it in its entirety is a long-term project. It is important that the proposals are moved forward in a constructive and fast way.'

'The Town Hall, Burnett building and general infrastructure of the town centre, such as roads and pavements

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Clachan comes together to help hall

There was lots of fun and community spirit in Clachan on Saturday afternoon when a number of local clubs and groups got together in the village hall. The occasion was an indoor sale, held to raise vital funds for the hall. The group pictured above took a break from their busy afternoon behind the many and varied stalls to have their photograph taken. c03cla01

Campbeltown stunned by tragic road death of 21-year-old man

A YOUNG man from Campbeltown died on Saturday following a two-vehicle road accident on the A83.

Kenneth Campbell, aged 21, of Crosshill Avenue, was travelling south near Stonefield Castle, Tarbert, when his Peugeot 309 was involved in a collision with a Subaru estate travelling north.

Emergency services attended but Mr Campbell, who was known as Kenny to his family and friends, died at the scene. A 20-year-old woman who was a pas-

senger in the Peugeot and the 65-year-old male driver of the Subaru were taken to Mid Argyll Hospital. The woman was then transferred to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley where, as *The Campbeltown Courier* went to press, police said she was in a stable condition.

Kenny was a pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School from August 1996 until he left school to become a mechanic with Burnbank Garage in the summer of 2000.

Rector William Crossan

said: 'His teachers remember him affectionately as a good, decent, hard-working young man, quiet, unassuming and well-mannered.'

'He loved cars and everything to do with them and had spells of work experience in local garages. We were as pleased as he was when he was taken on at Burnbank Garage on leaving school and it was good to see him beginning to make his way in life in a trade in which he was so happy.'

'The sympathy of the whole school community is extended to his family in

their great loss.' Andrew McPhee, manager at Burnbank said: 'He was a really friendly young man, good-natured, trustworthy and a conscientious worker. He will be greatly missed at the garage. Everyone at Burnbank sends their sincere and deepest sympathy to all his family.'

Inquiries into the accident are continuing and anyone with any information is asked to contact Constable Barry Eastaugh on 01546 702200. Kenny's funeral service will be held tomorrow (Saturday).

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Hotelier set to launch Troon to town crossing

A NEW service which will see scheduled sea crossings between Kintyre and Ayrshire looks set to begin in May this year.

The Kintyre Express is the brainchild of Wilson Smith, owner of Troon's Golf Hotel, and will enable people to travel from Campbeltown to Troon, and vice-versa, in just over one hour.

Comfortably

Mr Wilson plans to do four sailings per day every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, using an 11-metre power boat.

This vessel is equipped to take up to 12 passengers in aircraft-style seats, all of which are fitted comfortably inside.

Although the boat may appear quite small, Mr Wilson emphasised that it

meets all the safety requirements and is in fact three metres longer than most in-shore lifeboats.

Paramount

He said: 'Safety and passenger comfort are paramount and if we were out in the worst possible weather conditions we'd certainly get you home okay.'

'I wouldn't attempt anything like this unless it was safe,' he said.

The route will appeal to many people, including golfers, people travelling to Prestwick Airport and those who just simply want a day out.

Mr Wilson also plans to do a scenic route via Lamlash on Arran where people will have the opportunity to feed seals.



Shaun's skirl of the pipes

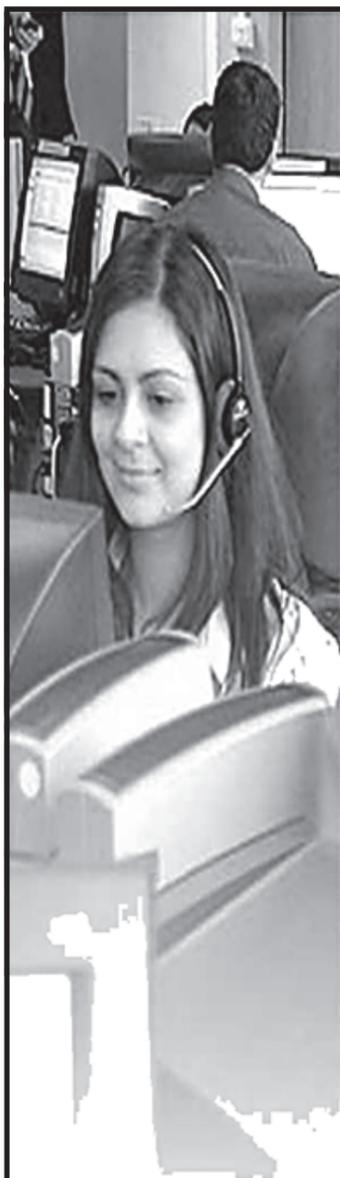
WHAT started out as a dull, damp morning on Tuesday was soon livened up when a surfer from Bristol began playing his bagpipes in Campbeltown's Main Street.

Shaun Cartwright, aged

35, has been playing the bagpipes since he left school 20 years ago and makes a living from his talent by busking.

Shaun (pictured) has been travelling around Scotland in his van for the last few

weeks playing in different places whilst combining it with the love of his life - surfing. So far he has been to various places, including Thurso, Orkney and Islay trying to catch some waves in the process. c03pip01



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CONTACT CENTRE INFORMATION EVENING

**Templars Arts and Leisure Centre, Tarbert
Tuesday 24th January from 6.30 - 8.30pm**

NEW YEAR.....NEW CAREER

Our contact centre at Kintyre House, Snipefield Industrial Estate, Campbeltown has been open for 4 months and we are holding an information evening in the Templars Arts and Leisure Centre.

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Argyll and the Islands Enterprise in partnership with Argyll Training are running pre-employment courses to give people the skills required to work in a contact centre.

Over 90% of people who have started the course have gained employment and Argyll Training will be at the Information Evening to provide details of the courses.

If you would like more information on the course but can't make it on the 24th please phone Argyll Training on 01586 553685.

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Police Files

Disturbance

POLICE were called to a disturbance in Longrow, Campbeltown, on Thursday (January 12). One man was later arrested for committing a breach of the peace.

Reported to PF

IN THE early hours of Wednesday morning (January 13) police were called to a domestic disturbance in Main Street, Campbeltown. One man was arrested and is being reported to the procurator fiscal.

Breach of peace

A MINOR disturbance in Main Street on Saturday morning (January 14) resulted in a man being arrested and charged with committing a breach of the peace.

Match called off

ADISTURBANCE occurred at Kintyre Park, Campbeltown, on Saturday (January 14) which resulted in a football match being abandoned. Police inquiries are continuing with regards to two complaints of assault.

Vandalism

FOLLOWING a disturbance in Princess Street, Campbeltown, on Sunday (January 15) a man was arrested for committing a breach of the peace. He was also charged with several accounts of vandalism.

Theft arrest

POLICE were called to a house in Mill Road, Campbeltown, on Monday (January 16) where a man was arrested and charged with theft and breach of the peace.

Suspicious act

AMAN was found acting suspiciously in Queen Street, Campbeltown, in the early hours of Tuesday morning (January 17). He was arrested and charged with committing a breach of the peace.

Local companies' ferry push

A CAMPBELTOWN businessman believes that a car ferry between Campbeltown and Ballycastle is not sustainable and wants to run a passenger only service.

Michael Taylor, managing director of Mull of Kintyre Seatours, put in a bid to run a 40 seater fast ferry on the route at the beginning of the tendering process last year, however, it was rejected.

Four companies were invited by the Scottish Executive to tender but last week it was announced that none of them had.

Now Mr Taylor has hit out at the Scottish Executive

and wants to meet with transport minister Tavish Scott to discuss his proposals for the service.

He said: 'When the service was first offered for tender we looked at it very carefully and felt that in the long-term a roll-on, roll-off ferry was not sustainable. But, there's clearly a demand for passengers to do this trip.

'We put in an innovative bid in May 2005 which was rejected in September, but we still believe that this service could be provided.'

Mr Taylor's anger comes only one week after James

Robertson, managing director of Dalriada Shipping, said his company also had a bid rejected despite being able to have the service up and running by Easter.

Mr Robertson, who has worked with both Western Ferries and Caledonian MacBrayne, said: 'The Scottish Executive turned us down because of our newness but we've all got experience of running ferries and we've got the backing of Pentland Ferries.'

Members of Dalriada Shipping, a company formed specifically to operate the route across the Irish

Sea, have been in talks with Argyll and Bute MSP George Lyon about trying to arrange a meeting with Mr Scott.

The company also met with members of the Dalriada Business Action Group on Friday to discuss the way forward.

Argyll and Bute MSP George Lyon has asked for an urgent meeting with the transport minister for discussions on the companies which are still interested in running the route.

Mr Lyon said: 'It is important the minister is made aware of these parties' in-

terest and that there is still support locally for the route.

'Once I have had further discussions with him, I intend to meet those involved to discuss how to make progress on this important matter.'

Man injured at Aqualibrium

A MAN was injured at the site of Campbeltown's new Aqualibrium swimming pool complex last Thursday when he fell down a lift shaft. Because of his injuries the man was escorted by Strathclyde Police to hospital in Glasgow and treated for a leg injuries. He was operated on and was reported to be 'doing well' as *The Courier* went to press.

Badden Farm Nursery goes from strength to strength

SINCE opening in 2003, Badden Farm Nursery continues to go from strength to strength.

The nursery offers full-time care 50 weeks of the year, from 8am to 6pm, for children from six months to five years of age.

Badden Farm Nursery is fully commissioned for pre-school education and offers a well balanced curriculum for three and four-year-olds.

Pre-school children take part in extra curricular activities such as music and movement with Mrs Beckett, and French with Mrs Liz McAnally who teaches basic French in songs and numbers.

The nursery's 16 qualified and experienced staff offer children a warm, safe and stimulating environment, providing appropriate learning experiences for all through play, while being sensitive to each child's individual needs. Staff like to give the children lots of fresh air and exercise and have a large, secure outdoor play area and garden for the children's enjoyment.

The bright and spacious baby room, with a separate

sleep room, has been extended, and a kitchen added, allowing the baby room to be completely self-sufficient.

A separate large outdoor play area adjoining the baby room was also completed in the spring of 2005.

Plans for 2006 include a large new extension which will allow the nursery to offer an after school care service.

This new extension will be completed by the summer of 2006.

Parents are welcome to visit the nursery and have a look round.

For further information contact Jennifer Campbell on 01546 600 072.



New defibrillator for Muasdale surgery

MUASDALE Surgery was presented with a new defibrillator last week thanks to a funding boost from two different organisations.

The West Kintyre Medical Fund, which raises money to buy medical apparatus, and the British Heart Foundation joined forces to buy the £3,500 piece of equipment to replace the surgery's out-of-date one. The new defibrillator is a lot more compact than the surgery's previous one and

can be used by anyone who is qualified to use it, not just medical staff. The life-saving piece of equipment also has an additional function which can carry out an ECG reading. Janet Fiander, secretary of the West Kintyre Medical Fund, Rev John Paton, chairman of the West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust and Tom McQuade from the British Heart Foundation are pictured presenting the new defibrillator to Dr John Syred. e03def01

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Disappointment at Argyll's festive driving offences

'EXTREMELY disappointed' is the verdict of the traffic police of the 15 drivers reported for driving under the influence of drink or drugs over the festive season in Argyll.

The four-week-long festive safety campaign resulted in 15 people being reported for such offences, an increase of one on last year's figures.

This figure goes against the trend for Strathclyde as a whole, where 286 motorists were caught drink driving during the festive safety campaign, 35 fewer than last year's figure of 321. 'We are extremely disappointed that despite high profile action

this year, national education campaigns and local education campaigns the number has not dropped,' said Inspector David Sutherland of the road traffic police for the Strathclyde sub division which covers the area of the old Argyll and Bute Council boundaries. 'We are very concerned as well as extremely disappointed.'

He added: 'It really just beggars belief. We had high profile policing. There is no sort of rhyme or reason. The figure includes men and women; the youngest is 17 and the oldest is in their 70s.' The bulk of the offences were 'police detected' with offic-

ers out on patrol seeing cars being driven badly, stopping drivers and tests proving positive. Five of the incidents were when people were tested after being involved in collisions.

'The most encouraging note is that a number came about because members of the public reported people they knew to be drinking and driving directly to the police or through the national Crime Stoppers telephone number,' said Inspector Sutherland.

In view of the worryingly high figures over the Christmas period, Inspector Sutherland said the division's teams of traffic officers were going to continue high levels of patrols.



Brother Eric E Coles, Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Argyll (left) and Brother Sandy Cameron, Provincial Grand Secretary, present a cheque to Joan MacLeod of Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital.

Argyll lodge walk raises thousands

A SPONSORED walk by members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles raised £12,000 for charity.

The walk along the Crinan Canal from Crinan to Lochgilphead was supported by all 19 lodges in the area.

Yorkhill Sick Children's Hospital and the Argyll and Bute Branch of the MacMillan Nurses each received £3,000, with the remaining £6,000 donated to local charities.

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Search begins for Kintyre's citizen of the year

NOMINATIONS are being sought for Campbeltown's citizen of the year 2005.

The Rotary Club of Campbeltown is asking members of the local community to nominate the person or people who they think are deserving of the title.

There has been a great list of characters who have held the title from the first man, Rev John Cormack back in 1981, and the first woman, Nancy Armour in 1984, right up to Willie McCallum, who holds the title for 2004. The winner does not even have to be an individual. In 1995 it was the whole crew of Campbeltown Lifeboat and one year it was two brothers.

Details of how to make the nomination can be found in the Rotary advert on page 19 of this week's Courier.

The club is also accepting nominations for the most promising young musician of the year title, which earns the winner the Norman Milne Award and a gift of £100.

MP Reid blasts 'failing' CSA

ARGYLL and Bute MP Alan Reid has criticised the Child Support Agency (CSA) during a debate in the House of Commons.

Mr Reid told fellow members the CSA was in a state of chaos and it should be scrapped as it is failing those it is there to protect.

He added: 'A large proportion of my postbag, like that of many other Honorary Members, consists of complaints about the CSA.'

'I could cite a long list of statistics to show that it is failing but I shall restrict myself to a few.'

'More than £3 billion owed to children remains uncollected and there are hundreds and thousands of cases in the queue waiting

to be assessed. The average wait for those unassessed cases is 448 days and many parents are in a state of despair over their dealings with the CSA.'

Mr Reid believes the solution for the government is to scrap the CSA and transfer its functions to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. He said: 'The Revenue already holds information about family incomes and children, so is well placed to take over the assessment of child maintenance. Because of the information that it already has about incomes and where people work, it would be more effective than the CSA has been at chasing people and collecting money.'

Council decides 'twenty's plenty' for Crosshill

IN A bid to crack down on speeding in the Crosshill area of Campbeltown, plans are now underway to introduce a twenty's plenty in the streets affected.

For some time now Councillor Donald Kelly has been campaigning to get the scheme up and running but last week his hard work paid off when Argyll and Bute Council sent out letters to residents living in the affected areas advising them that road signs will be installed at the end of March, with the road markings to follow.

The areas covered in the twenty's plenty scheme include Meadows Avenue; Crosshill Avenue; Ralston Road, Tomaig Road, Range Road, Kintyre Gardens and Limecraigs Road.

Vehicle speeds will be monitored to establish whether there has been a reduction in vehicle speeds through these streets.

Lorne to appear on the BBC

CAMPBELTOWN piper Lorne Cousin is set to feature in a BBC documentary on Wednesday (January 25). *Cooking Up Burns* features a project involving pupils at a primary school in Wester Hailes who will be performing at a Burns supper. Lorne taught two children to play the chanter for the show, while other kids were taught about Burns and cookery for the Burns supper. Lorne, who hit the headlines when he starred in Madonna's world tour, said that the project was worthwhile and would make a good programme. The documentary airs at 7pm on BBC1 Scotland.

Post Office presentation

FURTHER information about last week's Down Memory Lane photograph reached our office this week.

We are informed that the photograph, which showed Campbeltown's postal staff during the 1970s, was taken on a very special occasion for one employee. The occasion was the presentation to Johnny Hume of the Imperial Service Medal for his time of service to the Post Office.

Patient returns to hospital

THE PATIENT who absconded from Argyll and Bute Hospital in Lochgilphead has returned. Nicholas John Conner, a restricted patient, was reported to have been missing since Sunday January 8 but returned to the hospital last Thursday (January 12).

Council pledges all-weather pitch talks

ARGYLL and Bute Council has confirmed this week that a consultation is to be carried out regarding an all-weather playing field for Campbeltown.

The Courier reported before Christmas that the council is unlikely to be able to fund such a facility in the town until at least 2012, leaving Campbeltown as the only major settlement in Argyll without

an all-weather surface. A spokesman for the council said on Tuesday: 'The council's playing fields unit will carry out a consultation process with local councillors and representatives from the local community and sporting clubs and organisations in the next few months. As part of this process, all avenues of potential future funding for the project will be investigated.'

One local councillor has already suggested that the community should take it upon itself to raise the money required.

Councillor Rory Colville feels that a group such as South Kintyre Sports Council or a community trust would be able to raise the cash and then work with the council to get a pitch for the area. Speaking this week, Councillor Colville said:

'While I am disappointed that budget constraints mean that for the foreseeable future Argyll and Bute Council is unable to provide capital funding for this project, the fact that Campbeltown meets the criteria for SportsScotland as a regional centre means that we

should use our best endeavours to seek alternative funding sources.

'I will be pressing the council's playing fields unit to start work on the development proposals as soon as possible, and thereafter seek to engage with those in the community that have al-

ready expressed an interest in taking this forward.'

The council spokesman confirmed that the council is prepared to put in the ground work for the all-weather pitch, even though it is unlikely to be able to fund the total cost.

The spokesman said: 'The

council has approved the allocation of resources to develop proposals for the location, design and operation of the Campbeltown project, but has not approved capital funding to allow a subsequent match funding application to be made.'

Report suggests a brighter economic future for Campbeltown

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'must take priority and should, in my view, be included in the first phase. It is essential that we maximise the funding which the council has made available by working with as many partners as possible, such as AIE and Historic Scotland.

The Kintyre Initiative Working Group is the ideal local forum to get the ball rolling and monitor the progress of the project.'

It is also recommended

that a project manager be appointed to lead the action plan. Yellow Book says that the three partners are in favour of such a post being created, subject to some conditions.

The role of the project manager would be two-fold: firstly as the executive officer of the steering group and, then, as 'town centre manager'.

As town centre manager, the person appointed to the post would have direct responsibility for implementing a year-round events pro-

gramme, promoting service, hospitality and marketing initiatives and working with the council, local traders and property owners to maintain a clean and attractively presented town.

The report also recommends that a detailed Kintyre tourism strategy should be prepared, along with a strategy for the future of the town's urban design and a study into what Yellow Book see as the town's key buildings - the town hall and the current library and museum building.

Helping the health of the homeless



The staff who will cover the Lomond and Argyll area are, left to right, Brian Moss, who will cover Lomond and Helensburgh; Pauline Logue, who will cover Cowal and Bute; and Helen Martin, who will cover Mid Argyll and Kintyre. N/A

NHS ARGYLL and Clyde has recruited six nurses and a project manager to help improve the health of homeless people across the board area.

A total of £420,000 has been invested in this pilot programme and the aim of the team is to work with existing health board employees and a range of other agencies.

Dr David Bell, project leader, said: 'The homeless are typically amongst the most deprived people in our society.'

A recent survey across Argyll and Clyde highlighted that over three quarters were experiencing a number of other serious issues in their lives.

'I am therefore delighted that NHS Argyll and Clyde has been chosen for this pilot project. Our new team of six nurses and project manager has now been recruited and they are currently undergoing induction training.'

Around the rurals

Campbeltown

CAMPBELTOWN Rural started off the year with some of the members doing work corners.

Val Jones, Morag Johnston, Margaret McKendrick, Ella Young, Anna Anderson, Margaret Barr, Margaret McIntyre and Margaret McMillan give hints and tips on their crafts of crochet, flower ar-

ranging, embroidery and knitting.

Competitions: nicest Christmas card: gold Margaret McKendrick; silver: Helen Watson; red Margaret McIntyre, Renee Shaw. Verse: small is beautiful: gold Isobel Scally; silver Margaret McEndrick, Mary Milloy; red Helen Watson.

Community council vacancies

THERE are still two vacancies on Campbeltown Community Council.

Anyone who lives within the Campbeltown area, which includes the Sound of Kintyre development, who is interested in serving on the community council should contact the Argyll and Bute Council Area Office at Dell Road for a nomination form.

Completed forms should be submitted to that office by 3pm on Tuesday January 31.

Project funding applications

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council is to apply to Strathclyde Police for funding to tackle two local community wellbeing projects.

The first project will encourage school pupils of all ages to take pride in Campbeltown by drawing and writing about ways to improve the town.

It is hoped that the second project will tackle the problem of chewing gum being dropped on the streets by providing gum bins.

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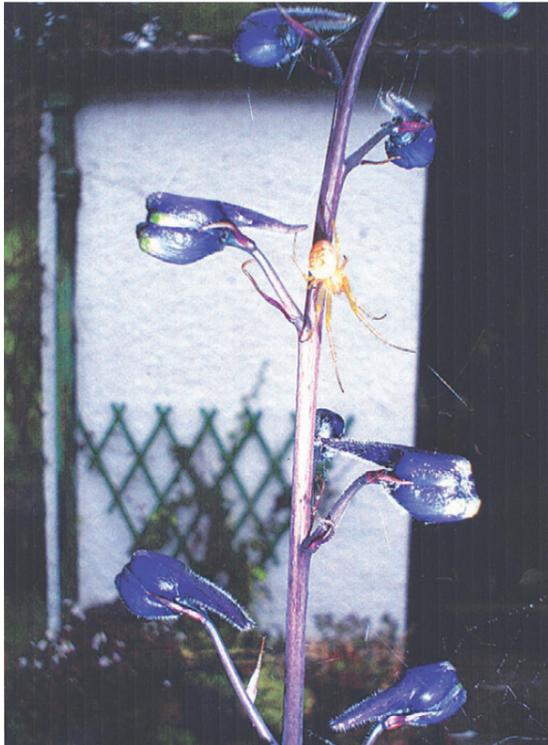
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Welcome to the first ever photo competition of the *Campbeltown Courier* and *Argyllshire Advertiser*.

Here are just a few of the fantastic entries that we have received so far.

If you have some photographs at home that you would like to enter then why not send them in using the coupon on page seven.

The closing date for entries is Monday January 30 at 5pm.



Above: *Spider About to Start Web* by George Maxwell, Stronachullin, Ardrishaig.



Drumlemble - When the Hawthorn's White wi' the Bloom by Eddie Maguire, Campbeltown.



Above: *Tranquility by Davaar Island* by Donald Thomson, Inverkip, Greenock.



The Old Packhorse Bridge by Ken Jones, Muasdale.

Landscapes or townscales, people or pets, send us your best photos taken in Mid Argyll or Kintyre and you could win a prize.



It's a Dog's Life by John W McNulty, Victoria Park, Minard.

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2006 photo competition



Paps of Jura by Bob Goodman, Dell Road, Campbeltown.



Squirrel on Feeder by John Muir, West Bank Road, Ardrishaig.



Left: *Wee Donald, Summer Fun at Southend* by Sheena Robertson, North Shore Street, Campbeltown.

Right: *Reflections* by A Frater, Chalmers Court, Inveraray.

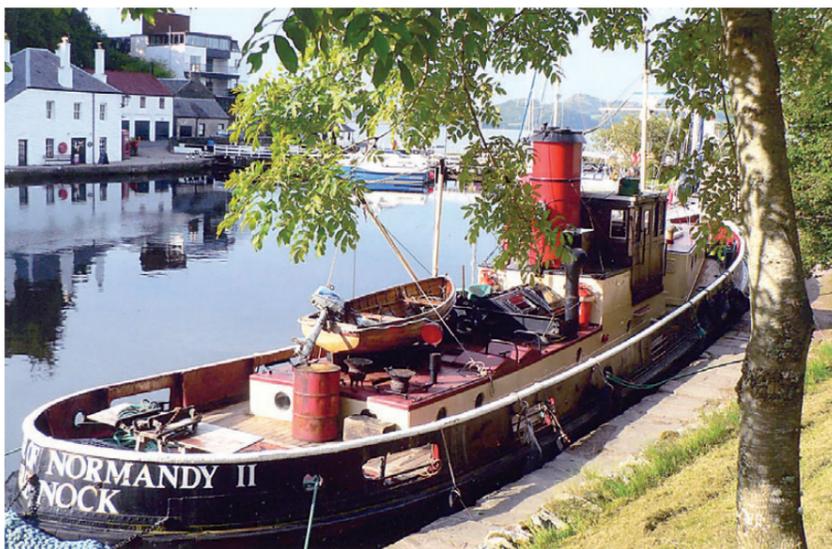


Photo competition

ARE you a dab hand with a camera or do you just like taking the odd photo with your disposable? Well, here at The Courier and Advertiser we're looking for our readers to share some of their photographic gems with us in our first ever photo competition.

Whether your photos are beautiful views of Kintyre and Mid Argyll or photos of your favourite pet, we will enjoy seeing them all.

There are two categories for entries: category one: people/animals; category two: places. You can send in as many photographs as you want, the only condition is that they MUST have been taken in or around Kintyre or Mid Argyll sometime after December 1 2004.

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Andy Ferrier and Maggie beside one of the Minke whales. Photo by Janey Hanlon

Minke whales washed up on Islay beach

TWO MINKE whales have been found dead on the beach at Killinallan, near Portnahaven, on Islay.

Although the whale is commonly sighted off the island it is thought to be as long as 14 years since the last one to come ashore dead.

The whales were found on the beach by Janey Hanlon and boyfriend Andy Ferrier.

One of the whales is a newborn calf which still had its umbilical cord attached.

The other is an 18-foot female but is thought to be too small to be the mother of the calf as females do not become sexually mature until they are at least 22 feet long.

However, staff at the Scottish Agricultural College said it would be an extraordinary coincidence if the two whales

washed up together were not related. It is also believed the small size of the calf may have contributed to its death.

The average size of an adult Minke whale is 25 to 30 feet (nearly eight metres) and they can weigh up to seven-and-a-half tonnes.

The largest Minke whale recorded was 35 feet long and weighed nine-and-a-half tonnes.

A newborn calf will weigh around 1,000 lbs and is nine feet in length.

Minke whales have a life expectancy of around 20 years and it is thought there is a world population of 800,000 at the moment.

They are very noisy animals making sounds that can reach 150 decibels, as loud as a jet taking off.

Machrihanish retains bathing water status

THERE was good news for Machrihanish Bay this week with the announcement that it has retained its status as a designated bathing water under the European Bathing Water Directive.

Deputy environment minister Lewis MacDonald MSP confirmed the status in line with recommendations received from the Bathing Water Review Panel.

Custodians

Welcoming the news, East Central Kintyre Councillor Rory Colville said: 'The Scottish Executive has woken to the fact that we in Kintyre are custodians to one of nature's greatest works, and Machrihanish beach is simply the best.'

At the request of Mr MacDonald, a panel man-

aged by Clean Coast Scotland was established to determine the future of Scotland's 60 identified bathing waters.

Protected

Designated waters across the country are monitored by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to ensure that the quality of popular bathing waters is protected.

The term bathing refers to all water and beach users and as such means the health of those on the beach and in the water is protected.

Machrihanish Bay, stretching from Westport to Machrihanish village, is a mecca for water sports enthusiasts such as surfers and kayakers as well as holiday-makers and locals alike.

South Kintyre Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'I am absolutely delighted that the bathing water review panel has recommended retaining the bathing water status at Machrihanish.'

'This makes all the hard work worthwhile and will continue to attract tourists to the Kintyre area.'

Support

The application to retain the status was put together by the Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB) Trust's beaches and marine litter project.

A spokeswoman for the GRAB Trust said that the success of the application would not have been possible without the help and support of the local communities, beach users and statutory agencies.



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Community Reps Election

CAMPBELTOWN REGENERATION AREA
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election of Community Representatives for the
Campbeltown Regeneration area.

- 1- An election is to be held for the return of Community Representatives for the Campbeltown Regeneration area, (formerly the Social Inclusion Project Area).
- 2-Nomination papers must be delivered to Sharon Campbell, Community Development Worker, on any day after the date of this notice, but not later than Wednesday 1st February 2006.
- 3-Forms of nomination and withdrawal may be obtained from Sharon Campbell, Tenants and Residents Flat, 22 Parliament Place, Campbeltown, PA28 6HP. Telephone 01586 553522.
- 4-Elections will take place at the Area Development Group meeting, on Friday 3rd February, at 10 a.m., in the Town Hall, Campbeltown

For further information on any of the above please call the Kintyre Community Education Centre, Stewart Road, Campbeltown, on 01586 552732

Meeting hears importance of slaughterhouse

FARMERS from throughout Kintyre emphasised the need for a slaughterhouse in the area at a meeting held in Campbeltown on Saturday morning.

Pete Campbell and Hugh Fullerton-Smith are the project managers who have been assigned by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to carry out research into the viability of an abattoir in Argyll and they were on hand at meetings in Campbeltown, Tarbert and Islay to answer questions.

The event, organised by NFU Scotland, attracted over 25 people and the importance of this venture was made clear by those who attended.

Both modular and mobile abattoirs were discussed, with the pros and cons of each being weighed up.

A mobile system is more expensive because each

area it visits must have a 'docking station'. It would also be very expensive to transport it by ferry to islands such as Islay.

On the other hand, however, a modular system cannot be moved and there could be problems in finding the right site for it.

The need to market local produce with a brand name which would hopefully become recognisable throughout the world was also a priority.

Speaking at the meeting in Campbeltown, Mr Fullerton-

Smith said: 'We don't just see this as a meeting and then disappear. My job has been to go and get things happening. There's a clear need for a system like this to be put in here, whether its a mobile system or a modular system doesn't matter but what you need is a slaughter facility and

we've got to find the best way to take this forward. We're farmers and I think that makes quite a difference because we know the industry and we know a lot about how it works.'

Mr Campbell suggested that all those who would use the abattoir should each pay a one-off payment of around £100 to show their commitment to the project.

He said: 'You're never going to get 100 per cent funding so there's got to be some sort of commitment shown by the people who are going to be using this.'

The vast majority of farmers at the meeting supported this idea and felt it was fair.

Mr Campbell and Mr Fullerton-Smith will now take their findings back to HIE to argue the case for a slaughter facility in Argyll and hope that a full-time member of staff will be in place by March to market it.

Kintyre Blackface breeders meet for annual stockjudging



Judge Jock Jackson from Lochgoilhead surveys a flock of tupp hogs off Kildalloig. c03jdg03



Jock Jackson, Lochgoilhead, judge for the evening. c03jdg06

THE KINTYRE Blackface Sheep-breeders Association held its annual stockjudging on Monday night (January 16).

Held at Campbeltown Market, the event attracted an excellent turnout of local breeders who viewed a fine array of sheep.

Judge for the evening was Jock Jackson from Lochgoilhead.

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Sheepdog association holds third nursery trial at Ronachan

KINTYRE Sheepdog Trials Association held its third nursery trial at Ronachan on Saturday.

On a clear sunny day 16 entrants competed over a testing course.

A 400 yard uphill outrun turning into a steep down-

hill fetch allowed little room for error and although the sheep, in most cases, were co-operative it needed concentration from both the handler and the dog to complete the course.

Class one: 1 Ewan Campbell, Budd, 77 (out by

work); 2 Brian Strachan, Bonny, 77; 3 David Colthard, Tess, 67; 4 Andrew Bevis, Susie, 66; 5 John McLachlan, Taff, 61; 6 Kenny Grieve, Roy, 59.

Class two: 1 Jane McDonald, Nan, 61 (OBW); 2 Lorne Clark, Jim, 61; 3 Jimmy Barr, Bill, 57 (OBW).

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Thought for the Week

ARE you used to writing 2006 in the date yet, or does your pen still think it is 2005? I remember the day after my 8th birthday. The date was May 5 1955, and when I wrote it at the top of the page in my school book, it was 5.5.55. My teacher pointed out that it would be 11 years, one month and one day, before such a combination happened again. To my eight-year-old mind 6.6.66 seemed forever away. Since then 7.7.77, 8.8.88, and 9.9.99 have all passed into history. And it will be almost exactly five years until the next date in which all numbers are the same. If I'm right, it won't be until 1.1.11, January 1 2011. I wish I could remember everything else I learned in primary school as well as that!

The Bible says: 'Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.' And perhaps the first wisdom that comes from numbering our days, is the salutary truth that we don't know how many we have left. And the second? That we are answerable to God for all our days when our last day on earth is over (see Psalm 90:12).

Irene Howat



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane photograph was submitted by Hamish Reid from Stewarton and shows a group of people in the village during the 1960s. Jim Reid, back and John Mauchlin, front, are pictured with, left to right, Elaine Colville, Stuart McGuire, Heather McEachran and Marianne McGuire.

Those Were The Days

The Campbeltown Courier, January 23 1987

Shock report on unemployment

SHOCK this week has been expressed in Campbeltown after a recently published report revealed that nearly one quarter of all adults in the local job centre are living at or below the supplementary benefit level.

The Rural Areas Sub-Committee said in a meeting at Lochgilphead earlier this month that 23 per cent of adults in Kintyre, Gigha, Islay and Jura - a total of 3,490 people - were living at or below the supplementary benefit level. District and regional councillor George McMillan, who chairs the Rural Areas Sub-Committee, said he was 'absolutely appalled' at the figures. 'It emphasises the north/south divide in Britain - it is unacceptable that people here should have to live on such low incomes.'

In addition to people living at or below supplementary benefit level, a further 595 people, said the report, are entitled to claim benefit but do not do so. This amounts to an estimated total unclaimed annual benefit of £380,177.

The Rural Areas Sub-Committee, which is part of Argyll and Dumbarton Community Development Committee, will be recommending the appointment of a welfare rights officer for Argyll and Bute in a written request to Strathclyde Regional Council.

A welfare rights team already exists in Campbeltown. Unemployment figures form the main part of figures released by the rural areas sub-committee. This month the statistics for Campbeltown show that 18.9 per cent of the workforce is out of work - an increase on last month.

To the memory of Burns!

BURNS would have been proud of the quality of music at Kintyre Piping Society's celebration on Saturday night, held in honour of the world famous bard.

The highlight of the night came when the steaming hot haggis was piped in by Neil McNaughton to an eagerly awaiting gathering of young and old and the Chieftain o' the Puddin' Race was soon reduced to few crumbs on many empty plates!

Water response was excellent

Sir,
May I say a heartfelt thank you through *The Courier* Letters page to Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service, Strathclyde Police and Argyll and Bute Council's roads department for their prompt, professional and courteous response to the torrential downpour on Monday (January 16).

It is very reassuring that until the main problems of the Campbeltown and Scottish Water system are fixed, the emergency services now have this down to a textbook performance.

Also, may I thank the guys at Scottish Water.

They have a difficult task at the sharp end and are often unduly criticised for a problem that most of them only inherited and are now doing their best to help fix.

Credit where it is due. Our local Scottish Water workers are doing a difficult job and my special thanks to whoever it was who got their system working at extra capacity so quickly on Monday afternoon.

Well done all round.
David Dewar, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown.

Ferry is too important to let slip

Sir,
I have written to the transport minister and all Highlands and Islands MSPs expressing my disappointment regarding the result of the Irish ferry tender.

The minister must establish why the companies invited to tender failed to do so.

In addition, I feel, he should take a closer look at the other three companies who expressed an interest but who were not invited to tender.

The Kintyre Initiative Working Group will continue to keep the ferry at the top of its agenda and will endeavour to work with all the various groups involved.

To this end I have invited all our MSPs to the next meeting in an effort to find a way forward.

We have fought long and hard to re-establish this service and will not give up on it now.

This issue is too important to the Kintyre economy and to the continual regeneration of our area and therefore we are not prepared to allow it to slip into oblivion.

Councillor Donald Kelly, chairman, Kintyre Initiative Working Group.

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Co-operation Between Scotland and Ireland

Sir,
I have been appointed by the Scottish Parliament's European and external relations committee as reporter for the committee's inquiry into the possibility of a programme of co-operation between Scotland and Ireland.

Over the centuries, migration in both directions between Scotland and Ireland has forged strong links between two countries which are geographically close and have much in common.

As a consequence, I believe that there is considerable scope for co-operation projects in areas such as cultural exchange, tourism, sport, education and transport, with significant social and economic benefits for Scotland and Ireland (both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland).

Some projects might have

an additional bonus of qualifying for European Union funding.

The European Commission has proposed that the existing INTERREG funding be replaced next year by a new co-operation objective with two strands, cross-border and trans-national.

The commission's proposals stipulate that, where cross-border co-operation involves two different EU Member States with a maritime border, there should be a maximum distance of 150 kilometres between the relevant coastlines. It might therefore be possible for a cross-border co-operation programme between parts of south west Scotland and parts of Ireland to qualify for EU cross-border funding under the new co-operation objective.

That would enable areas such as Argyll, the Western Isles, South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway to access EU funding.

On the Irish side there would be potential benefits for Northern Ireland and Donegal.

To enable me to compile a report for consideration by

the parliamentary committee, I am inviting people or organisations with an interest in this matter to submit evidence, preferably by the end of January.

If any of your readers would like to make a written submission, it can be sent to the clerk of the European and External Relations Committee, the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP, Scotland, or by e-mail to: europe@scottish.parliament.uk.

Dennis Canavan MSP.

Airport bus service: use it or lose it

Sir,
May I, through the courtesy of your columns, remind air travellers of the demand-responsive service bus that runs to and from Campbeltown Airport.

This excellent service is being under-used and I'm

hoping that my letter will give it the publicity it deserves.

The service takes you from your home to the airport and vice-versa with a friendly, helpful and courteous driver.

Apparently the demand-responsive service to Southend is also under-used.

Let's make sure there is a continued demand for these valuable services. To use the old adage: 'Use it or lose it'. Please don't allow apathy to reign.

Doris McQuilkan, Barochan Place, Campbeltown.

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Islay's Ailsa toasts success of company's unique whisky soap

AN ISLAY woman is using the island's abundant whisky supply to produce a unique batch of soaps.

Bowmore's Ailsa Hayes of The Spirited Soap Company uses spirit from the island's single malts to make clear soap. Her idea has attracted interest from six distilleries on the island so far, two of which have already sold hundreds of bars of the soap.

Vegetable oils are mixed in small batches using the traditional 'cold process' then cooked with sugar, vegetable glycerin and alcohol to produce transparent bars.

Ailsa, a qualified pharmaceutical research chemist, said: 'I moved here with my husband

Graham in 2004 but we used to come here on holiday and, even though it is a fantastic place, there isn't much you can take home as a gift.

'I know the soap making process and because transparent soap needs alcohol, I can substitute some of that with the whisky.

'They are scented with essential oils so they don't actually smell of whisky!'

The idea has gone down a storm with the island's whisky producers and Ailsa was also contacted by a French whisky magazine.

Jackie Thomson, Ardbeg Distillery visitor centre manager, said: 'Over the Christmas period we sold a lot. The packaging is really

nice and rustic using Hessian and I think the soaps will fly off the shelves in the summer.

'They are a great gift and are a little more feminine than a lot of other gifts at the distillery shop.

'I hope it is a great success for her.'

Bruichladdich Distillery managing director Mark Reynier said he uses the Bruichladdich soap at home.

He added: 'The fact the soap is made of spirit doesn't make you smell like a distillery. I think Ailsa has a lot of talent and the soaps look really funky.'

Ailsa is having premises in Islay House Square renovated for manufacturing her soaps.



Ailsa Hayes prepares another batch of her unique Islay whisky soaps.

EU cash boost for Highland businesses

BUSINESSES in the Highlands and islands will benefit from a £500,000 of European Union funding approved by the Highlands and Islands Partnership Programme (HIPP).

The money has been added to the Scottish Co-investment Fund (SCF), a pot of money that provides investment for small businesses with equal funding coming from selected private sector partners.

The HIPP grant is to be used specifically for businesses in the Highlands and islands and to date two businesses in the Highland and Islands Enterprise network area have been invested in by SCF, Aquapharm in Argyll and Albanet in Ross-shire. The

SCF is aimed at increasing the risk capital available and therefore the capacity for investment by private sector investors in small, ambitious businesses of less than 250 employees and net assets of less than £16 million.

SCF works with private sector partners, including venture capitalist fund managers and business angels, who take responsibility for identifying a negotiating investment deals.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise has been working closely with Scottish Enterprise, which manages the SCF and HIPP to ensure there is adequate funding for SCF activities in the HIE network area.

Jeff Foot, head of business starts and growth team at

HIE, said: 'This public sector fund has been used to lever in private sector investment into new and growing businesses, which may have previously struggled to secure funds in an increasingly competitive venture capital market.'

In the whole of Scotland, since 2003, SCF has contributed £12.1 million to 99 deals, which has levered in private sector contributions of £29.6 million.

Businesses seeking investment need to approach one of the private sector partners first and persuade them to invest their own cash in the project.

More information can be found on the partners at www.scottish-enterprise.com/equity.

Bus company's Glasgow expansion

A CAMPBELTOWN-based bus company which has a strong presence on the west coast has expanded in the Glasgow area.

Craig of Campbeltown Ltd, trading as West Coast Motor Service Company, acquired the entire share capital of Glasgow Citybus Ltd on January 1 this year.

Citybus, established in 1999 by Russell Arden, started as a four-vehicle operation running service 17 between Duntocher and Glasgow city centre.

A further two routes have since been added and the fleet now consists of 16 ve-

hicles and 23 staff. Speaking after the takeover, Mr Arden said: 'Being part of West Coast Motors will provide that bit extra security to staff and the administrative support necessary for the business to develop further.'

Colin Craig, managing director of West Coast Motors, added: 'We are very pleased to have acquired Glasgow Citybus Ltd and look forward to working with Russell and his team.'

'There are no plans to make any fundamental changes to the business and we will look to build on the successful foundations that Russell has laid down.'

Fax scam warning

ARGYLL and Bute Council's trading standards are warning local businesses about a fax back scam which has recently come to light.

Businesses have reported receiving an unsolicited fax which says their fax number will be listed on a database and that they will be sent advertisements.

It goes on to say that if you do not wish to receive the adverts, you should complete a declaration and fax the form back to 'The Fax Back Directory' on the number 07005 100500. However, faxing this number is expensive and can slow the fax line down, generating income for the Fax Back Directory at above the national rate.

Anyone who receives such a fax is asked to contact OFCOM on 0207 9813040.

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Aquaculture Today 2006 is being held at Edinburgh's five star Sheraton Hotel & Spa from March 28-30 and is set to be one of the most influential events of its kind held in the UK.

The 2006 conference builds on the achievement of last year's pioneering event with speakers from the UK, Europe and beyond already lined up to participate.

The conference addresses key issues facing the fish farming sector in a useful and varied programme comprising formal presentations, discussion sessions, networking, exhibits and a special awards dinner. Delegates will hear from leading industry figures on:

- o Markets
- o Fish Health
- o Innovation
- o Species Development.

The conference will be officially opened with a keynote speech from Lord Lindsay of Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation (SSPO) on March 29.

Fish Farmer

At the Aquaculture Today Gala Dinner, the first Fish Farmer "Fit for the Future" award will be presented for outstanding achievement in the fish-farming sector. In addition, finalists in a new industry-backed awards scheme from the Crown Estate, which recognises innovation and best practice in salmon farming, will be announced.

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Duet delight in Mid Argyll

THE POPULARITY of piano duet recitals was again in evidence last Saturday when a large audience welcomed the husband and wife partnership of Margaret Wakeford and Simon Coverdale to the Ardrishaig Hall for the first MAAA concert of 2006. This same recital was also performed in Campbeltown on Tuesday for the Kintyre Music Club.

A well-chosen programme of duet items, some well-known, others quite original, was presented, and they even included a world premiere, about which more later. Margaret played the 'primo' part throughout and took on the major part of the eloquent introductions, which,

it has to be said, always greatly add to the enjoyment and understanding of the music.

The programme opened with an arrangement by Dubois of a Bach Prelude and Fugue in G minor, a good curtain raiser, played very carefully and with emphasis, which at times was to the detriment of the flowing nature of the music. The Schubert *Grand Sonata* in B flat followed, and here the duo warmed to their task, with the final allegretto flowing along nicely.

Debussy's well loved *Petite Suite* finished the first half, with its four clearly contrasted movements. The gently rocking *En Bateau* was a

bit unsteady at first, but soon settled down and the festive bluntness of the Chabrier type final *Ballet* was welcome for its lively abandon.

Gabriel Faur's *Dolly Suite*, another great favourite with amateur pianists, opened the second half, depicting moods and scenes of childhood, and the six contrasting pieces were described in detail in the very generous programme notes, this aiding the audience appreciation of the whole work. The spirited *Finale* was just this, but closer observance of the dynamic markings would have made the movement even more dramatic.

Badinages by Philip Lane (born 1950) brought out the

best playing of the evening from the duo, and the four fascinating movements, in the genre of film music, were performed with a charm and a lively abandon which carried them off perfectly. William Walton's *Popular Song* from *Facade* and Eric Coates' *Calling All Workers* (remember *Workers Playtime* on the BBC?) brought the recital to a successful end - and this final piece was the world premiere referred to earlier, as it was especially arranged for Margaret's recent birthday by MAAA's December guest artist, Dick Lee.

The long applause at the end of their short encore was convincing proof they had entertained the audience. **JH**

Mid Argyll rocking at French jive classes



Instructor Jane McCardel with dance partner John Burnett.

FRENCH LeRoc jive dancing classes that began in Ardrishaig Public Hall in December are proving popular.

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The classes take place every Wednesday from

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PRIME Productions, which aims to take theatre to audiences across Scotland, including rural locations, will next month be staging a performance of *Further Than The Furthest Thing* In Craignish Village Hall as part of its winter tour.

The play follows the story of a remote island in the 1960s, where a tiny community carries the burden of a terrible secret. When the outside world comes calling, the islanders find their world blown apart.

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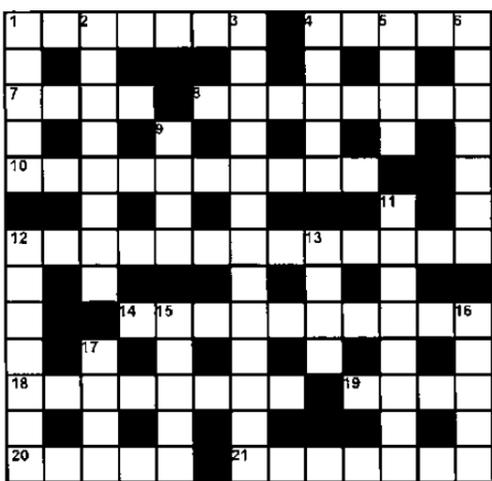
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- 4 Clean teeth - note something missing (5)
- 7 Basic food for Sir Tim (4)
- 8 Current minister is spot on (8)
- 10 IT girl from TV show right at the end (10)
- 12 Rests now - hated being too quick (5,3,5)
- 14 Foolishly sat on giant opponent (10)
- 18 Stumble and spill when there's instability (8)
- 19 Animal has no clothes, they say (4)
- 20 Comic in show - it typecasts him (5)
- 21 Spectre troubled king's representative (7)

DOWN

- 1 Punishment in first rape case (5)
- 2 Spy used this motor - CID investigated (8)
- 3 Fighting armies counted in TV reports (13)
- 4 By chance find parasite (5)
- 5 Eggs left at the cricket ground (4)
- 6 Her best creation is a drink (7)
- 9 Worry about part of the guitar (4)
- 11 Sent round US coin as a deposit (8)
- 12 Everything in demonstration is lacking substance (8)
- 13 Go up with manuscript, though conditions poor (4)
- 15 Intrusive? Yes and no (5)
- 16 Child's age about to be found in article (5)
- 17 Fastening just isn't, we're told (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

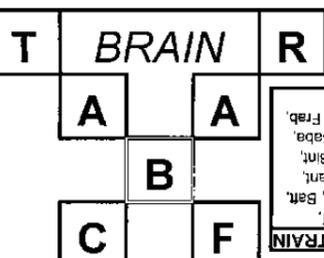
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17. Brass 19. Shame 20. Foil 23. Pin

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Cookery: Bake, Grill, Chop, Baste, Prepare, Boil, Roast, Puree, Stir, Whisk, Blanch, Dice, Blend, Mince, Reduce, Skewer, Braise, Marinade, Simmer, Bind

BRAIN STRAIN



How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 15 Maestro: 24+

Peatbog Faeries ready for Kintyre



THE PEATBOG Faeries play the first in a series of Dunaverty Hall Fundraising concerts on Saturday February 25 in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown. They will be supported on the night by local band Violent Echo in what promises to be a great night of entertainment.

Based on the Isle of Skye, The Peatbog Faeries have released four albums and have played to audiences all over the world. Recent highlights have been tours in Australia and America as well as prominent festivals and gigs around the UK and Europe. Last year saw the band promoting their new album, *Croftwork* with some extensive touring, including festivals such as Glastonbury, Cambridge and Beautiful Days.

In November, the band won the award for 'Best Live Act of 2005' at the

prestigious Scots Trad Music Awards.

Released on April 25 2005 on the band's own Peatbog Records label, the Peatbogs' fourth album *Croftwork* is their most ambitious and dynamic offering to date. But with some inventive new material, a couple of special guests and a top class brass section, the band feel they have created an album they can be proud of.

Sale of the Century in Campbeltown

THE LATEST Rotary Club of Campbeltown Sale of the Century takes place on Saturday February 4 in the town's Victoria Hall.

Rotarians are once again looking for the support of the people of Kintyre, both in terms of attending the sale and donating quality household items for the auction.

The money raised goes into the Rotary Charities Account and is used to help others locally, nationally and internationally. As well as the auction sale of household goods, there is a bric-a-brac sale beginning at 9am. The auction itself gets underway at 10.30am under the guidance of auctioneers John Kerr and Cecil Finn, Rotarians well-known for their cheery banter and their excellent descriptions of the items.

Members of the Inner Wheel Club will provide food and drinks for the hungry bargain hunters. The Rotary Club is hoping for a larger attendance than at their last sale in September, which was held a month earlier than usual while many people were still on holiday. People with good quality household goods, which they no longer use and would like to donate to the auction, can contact any member of the Rotary Club and arrange for it to be collected prior to the sale.

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Meetings are held around 10 times a year and involve a range of wildlife, environmental and archaeological projects, games and activities. Past events have included pottery making, coin casting, a butterfly and moth event, guided walks, making a bird feast, Halloween storytelling, bat watching, a tour of the museum with the curator, quiz nights and shore watch, which was an Awards for All funded wildlife and archaeology project involving boat trips to Eilean Mor.

At the next event members will be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on Sunday January 29. Members will meet in the cafe at Kilmartin House Museum from 2-3.30pm to survey the birdtable from the comfort of the conservatory, or venture outside and then warm up with a cup of hot chocolate. Binoculars and expert help are available.

This will also be the club's annual enrolment day - it is always looking for new members. Membership is open to children who are six in the October of the year they join. Until the children are eight, they should be accompanied at meetings by a parent or guardian. The cost of joining is £4 per year (£1.50 for additional children in the household). In addition, each event costs 50p. Events usually take place on the last weekend of each month (either the Friday evening or during the day on the Saturday or Sunday).

For more information, call Kilmartin House Museum on 01546 510278 or email museum@kilmartin.org.

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Customers of the all-new Suzuki Grand Vitara – launched three months ago – now have the option of diesel the 1.9 DDiS 5-door model with manual transmission. At £16,999 on-the-road, it is as much as £2,750 less expensive than its similarly sized, Japanese four-wheel drive competitors. Its intercooled and turbocharged engine – supplied by Renault – delivers 129 PS and a hefty 221 lb ft (300 Nm) of torque for reassuring performance in a variety of situations both on and off the beaten track. Using Suzuki's latest SUV to its full potential shouldn't be too painful at the pumps either, with a Combined cycle consumption of 36.7 mpg and CO₂ emissions of just 205 g/km. Top speed is 106 mph, while acceleration from 0 to 62 mph is completed in 13.2 seconds. The 1.9 DDiS enjoys the same clean, but muscular styling and generous equipment levels as its 5-door petrol counterpart. That means standard climate control air conditioning, front and rear electric windows, an integrated radio/CD player with steering wheel mounted audio controls, tinted glass, tilt adjustable steering, reclining rear seats, heated and folding door mirrors, immobiliser, alloys and front fogs. There's also the security of front, side and curtain airbags for front seat occupants plus curtain airbags in the rear. The unique design without a separate chassis, a stiff platform provided by a 'built-in ladder frame' ensures this SUV has the rigidity to match the most traditional of off roaders. That's complemented by an all-new, permanent four-wheel drive system with differential lock and low range to ensure outstanding off road capability. The system's four different modes are easily selected via a dash-mounted rotary switch. Longer and wider than its predecessor, the new Grand Vitara also has an extended wheelbase which means lots more room inside. The new 1.9 DDiS joins a line-up comprising the 1.6 litre VVT and VVT+ 3-door manual models and 2.0 litre 16v 5-door manual and automatic models, starting at £12,699 on-the-road.



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New entry-level diesel, 1.5 dCi 106 6-speed for Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet

New flagship diesel, 2.0 dCi 150 due in May 2006

Renault has announced prices and specifications for the New Renault Mégane 2006 range and also raised the bar in the sports hatch stakes with the launch of a special edition Mégane Renaultsport 225 to celebrate its Formula 1 Constructors' Championship title from last season.

The Renault Mégane continues to be Europe's best-selling car, so the arrival of two new special editions and the lack of price rises over the current version looks certain to keep the distinctive range at the top of the sales charts. And that's not forgetting the fact that prices still start from just £11,450 on the road. There are no changes yet to the Scénic MPV range which is built on the Mégane platform.

New Mégane Renaultsport 225 'Renault F1 Team' special edition Giving the New Mégane 2006 even more impact is the launch of a new special edition, Mégane Renaultsport 225 Renault F1 Team, to celebrate Renault's 2005 Constructors' and Fernando Alonso's Drivers' Formula 1 World Championship titles.

Based on the Mégane Renaultsport 225 Cup - and therefore three-door Sport Hatch - the eye-catching newcomer offers a powerful combination of track-proven technology and £1,450 worth of equipment for only £900 more than the Cup, at a price of £19,500.

In addition to the standard specification of the 'Cup' version, the latest hot hatch from Renault's performance division gains: 60W CD/MP3 RDS radio, climate control, new "black-gloss" 18" spoked lightweight alloys with matching door mirrors and blue/black Recaro front sports seats and blue detailing on the steering wheel and gearshift gaiter. Standard equipment on the 'Cup' includes: Cup Chassis (includes Brembo front brakes, disconnectable ESP (Electronic Stability Programme), uprated dampers and springs and shock absorbers to reinforce the sensation of rigidity and augment cornering ability), plus cruise control with speed limiter, exclusive Dunlop SportMaxx tyres and trip computer.

As you would expect when it comes to the glamorous world of Formula 1, the new special edition certainly isn't lacking in image or exclusivity, boasting 'Ultra Blue' paintwork, a numbered plaque at the base of the centre console, plus unique Renault F1 Team decals

and badging on the front wings and front and rear bumpers. The production level is not limited to a specific number.

New 'Maxim' special edition

Broadening the appeal of the New Mégane 2006 range even further, particularly in the retail sector, a new 'Maxim' special edition will also be available from launch to appeal to the more cost-conscious buyer.

Available for the same price as the already sporty Dynamique versions on which it's based, the new special edition is available in Hatch and Sport Hatch models with a choice of either the 1.5 dCi 86 or the petrol 1.6 VVT 111, the two biggest-selling engines which account for approximately 60% of Mégane hatchback sales.

Reflecting the New Mégane 2006 range's unique French style and built-in value for money approach, Maxim versions boast £450 of free extra equipment such as 17" Steppe alloy wheels and 60W single CD/MP3 player, with prices of £13,250 and £13,550 for the Sport Hatch versions, £13,750 and £14,050 for the Hatch.

New Mégane 2006 - Timely arrival in highly competitive lower medium sector

The lower medium sector has seen the arrival of several new and revised contenders in recent months and the arrival of New Mégane 2006 could not be more timely. Designed to build upon the success of the previous range, the facelifted line-up offers a revised look, greater refinement and an ever wider choice of engines and options.

New Megane 2006 - Range Structure

The Mégane range structure and equipment levels remain very similar to the original collection, with seven distinct body styles, namely the Hatch, Sport Hatch, Sport Saloon, Sport Tourer and Coupé-Cabriolet, offered with a total of five different trim levels (depending on model and excluding Renaultsport range): Extreme, Authentique, Expression, Dynamique, Privilège. Scénic and Grand Scénic do not change until 2007.

From the outside, each of the Mégane range's five body styles receives a subtle exterior facelift. At the front, the new models have a revised "V" shaped front grille and front bumper, a more prominent Renault diamond and new slim, tapered headlamps, whilst at the rear there are new rear light clusters (excluding Coupé-Cabriolet) and bumper unit.

There are also several alterations to specific trim levels, such as body-coloured door mirrors and door handles on Authentique, 'Flint' bumper and side rubbing strips from Expression upwards, chrome effect roof bars on Sport Tourer versions from Dynamique and above, plus a wide range of new wheel trims and alloy wheel designs for each version.

The improvements to New Mégane are even more apparent

on the inside, where the revised interior reflects steps made in quality and materials, similar to those of New Clio and New Laguna which have been received so well.

Each of the New Mégane 2006 models features new interior trim and cabin detailing, plus new look dials with white background lighting and soft-touch dashboard materials. To emphasise their sporting air, Dynamique models also have chrome surrounds to the vents, controls and handles.

Renault continues to improve the quality of its products in all areas and New Mégane 2006 benefits from the company's increasingly high standards. As such, the new versions have improved fit and finish, the interior being an even quieter environment than before thanks to enhanced soundproofing of the cabin, engine and drivetrain. The good news continues with the improvements to the electric steering column gleaned from the development of the Renaultsport Trophy, focusing mainly on a revised "tube in tube" steering column to give superior feel and handling around the centrepoint. The ECU (Electronic Control Unit) has also been re-programmed to give more consistent steering responses.

While some of the revisions to the latest Megane range are clearly quite comprehensive, Renault's usual attention to detail is also clearly evident even right down to

the new flat blade wipers for example.

Mégane Renaultsport 225 - Same high performance, even greater purpose

The Renaultsport range remains the same with a three model line-up, Megane Renaultsport 225 in Hatch and Sport Hatch guise, with the focused 'Cup' version in Sport Hatch only. Prices again are unaffected, however, there are several notable revisions to the range in addition to the new Renault F1 Team special edition.

This starts with greater differentiation between the standard 225 and the more hardcore 225 'Cup' version, as the latter receives gets a striking new blue/black 'Scotec' cloth interior, while the normal Megane Renaultsport 225 now comes equipped with a full leather interior, climate control and 60W single CD/MP3 RDS radio as standard. These optional extras on the outgoing range would have cost over £1,000, yet the retail price remains the same.

There are also two noteworthy option changes for the entire Renaultsport range. The first picks up where the Clio Renaultsport 182 Trophy hot hatch left off, as the Recaro seats are available as an £850 option on all Sport Hatch versions. And, due to the continued demand for the the Cup Chassis option on the standard Mégane Renaultsport 225, which accounts



New Megane Sport Saloon and Sport Tourer 2006

for around 40% of current range sales, the pack now includes anthracite-coloured door mirrors to give the cars even greater on-road presence.

Two colour changes are also made with the launch of the new vibrant non-metallic blue, Ultra Blue, which replaces Capsicum Red, plus the new metallic pearlescent blue, Albi Blue, which replaces Arctic Blue.

New Megane, New Power

The Mégane range already featured some of the most highly-regarded engines in its sector and New Mégane 2006 will be no different. The line-up gains a new flagship 2.0 dCi 150 diesel engine and sees the welcome addition of an entry-level dCi 106 6-speed op-

tion to the Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet series, offering an impressive 56.5mpg on a combined cycle. With prices for the new entry-level diesel version starting at £19,110, this top-selling and now even more frugal, convertible looks certain to cause even more of a stir among its rivals, whatever the weather.

The class-leading 2.0 dCi 150 engine which was recently introduced on New Laguna is scheduled to appear across the Mégane range in May and will offer a strong combination of refined, lusty performance and low fuel consumption for long distance and inner city journeys. This new powerplant offers 340Nm of torque at just 2,000rpm, plus a 0-62mph time of 8.7 seconds

in the Hatch, only marginally slower than the most powerful 2.0T 165 turbo petrol engine at 8.3 seconds. In keeping with New Mégane 2006 sense of style, there are also several colour changes to the range. Nordic Green is added to the Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet models, while elsewhere, Hessian is replaced by Quartz, Extreme Blue replaces Ottoman Blue (all except Sport Saloon) and Gunmetal replaces Hologram Grey. Orders for the New Mégane 2006 range can be placed from 1st February in time for the new registration plate change. Scénic and Grand Scénic are unaffected by the changes to the Mégane range.



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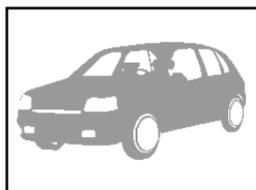


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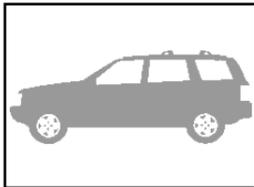


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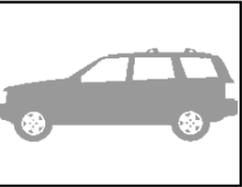


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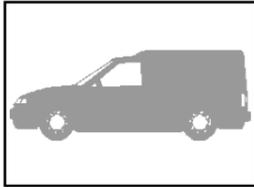


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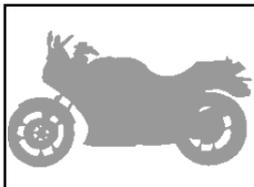


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Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 14 or 21 days of the appearance of this notice, whichever is applicable as indicated below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig PA30 8DX

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- **Ref No: 06/00017/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs A Howie
Proposal: Extension to house and formation of car park
Site Address: 2 Kenovay Tayvallich Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8PJ
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00016/DET**
Applicant: Mr Ian McKenzie
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached property and 3800 litre septic tank
Site Address: Seaside Minard Inveraray Argyll PA32 8YB
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 05/02384/DET**
Applicant: Graham Crowson
Proposal: Removal of gable wall and replacement with glazed screen
Site Address: Ballibrad Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 05/02604/OUT**
Applicant: Roderick William MacKay
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and formation of access
Site Address: Ruin West Of Drimfern Inveraray Argyll
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 05/02602/DET**
Applicant: Professor R. Williams
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and septic tank and removal of former telecom exchange
Site Address: Land South West Of Rhudle Mill Kilmichael Glassary Lochgilphead Argyll
Location of Plans: Lochilphead Area Office, Manse Brae
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 05/02600/DET**
Applicant: M And K Macleod Ltd
Proposal: Erection of six detached dwelling houses
Site Address: Field South Of Victoria Park Minard By Lochgilphead Argyll
Location of Plans: Lochilphead Area Office, Manse Brae
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00024/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs MacSporran
Proposal: Proposed erection of dwelling house, siting of 4500 litre septic tank and 1250 litre oil tank
Site Address: Plot North Of Dalmore Farm Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll PA29 6XG
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 05/02605/DET**
Applicant: Machrihanish Golf Club
Proposal: Erection of boys locker room and external store and resiting of 2500 litre Calor gas tank
Site Address: Machrihanish Golf Clubhouse Machrihanish Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6PT
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00029/OUT**
Applicant: Mr John Hill
Proposal: Proposed housing development, consisting of 16 residential plots, formation of new access and installation of private foul drainage treatment system and soakaway
Site Address: Land South Of The Roading Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6JH
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Section 34 Advert - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 05/02553/LIB**
Applicant: James Anderson
Proposal: Erection of Sky mini-dish
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Location of Plans: Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTRARY TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 1996

The following planning applications have been lodged for determination with Argyll and Bute Council and are available for inspection during normal working hours at the local area office/Post Office identified below. The proposals contained in the application are considered to be a departure or potential departure from the Development Plan for the area concerned.

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the applications identified below should do so in writing within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Area Team Leader Development Control at the address below.

Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- **Ref No: 06/00029/OUT**
Applicant: Mr John Hill
Proposal: Proposed housing development, consisting of 16 residential plots, formation of new access and installation of private foul drainage treatment system and soakaway - policies contravened - POL STRAT 4, POL H06(A) and POL PU2 of the Kintyre Local Plan 1st Review and Alteration 1988
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A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)

Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll PA30 8DX

COMMUNITY SERVICES : EDUCATION

REGISTRATION OF INFANT BEGINNERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS SESSION 2006/2007

Children who attain the age of five years between 1 March 2006 and 28 February 2007 should be registered for education during the week commencing 23 January 2006.

Parents concerned should take their children to the appropriate local primary school on one of the school days during the above week between the hours of 10.00am and 3.00pm.

Parents are reminded that Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tiree Primary School, Tiree; Salen Primary School, Mull and St. Columba's Primary School, Oban, Strath of Appin Primary School, by Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon.

The child's birth certificate should be produced. A leaflet providing information for parents on enrolment of children in school and giving details of placing request procedures (including under age placing requests) may be obtained from any school or the Director of Community Services, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon, PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708508).

Douglas Hendry, Director of Community Services

OPERATIONAL SERVICES (CRINAN CANAL TOWPATH ROAD, CAIRNBAAN) (TEMPORARY WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2006

On Monday 16th January 2006, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle whose maximum gross weight exceeds 10 Tonnes (with the exception of vehicles engaged in the road maintenance works or vehicles delivering domestic fuel), on that length of the UC38, Crinan Canal Towpath Road, within Cairnbaan, extending from its junction with the B841 at the Canal Bridge in a westerly direction for a distance of 970 metres or thereby, while road maintenance is being carried out.

This Order will be effective when indicated by signs from 0001 hours on Monday 23rd January 2006 and will remain in operation until 2400 hours on Sunday 22nd July 2007 or until such time as a permanent Weight Restriction Order supersedes.

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Andrew R Law, Director of Operational Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RD

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Argyll District Salmon Fishery Board Meeting of Qualified Proprietors

In accordance with Schedule 2 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 2003 and The Argyll District Salmon Fishery District Designation Order 2005, we hereby call a meeting of all proprietors of salmon fisheries or their mandatories, in the Awe, Creran, Loch Fyne, Ruel, and Arran Salmon Fishery Districts and within the Drummachloy (Bute), Ormsary and Carradale (Kintyre), Add and Feochan Euchar and Nell districts, and the area between Strone Point (North end of the Holy Loch) and the old pier at Arrochar, to be held at the

Argyll Hotel, Inveraray, Argyll, on 17th February at 2 p.m.

The meeting is called to elect the committee and chairman for the Argyll District Salmon Fishery Board that will supersede the whole of the districts described above. The co-option of representatives of salmon anglers, tenant netmen and others, and the appointment of clerks and bailiffs, together with any other business will follow these elections.

Mandatories must provide written authorisation from the qualified proprietor they represent.

By order of:
Jane Wright – Clerk to the Awe and Loch Fyne District Salmon Fishery Boards
Patrick Bowlby – Clerk to the Ruel District Salmon Fishery Board

Please advise attendance to Mrs Jane Wright at Cherry Park, Inveraray, Argyll, PA32 8XE.
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty' (Psalms 90:1)

BIRTHS



BUCHAN

Katie Louise, Agnes and the late Charlie McNaughton's fifth great-grandchild, was born at Peterhead Maternity on December 21, 2005, a beautiful daughter for Hayley MacLeod and John Buchan, Savoch Farm, Longside, and a wee sister for Craig.

DANSON - David and Isla are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Kyle William, on January 5, 2006. At the Mid Argyll Hospital. A wee brother for Megan.

HILEY - Will and Sarah (née Wotherspoon) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Aurelia Esme Hiley, on November 19, 2005. She is the granddaughter of Catherine Wotherspoon (née Scott) and another grandchild for Peter and Judith Hiley of Chester. Katie Esme, as she is to be known, is the great grandchild of Phemie Scott and great-great-niece of Katie Johnson of Tarbert for whom she is named.

MACPHERSON - Ellie and granny and granda are delighted to announce the arrival of her wee brother Iain Robert, at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on December 13, 2005. To John and Helena (née McMillan), a son.

RUBY WEDDING

SLOSS - KERR - At Castlehill Church on January 22, 1966, by the Rev. JRH Cormack, William to Eileen, 122 Ralston Road, Campbeltown.

DIAMOND WEDDING

GILLESPIE - McDERMID - On January 14, 1946, at Lochend Church, Edinburgh, Malcolm to Jessie, Mansefield, East Calder.

DEATHS

BLAIR - Peacefully at Vale of Leven Hospital on January 12, 2006, Donald aged 93 (retired plumber, Gartocharn) beloved husband of Catherine McLellan (Katie), a dear dad and papa.

CAMPBELL - Suddenly as the result of an accident, on January 14, 2006, Kenneth Campbell, in his 22nd year, 36 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of Donald and Hilda Campbell, much loved brother of David and Donna, loving uncle of Christopher and Chloe and beloved grandson of Captain Duncan Campbell. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at 1.00 pm. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation.

GORDON - Larry, much loved husband of Marie Macpherson, passed away peacefully at his home in Norfolk, U.S.A., on January 10, 2006. He will be sadly missed.

GRAHAM - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 18, 2006, after a short illness borne with great courage, Archie Graham, in his 75th year, 9 Ardmish, Isle of Gigha, beloved husband of the late Margaret Bannatyne, much loved father of Fiona, Elizabeth and Donald and a devoted grandad to all his grandchildren. Service in Gigha Parish Church, on Friday, January 20, 2006, at 1 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Gigha Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. Aretinal collection will be held in the Church in aid of the Marie Sempel Fund.

McGEACHY - Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on January 16, 2006, Dorothy Margaret McDougall, in her 45th year, beloved mother of Laura, Lynsay and Alasdair, dearly beloved younger daughter of Cathie and the late Alec McDougall, dear sister of Iain (Neenie) and Mairi and a loving auntie to Eilidh and Marc.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

GRAHAM - Alex and the family of the late Mary Graham would like to thank relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy, cards and floral tributes. Special thanks to the staff of the Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital for excellent care, Dr Lazarus and health centre staff, home helps and district nurses. To Rev. Martin Forrest for his comforting service, to Alasdair Blair for a most efficient and professional service, to Argyll Hotel for excellent purvey, to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside and contributed so generously to the collection for Campbeltown Hospital.

SINCLAIR - The family of the late Isobel Sinclair would like to thank Dr Leask, Margaret Mitchell, staff of the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital, Ward A of Lorn & Islands Hospital, Oban and Wards F3 and G10 of the Beatson Oncology Centre for their care and kindness. We would also like to thank the Patient Transport staff and Loganair staff for their kindness, Alasdair Blair for his arrangements and the Rev Gary McIntyre for a wonderful service. Thanks also to all our friends far and near who have sent condolences and kind thoughts.

IN MEMORIAM

ALLIBONE - In loving memory of my dear friend, Mary, who died on January 17, 1988. Although you are gone you will never be forgotten. Loved dearly and sadly missed. - Jimmy in Dundee.
CASCI - In memory of a special gran and great-gran, Alicia Angwin, who died January 19, 2005. A heart of gold stopped beating. Two willing hands lay still. But in our lives an empty space. No one can ever fill. - Antony.
Gentle Jesus up above. Please give Granny lots of love - Rowan and Rhys.
GASCOIGNE - In loving memory of our dear son Joshua Bartholomew, who died January 19, 2000, aged 6 days.

Time does not bring relief; you all have lied. Who told me time would ease me of my pain. I miss him in the weeping of the rain. I want him at the shrinking of the tide. We will never be a complete family without you. - Mummy, Daddy and beautiful little brother Ethan. xxx

GASCOIGNE - Lovingly remembered my precious baby grandson Joshua Bartholomew who died on January 19, 2000 aged 6 days. A little piece of heaven fell to earth and a star was born, Josh, you will always be Grandma's little star shining in my darkest hours. So sadly missed, sweetheart, and loved so much - Grandma Doreen xxx

GASCOIGNE - In memory of Josh, our tiny precious nephew. We think of you in the night, with the light from a star. We think of you in the days, with the rays from the sun. We think of you with love. - Uncle Simon and Auntie Jan xxx

HARKNESS - In loving memory of Chris who died January 20, 2000. Our hearts are full of memories we treasure them with care. The way you had to leave us, will always seem unfair. Special years will not return, when we were all together. But with the love that's in our hearts, you'll walk with us forever. - Your loving wife Ellen and Tina.

HARKNESS - Treasured memories of a loving father, and special Papa, passed away January 20, 2000. Forever in our heart and thoughts. - Joanne, David, David, Christopher and Leanne.

HARROGATE - In loving memory of my husband, Norman, died January 22, 1991. Sad is my life without you. Silent are the tears that fall. Living my life without you. Is the hardest part of all. - Mary.

MACDONALD - Fond memories of our parents: Liza Mitchell, died January 16, 1959, also our father Callum MacDonald, died September 14, 1986. Remembered always. - From the family.

MACKENZIE - Remembering with love, parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Iain, died November 22, 1990, and Jessie, died January 20, 1994. Forever in our thoughts. - Jennie and family.

MCLELLAN - Loving memories of a much loved mum, Agnes, who died on January 23, 2000. Mum, it's six years since you were taken away. But you're loved and remembered every day. - Daughters Margaret, Sandra and families.

McEACHRAN - In loving memory of our special friend Jackie, who died January 22, 2004. Memories are like the stars that shine. They last until the end of time. We think about you every day. And in our hearts you will always stay. - Lizz and Boyd.

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Glassary 10 a.m.
Preacher: **Rev. Richard West**
All most welcome

Tuesday 24 January 2006
Guild Meeting
Church Hall, Kilmartin
7.30 p.m.

Speaker: **Rev. Richard West**
Thursday 26 January 2006
Church Hall, Kilmartin
Congregational Board Meeting
7.30 p.m.

Kirk Session 8.15 p.m.

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Miles**
Sunday 22 January 2006
11 a.m. Morning Service with Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Service Bible Study

Monday 10.30 a.m.
Discipleship Course
Ladies' Meeting

Monday 23 at 2.30 p.m.
Mrs Ruth Carruthers, Ardrishaig - Slides
Wednesday @7
Prayer Meeting

Thursday 26 January
Luncheon Club
Friday 10-11.30 a.m.
Jumpstart Group

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH



Sunday 22 January 2006
The Town Hall, Campbeltown
11 a.m.
Praise and Worship
Speaker: **Rev. Stuart McLean**

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 22 January 2006
Service 11 a.m.
Rev. Hilda Smith

Tuesday 24 January 2006
The Guild have their Burns Night

Saturday 28 January 2006
The Church Burns Supper
Tuesday 31 January 2006
Kirk Session Meeting
7.30 p.m.

TARBERT LINKED KILBERRY

Sunday 22 January 2006
Tarbert Church 11.30 a.m.
Kilberry Church 2 p.m.
Can't sleep? Don't count sheep
Talk to the Shepherd
Rev. Bill Gray

Highland Parish Church



Sunday 22 January 2006
11.15 a.m.
Morning Worship

Meeting after service for those considering church membership

Creche in Church (0-3 years)
Junior Sunday School in Kirk Street Hall
Senior Sunday School at Church
6.30 p.m.

Evening Service, Kirk St Hall

Tuesday 24 January 2006
Badminton Club
Kirk Street Hall
6.30-7.45 p.m. P1s-P5s
7.45-9 p.m. P6 upwards
Cost £1 (includes tuck)

Thursday 26 January 2006
7 p.m. Bible Study
Kirk Street Hall
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10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
Pensioners' Lunch Club
1.45 p.m. Home League (Ladies Meeting)

Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall

7 p.m. Bible Study
A warm welcome to all

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH CAMPBELTOWN

Saturday 21 January 2006
Youth Club 7-8.30 p.m.

Sunday 22 January 2006
Morning Worship ...11.15 a.m.
Creche, Sunday, School, Bible Class

Rev. Bill Bristow
Evening Worship 6.30 p.m.
Pastor: **Chris Holden**

Monday 23 January 2006
The Guild 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 24 January 2006
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45 a.m.

Thursday 26 January 2006
Choir Practice 7.30 p.m.

Friday 27 January 2006
Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.
Congregational Board
7.30 p.m.

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 22 January 2006
Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.
Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.
Luke 8
The Sower



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Medal success for Matthew at indoor championships

ARGYLL'S young athletes enjoyed some medal success after a weekend of competition at the West District Indoor Championships held in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. Ten athletes from most parts of Argyll entered

various events in the under 13, under 15, under 17 and senior categories and came away with a haul of seven medals plus several top six places. Top Argyll athlete was Matthew Turner from Kilkenzie, who entered three

events over the two days. Matthew, a fifth year pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School, made an excellent debut into the senior ranks winning the 1,500 metres in a new personal best of 4 minutes 9.58 seconds.

Matthew, a member of Mid Argyll Athletic Club, was the Scottish under 17s 800 metres champion in 2005 and contested this event at senior level on Sunday winning bronze in 2:01.39.

Matthew had run 1:56.5 for the distance earlier in the day but because of an appeal from one of the runners who was obstructed by an official the final had to be re-run within a few hours. David Clunie from

Athletics

Kilmore also won gold with an impressive clearance of 1.80 metres in the under 17s high jump.

David, a member of Oban Athletic Club, and now studying at the Glasgow School of Sport, made a welcome return to competition after a six month lay off due to injury.

David hopes to continue his recovery with further indoor competition at the same venue in February.

Struan Carmichael from Tobermory, a member of the newly formed Mull Athletic Club, was a double medalist in the under 13 category.

Struan started his day by easily qualifying for the 60

metres final winning his heat in 8.38 seconds.

In the final Struan just lost the gold by 0.001 of a second in a photo finish recording 8.37 seconds in second place.

The young Mull boy also won a bronze medal in the long jump with 4.07 metres but was disappointed with his performance as he recorded three foul jumps in the competition.

The Mull boys won more medals with David Beckett finishing third in the under 17s high jump clearing a new best of 1.55 metres and in the under 15s high jump Steven Higson, also from Tobermory, cleared 1.50 metres to finish in second place in his first competition at this level.

The Argyll athletes achieved several top six placings starting with Katriona MacLean from Mull in the under 15s shot putt.

Katriona threw 6.62 metres for fourth place.

Holly Crawford from Lochgilphead gained fifth place in the under 15s high jump with a 1.40 metres clearance and just missed a bronze medal on count back.

Mull boys gained more fifth places in the jumps with David Beckett setting a new personal best of 10.38 metres in the under 17s triple jump and Ian MacDowell cleared 1.45 metres in the under 15s high jump.

Sam Jespersion from Oban

was fourth in the under 17s high jump with 1.50 metres and also ran 8.07 seconds in his 60 metres heat.

Sam's club mate Jonathon Rothead contested the under 17s 60 metres and 200 metres recording times of 8.03 and 25.9 in the heats.

Most of the Argyll athletes competing in Glasgow will now look forward to the West Regional Final of Sports Hall Athletics, which takes place at The Playdrome in Clydebank on Sunday January 29.

A total of 38 young athletes representing four age group teams from Argyll will compete at Clydebank with the incentive to qualify for the Scottish Final to be held in Dundee on Saturday, February 25.

Pupils game abandoned



Action from Campbeltown Pupils' Premier Division match against Gourrock Athletic on Saturday. The Pupils were leading 4-3 when the match was abandoned by referee John Scott after trouble broke out on the pitch. Police inquiries into the incident are continuing. c03pup01

Town darts association reaches halfway stage

Darts

THE Campbeltown and District Darts Association has reached the halfway stage of its annual league.

The tournament, sponsored by Isle of Skye Whisky, attracts a good turnout and the trophy winners to date are as follows:

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Doubles Tray: The Fiddlers (D Stewart and J McGougan).

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Roy's Taxis Mixed Doubles: Argyll B (P Todd and M Ross).

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Fiddlers	8	5	1	2	17
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Argyll A	8	2	4	2	8
Ailsa	8	1	7	0	3
MacGochan's	8	1	7	0	3

Tarbert awarded points from no-show

THE SCOTTISH Amateur Football League confirmed last week that Tarbert AFC have been awarded all three points for the match in November last year when visiting side Glencastle Sparta 'B' failed to travel.

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Kintyre juniors triumph in badminton competition

FOR THE first time since the Argyll and Bute Junior Badminton Championships started, the U12 competitions were allotted the whole of Saturday.

Players travelled from all over Argyll to Mid Argyll Sports Centre in Lochgilphead, and this experience of playing new opponents went down well with the competitors.

Nine pools

The boys were divided into nine pools with the top scorer from each pool going forward to the knock-out stage of the competition. Ben Boss of Lochgilphead topped pool one and faced the winner of pool two, Craig Anderson of Castlehill, Campbeltown. Craig won 15-7.

Pool three leader was Steven McEwan of Dunoon who went on to the knock-out stages and played Alan Lazarus of Dalintober, Campbeltown. This was a very close match, with Alan eventually winning 15-14. Winners of pools five and six both came from Dunoon. Jamie Milne beat James Campbell 15-7. Honours in pools seven and

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eight also went to Dunoon boys, Adam Turner and Stuart Olej. The winner of this tie had to play against the winner of pool nine, Calvin Taylor, also from Dunoon. Adam beat Stuart 15-12 and then beat Calvin 15-12.

In the first semi-final Craig beat Alan 15-6 and Adam narrowly beat Jamie 15-14 leading to an all-Dunoon final. Craig Anderson proved very strong when he won 15-2 against Adam.

The entry for the girls' singles was much smaller and only two pools were required. Rebecca Olej of Dunoon and Lindsey Armour of Drumlembie scored maximum points in their pools to face each other in the final, Lindsey triumphing.

Boys' doubles

The boys' doubles was played as a straight-forward draw with Alan Lazarus and Gregor McFadyen of Campbeltown reaching the final, where they met Steven McEwan and Craig Anderson from Dunoon. Craig took his second title of the

day with the help of his partner Steven.

The girls doubles, having only four couples, was played as a round robin. Isla Davidson and partner Claire Clark, Dunoon, gained maximum points with Eilidh McAlister and Lindsey Armour close behind. The final between the two pairs was very exciting, Isla and Claire winning 15-6, 15-14.

Sunday saw 32 boys in the U14 singles and 15 girls taking part in the girls singles. Alexander MacDonald of Lochgilphead reached the semi-final, where he met Sandy MacVicar from Glendaruel. Sandy won the first set 15-7 but young Alexander fought back to take the second 15-14. Sandy's experience told, however, in the third set when he won 15-1. In the second semi-final doubles' partners George Good and Christopher Thomson, Campbeltown, faced each other. This too went to three sets, Christopher the eventual winner 6-15, 15-2, 15-4. The final between Sandy and Christopher was another three setter which Sandy won 15-10, 8-15, 15-4.



Trophy winners and runners-up from Sunday's U14 and U17 competitions. a02bad01

Girls' singles

The girls singles final ensured the trophy went to Campbeltown when Sarah Muir and Fiona Galbraith met. Sarah proved the stronger and took the title.

Connor Crawford and Andrew Cunningham, Lochgilphead, had two tough three setters to reach the semi-final, but met George and Christopher, who put a stop to their progress.

In the other half of the draw Alexander MacDonald and Darren Shankley got through their matches to claim a final place where they faced George and Christopher. Again, the more experienced Campbeltown pair triumphed. It was an all-Campbeltown final in the girls' doubles with Fiona Mitchell and Sarah Muir beating Fiona Galbraith and Lorna Armour 15-13, 15-7. In the mixed doubles' competition Sarah Muir teamed up with Darren Shankley, Achahoish, to beat Ewan Millar and Fiona Mitchell in the final match of the day 15-14, 15-10.

U17 competitions

Nineteen boys and 10 girls entered the U17 singles' competitions. Rachel Moffat from Helensburgh

dominated the girls' competition, beating Lindsey Derritt of Dunoon in the final to retain the title. Lochgilphead boys took three of the semi final places, Dennis McGarrie playing Stuart Dunlop and Craig Cowan facing a very strong David Williams from Helensburgh. Dennis was first to reach the final.

Craig played exceptionally well and beat David 15-4, 15-12 to claim his place in the final. Dennis was in top form and won the title.

In the boys doubles' competition, the Lochgilphead boys were again dominant, booking all four semi-final places. Stuart Dunlop and Colin MacVicar faced John Kennedy, who had teamed up with Dennis. John and Dennis won 15-7, 15-8.

In the second of the semi-finals Graeme Henderson and Stuart Crawford met

Craig Bruce and Craig Cowan. Graeme and Stuart took the first set 15-9 but the two Craigs fought back to win the second 15-14. Graeme and Stuart eventually taking the place in the final. Dennis and John, however, took the boys' doubles title to give Dennis a second title of the championships.

Rachel teamed up with her sister Sarah to play in the girls doubles and beat Rosie Dreghorn and Stephanie Mitchell, Campbeltown, in the final 15-5, 15-8. Rachel then partnered Andrew McLachlan to take her third title of the day when they beat Stuart Crawford and Stephanie Mitchell in the final.



Councillor Donnie MacMillan with winners and runners-up from the U12 competition. a02bad01



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