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Thieves target ice cream van

'OPPORTUNIST' thieves have been targeting Campbeltown recently, with a children's ice cream van the latest target.

Inspector Tom Harper from Campbeltown Police said this was the latest in a number thefts in the area.

He blamed opportunists and advised residents to protect their property and keep belongings hidden in vehicles.

The ice cream van was targeted on Tuesday night.

The incident happened at 5.45pm on Queen Street, Campbeltown when it is believed the staff in the van were distracted allowing someone to enter another part of the vehicle and take a quantity of cash.

Police are appealing for witnesses and for anyone with any information to get in touch on 01586 862200.

● A 30-year-old local man has been charged with the alleged theft of a Poppy Appeal collection box from a shop on Main Street, Campbeltown on November 6.

Hybrid ferry first for Gigha

by RUTH McCLEAN
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A WORLD first is coming to Kintyre, with the announcement of a new hybrid ferry.

When the Gigha ferrymen go home at night, they'll have to remember to plug the ferry in to the mains, for the Tayinloan to Gigha route will get a new passenger and vehicle roll-on roll-off ferry.

The ferries will come into operation in 2013 and are a world first for seagoing passenger and vehicle roll-on roll-off ferries.

The technology will be cleaner, quieter and cheaper to operate and maintain than ever before. It will help Scotland to meet ambitious climate change targets, and demonstrates the vast economic potential of developing green technology and moving to a low carbon economy.

This is one of two new ferries, which are to be funded by the Scottish Government in a contract worth more than £20million.

Richard Deane, managing director at Ferguson's of Port Glasgow has been awarded the

overnight, drawing on renewable energy.

The two ferries will each accommodate 150 passengers and 23 cars or two HGVs, with a service speed of nine knots.

George Taylor, technical director for Caledonian MacBrayne, who was part of the Small Ferry Project Team, behind the plans, said: 'The introduction of hybrid power units on the next generation of small ferries is an exciting step in our ongoing efforts to improve the environmental impact of our vessels.'

'Shipping contributes 2.6 per cent of the world's carbon emissions which is a very small amount when compared to aircraft and road vehicles, but we are keen to reduce this where possible.'

Fancy dress and fireworks



Clachan folk know how to dress up and have a good time! Kirsty Paisley and Lori Silvan were just two of the partygoers who packed the village hall on Friday night for a fancy dress parade and party with a bonfire and fireworks on the village field alongside. More pictures inside. 21_c45fancy03

Tracy takes a turn in The Street

A CAMPBELTOWN woman has just found herself on Coronation Street, adding a touch of realism to the soap plot when she drove one of the stars to jail.

Tracy Middleton is the daughter of Robert and Fiona Middleton and many will remember the 38-year-old from the times when she sang with the local band The Regulars along with her brother Colin and Dave Bisset.



Star turn: Tracy Middleton.

The Coronation Street story had Fiz Stape, played by Jennie McAlpine, in court on a murder charge and on her way to jail.

The producers of the drama called on Reliance, the security firm, which provides prison vans, and real-life driver Tracy drove one of their vans down from Scotland to Manchester for the filming.

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Appeal date set for Kilchattan wind farm

THE date has been set for the appeal to allow the Kilchattan wind farm at Todd Hill, Southend. Argyll and Bute Council turned down permission for the controversial planning application; opinion in Southend is split down the middle for and against the wind farm.

The hearing, which is to be conducted by Jill Moody, will begin at 10am on December 13 at St Blaan's Hall, Southend.

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Remembrance Day events planned in town

EX-SERVICEMEN Leslie Morans and John Pemble, both members of the Campbeltown branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland were collecting for the Poppy Appeal on Saturday at the Argyll Country Market held in the grounds of the town's Heritage Centre.

Today, Friday is Armistice Day and to mark the day, Royal British Legion Scotland Campbeltown Branch will attend a short Act of Remembrance 10.50am followed by the laying of crosses at the war graves in Kilkerran Cemetery.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

On Sunday Campbeltown's Act of Remembrance will be held at the war memorial.

Marching contingents and members of the public who wish to march to the war memorial are asked to meet at 10.15am at Campbel-



Leslie Morans and John Pemble, who were out collecting in Campbeltown for the Poppy Appeal. 21_c45farm01

town Old Quay.

Free tea and coffee will be provided for those marching by Cal-

lie Catering.

There will be an opportunity at the end of the official wreath laying

ceremony for individuals to place their floral tributes on the war memorial. At the end of the

Act of Remembrance the parade will march to the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.

Disruption to drivers during A83 repairs

by RUTH McCLEAN
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USERS of the A83 will benefit from £121,000 of resurfacing works on the trunk road north of Kennacraig.

The works got underway on Monday and are due to be completed on November 18.

Scotland TranServ, acting on behalf of Transport Scotland, is carrying out the essential carriageway maintenance.

The work is being carried out between 7am and 6pm, from Mondays to Fridays. During con-

struction, the trunk road will be reduced to one lane under temporary traffic signal control, with 10mph convoy working in place, for the majority of the works.

However, it will be necessary to temporarily close the road on occasions, for a period of up to 20 minutes, to allow surfacing operations to take place at the end of the scheme where the road widths are less than six metres.

These temporary closures will be timed to

avoid peak times and avoid clashes with the ferry and bus timetables where possible; this will ensure the safety of the travelling public and workforce.

Outwith working hours and throughout the weekends, traffic management will be lifted to assist the easy flow of traffic. Motorists should allow extra time for their journeys and pay attention to any advisory signs which will be in place throughout the works. For real time journey planning information visit www.trafficscotland.org.

Steel load due for turbine plant

ON Tuesday a ship was due to visit Campbeltown Harbour to off load 400 tonnes of sheet steel for the wind turbine factory at Machrihanish.

The Caledonian MacBrayne ferry the *Lord of the Isles* was due in for the night on Tuesday which has just come out of dry dock.

The *Hebridean Isles* was then due to come in on Wednesday for a week in preparation of her going into dry dock.

Cigarette bins targeted outside pubs

CIGARETTE bins outside licensed premises in Campbeltown are being damaged by someone breaking into them to take the cigarette ends and reuse the tobacco.

Police in the town report this week that there have been a number of reports of the bins being targeted on several occasions.

'It would appear that the contents of the bins is being taken to reuse,' said a police spokesman.

Tracy's role in Coronation Street from page 1

Tracy then saved the drama from making a huge factual error.

The plot said that Fiz took her daughter Hope in the van with her.

But Tracy told the director that would never be allowed in real-life.

So the story was instantly rewritten to see a social worker take Hope

by car. Tracy, who now lives in East Kilbride and works at the Reliance headquarters, said that one of the crowd extras found themselves instantly promoted to be a social worker.

Tracy said: 'I'm a real fan so it was a dream come true, especially wandering down Coronation Street and going into the Rovers Return.'

She said the cast and crew were very welcoming. 'They couldn't seem to get over the fact that I was actually a Reliance officer who deals with prisoners on a daily basis.'

But she didn't find out was how all the drama with Fiz and her husband John Stape works out, Tracy will just have to wait and watch.

Police Files

Damaged:

A close door on Main Street, Campbeltown, was broken early on Monday morning. Police are investigating.

Warning:

POLICE are warning motorists to make sure they lock their cars and leave any valuables locked out of sight in the boot.

This follows the theft of a number of items from an unlocked parked car in Burnbank Street, Campbeltown, on Saturday night.

Theft bid:

A THIEF attempted to steal a charity box from premises on Main Street, Campbeltown, this week; police say inquiries are on going.

Reported:

A REPORT is on the way to the procurator fiscal this week after a woman was arrested on Wednesday night last week for allegedly committing an assault.

Arrested:

A MAN was arrested for allegedly shoplifting from a shop in Campbeltown on Wednesday.

Donor plea

GIVE blood and you might be giving someone somewhere, and their family, the greatest gift of all this Christmas time.

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service will visit Campbeltown on Thursday, November 24, between 2.30pm and 3.45pm and 5.15pm and 7.30pm.

'Only five per cent of the eligible population currently gives blood and every day we need to welcome 1,000 blood donors in Scotland,' said a spokesman for the service.

Fundraising footy fans reach their goal

ALZHEIMER'S Scotland is £400 better off thanks to the generosity of the Campbeltown Loyal Rangers Supporters' Club.

Earlier this year the club staged a charity football match, between the junior and senior members of the club in memory of the late Jimmy Taylor, a well-known and respected member.

The fundraising continued until the figure reached £400 and on Friday members of Campbeltown Loyal went along to Aqualibrium to present the cheque to the local branch of Alzheimer's, the charity chosen by Jimmy's daughter Arlene Black.



Christine McDonald, Alzheimer's Scotland, accepted a cheque for £400 from Campbeltown Loyal members Ronnie Souden, Willie Armour, Billy Gilchrist and Dick McFadzean. 21_c45alz01

The local Alzheimer's branch holds a regular session on the first Friday of each month at

Aqualibrium to support carers.

This is a new venture on their part in conjunc-

tion with the Dochas Centre, Lochgilphead and it is hoped that this will be expanded.

No further loss of beds at town hospital

by RUTH McCLEAN

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THERE will be no further reduction in beds at Campbeltown Hospital for at least six months.

The local project group met to review the changes to inpatient services that have taken

place over the last year. Members of the Campbeltown Better Health

Better Care Better Value Project Group also discussed the impact of the changes.

The changes included reducing the number of beds across all wards in the hospital to 32; 18 in the Acute and 14 in Benguillion.

The changes took place under the NHS Change Policy and is known as 'bed modelling'.

Little change

This highlighted that there had been little change in the number of inpatients over the past year.

The group is made up of staff, community

councillors, members of the public and local councillors.

It also recognised that whilst services are becoming increasingly community based, with hospital beds preserved for the most acutely ill and those with specialist needs, this shift to community services did not at this time support a further reduction in the number of beds at the hospital.

It was agreed a further review of the service provision in health and social care was required in six months by which time the changes already highlighted may have had a chance to achieve the required aim.

Lighting up for Christmas

CHRISTMAS always begins in Campbeltown with the switching on of the town's Christmas lights on Thursday November 24.

This year there will be more new lights and a newly amended route to take into account the building work in the McCallum Street area of town. The lights and the night itself are organised by the Christmas Lights Group, supported by Campbeltown Trading Association.

There are also new members on the lights group too. The new lights, albeit refurbished ones will match those bought last year and are LED ones.

The fun begins at 6.30pm and the parade sets off at 6.45pm and the full details of the route will be in next week's Courier.

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Maintaining a warm home during winter

Drop-in session to offer advice on repairs

WINTER is upon us and now's the time to make sure you are warm and dry with the Argyll and Bute Council's Campbeltown Townscape Heritage Initiative team encouraging residents to take advantage of National Maintenance Week.

This runs from November 18 to 25 and begins on Friday November 18 with a 'drop-in' event in Campbeltown Town Hall from noon to 6pm. Council officers will be joined by a representative from Historic Scotland's technical team to answer your questions.

You will be able to discuss the repair and maintenance of your building and receive

some simple, practical advice, which can make a significant difference to your property. A presentation on historic building maintenance will be shown at 1.30pm and 4.30pm.

Now in its tenth year, National Maintenance Week coincides this year with National Gutters Day on Friday November.

This event aims to raise awareness of how important it is to have your gutters cleaned regularly.

Something as simple as removing leaves and other debris could actually save you from having to spend hundreds of pounds at a later date to put right any damage caused by blockages.

Crucially, after the snow, ice and sub-zero temperatures of last winter those simple checks might be more vital than ever as the legacy of those freezing conditions could be serious damage including cracked pipes and fractured water courses.

Chairman of the CHORD Project Board Councillor Rory Colville said: 'It is a good opportunity to catch up with all those jobs that you know need done but haven't got round to. I would encourage as many people as possible to come along on November 18 and get some expert advice on maintaining your building.'



An artist's impression of how the play park will look.

After five year wait, work set to start on Machrihanish play park

IT has taken more than five years to raise the funds, but they've done it and Machrihanish will soon have this superb new play park.

Laggan Opportunity and Amenity Fund (LOAF) has worked hard to raise the cash and apply for grants and this is an artist's impression of what Scottish firm The Play Practice has designed for them.

Planning permission has been applied for and been validated and just needs approval for work to begin; the application should be decided within the next few weeks, LOAF's annual general meeting heard on Monday night at Machrihanish Village Hall.

LOAF has received a grant of £48,300 from the LEADER fund and a further grant from Machrihanish Dunes, as well as others.

'It's a lovely play park, with something for everyone, including exercise equipment for adults,' said LOAF secretary Sarah Livingstone.

Budget web chat

LEADER of Argyll and Bute Council Dick Walsh will be going live online next week to take part in a web chat about next year's budget.

On Wednesday, November 16, residents will be able to contact him directly and receive an immediate response.

Also online will be chief executive Sally Loudon, head of strategic finance Bruce West and executive director Douglas Hendry.

Anyone who would like to take part in the web chat should go online at www.argyll-bute.co.uk/budgetchat at 7pm.

Yacht ran aground

NO DAMAGE was caused to the 33ft yacht *Shard* after it ran aground on the Henrietta Reef, near Sheep Island on Sunday. Campbeltown Lifeboat's all weather lifeboat was called to its aid.

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Fishing boat engine failure

A FISHING boat in West Loch Tarbert put out a Mayday call to Clyde Coastguard after it suffered engine failure.

Campbeltown inshore lifeboat (ILB) and Islay's all weather lifeboat (ALB) were called to assist the one-man crew on the 18-foot boat *Rambling Rose* last Friday afternoon.

The casualty regained power when the ILB was five miles from Tarbert.

Islay was stood down, but Campbeltown were asked to launch from the slip and escort the boat back to shore.

The ILB launched under helmsman Fraser McNair with three crew on board and returned home at 4pm.

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Jose books in at library



Campbeltown now has a new library supervisor with the arrival of Jose Lopez at Aqualibrium. Jose, originally from Salamanca in Spain, was studying librarianship at Edinburgh University and is currently working towards his masters' degree. He is seen here with Florence McEwan and Barbara Mansell. 21_c45lib01

Public sector cuts 'could hit Campbeltown'

by RUTH McCLEAN
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CAMPBELTOWN is amongst 44 towns in Scotland, which have been identified as the most vulnerable to the economic downturn linked to public sector cuts.

A research report has identified a 'cluster' of rural Scots towns. It was carried out by the Rural Policy Centre at the Scottish Agricultural

College. It followed other research, which has suggested there could be a dependence on public sector jobs in many small towns across the country.

The report concluded the impact of public sector cuts on towns should be constantly monitored and policies tailored to suit the needs of different areas.

Further work is still to be done on refining the results of the study.

They will be presented in a report due to be published in February next year.

Don't miss out on speedy visit of Round Britain Race

WITH hundreds of people descending on Campbeltown for the Round Britain Race next June, town centre manager Aileen MacLennan is keen to hear from the

hospitality industry in the area.

Campbeltown has been chosen as a venue for an event which will welcome 50 powerboats, 75 cars and 50

aircrafts, visiting 10 venues around Britain.

The date for the Campbeltown visit is Sunday June 24, 2012, departing on Monday June 25.

The organisers have

already been in touch to book about 300 rooms in South Kintyre for the event's crew and staff alone.

Aileen has made up a spreadsheet of hotel, bed

and breakfast and self-catering accommodation in the area to send to the organisers but she is keen not to miss anyone out and wants to hear from anyone who

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Sheden



THERE will be a hush over the country today. On the 11th hour of this 11th day in this 11th month, we will all pause what we are doing to remember.

We will stop awhile to think of those loved and lost in conflicts in our world.

We will stop awhile to remember the two world wars and the suffering and pain they caused so many, both on and off the battlefields.

We will stop awhile to remember the courage and the bravery shown by so many of our own men and women.

We will stop awhile to remember how we said it would never happen again.

We will stop awhile to lament that it has happened again and again and again.

We will stop awhile to remember.

It may be that as you're reading this, you will stop to check your watch – to see the time – to see if it is 11 o'clock.

And somewhere at that moment, someone will no doubt be killed in yet another conflict, in yet another battle, in yet another war.

As we pause to remember, in a heartbeat, in a heartbreak, some young soldier will die.

It is 11 o'clock – the time of remembering.

And on Sunday as wreaths are laid at cenotaphs throughout the land, once more we will stop and remember.

As the poppies flutter with their scarlet memories, silent tears will be shed, as we remember.

It is 11 o'clock – the time of remembering.

And as we remember, let us pray that one day our remembrances will know peace in our hearts and in our land – that one day at 11 o'clock the guns will be silent forever.

The sun will set wherever we are tonight, and we will remember.

There will be a hush over the country today.

We will remember them.

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Thank-you for model support

Sir,
May I through your columns thank every single person who voted for me when I entered the Teen Queen UK competition recently.

So many people in Campbeltown and across the country got behind me and voted for me and I really appreciate the support, it was so overwhelming.

Your votes helped me to come sixth out of 20,000 applicants, so thank you once again.

This is just the start for my modelling career.

Louise Conley,
Meadows Avenue,
Campbeltown

Amused

Sir,
I am highly amused at the small stack of coins, value two guineas (£2.10), depicted on Argyll and Bute Council's latest publicity.

I refer to the cards in postcard format, presumably designed and printed in their castle/glass box building rather than outsourced to a consultancy. The cards urge me to find my voice and tell our council what services are important to me/us. Cut to the chase! Cut everything by 20 per cent and then focus on fine-tuning the system!

Duncan Iain MacDougall,
Tarbert.

Make sure you can vote

Sir,
Local government elections are scheduled to take place in all councils across Scotland on 3 May 2012.

I encourage all households in Scotland to ensure they have filled in and returned the annual canvass form they will have received through the post. If anyone has lost their form they should get in touch with their local electoral registration office. Readers can find the contact details for their local office on www.aboutmyvote.co.uk. If people don't register, they won't be able to vote.

Andy O'Neill,
Head of
Electoral Commission
in Scotland,
Edinburgh.

Down Memory Lane

Margaret Milloy handed this old photograph into The Courier office. It is taken at Castlehill Primary School's fancy dress party. Margaret thinks it was taken round about 1978-79. Pictured from left to right are: Ian McMillan, Michael Morrison, Ewan Lang, Gary Milloy and Janet Ferguson (née Martin).

Staying at the airbase

Sir,
As the owner of a bed and breakfast (B&B) establishment in Campbeltown I would like to comment on the airbase accommodation being used by companies to accommodate their work force.

Firstly, thank you Mr Kelly for speaking out for the B&Bs.

I asked Mr Wardrop 18 months ago about this situation and he told me he knew nothing about it although there were men already staying in the accommodation.

He then informed me that the Ministry of Defence were letting the accommodation to companies to use them as they saw fit. I wrote to my MP and he informed me that the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company had already discussed using the

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accommodation to bring in extra income.

Perhaps Mr Wardrop would like to enlighten the B&B owners in Campbeltown, who are working very hard for a living and keeping up their own business, where to get the finance to take over the accommodation at the base. Perhaps he could advise us how to go about getting grants.

There are two new hotels and a bunkhouse due to open in this area.

I understood and I am sure so did the people of Campbeltown, when they signed yes for the airbase buyout it was to be to the advantage of the people living in this area. Not from where I'm standing!

A concerned business owner

New turbine would cast a huge shadow

Sir,
I wonder how many of your readers are aware that a wind turbine roughly 1.5 times the height of those on Gigha is proposed for North Beachmore which is above the church at A'Chleit?

While wind farms on the very spine of Kintyre are tolerable, in my opinion there is nowhere else in Kintyre that is suitable for such large industrial structures.

I was amazed to discover that very few of those in the close vicinity of North Beachmore were aware

of this proposal, let alone further afield.

The visual impact would be enormous over a large part of Kintyre as well as the offshore islands, never mind the huge impact on the various homes at North Beachmore.

I would also like to draw attention to a similar proposal in the Skipness area, which has been submitted for planning.

This is also a monstrous single turbine and, in my opinion, in an unsuitable location.

We cannot sit back and allow Kintyre to become a pincushion for these colossal random turbines.

Christine O'Hanlon,
Beacharr,
Tayinloan.

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Christmas costs a packet

ROYAL Mail is investing an additional £15 million in this year's Christmas operation to deliver the nation's festive mailbag of around two billion items.

The investment is in addition to the commitment Royal Mail makes at Christmas to fund its seasonal operation.

For the first time, Royal Mail is opening a dedicated nationwide packet network as part of the additional £15 million investment.

Nine packet 'hubs' are being set up to sort a significant proportion of the parcels and packets Royal Mail handles before they are distributed around the UK, including Glasgow.

Fish price rise welcomed



FISH prices have taken a welcome rise in recent months, much to the relief of skippers across the West Highland waters. 'It is helping to offset the terribly high price of diesel and everything really; all costs are rising,' said Campbeltown skipper John Galbraith. And surprisingly the prices for prawns are being driven by increased sales to Euro zone countries France, Spain and Italy with the market for scampi really taking off in Germany. The fishing is very good at present in the Clyde and it is attracting more boats into the waters, including many from Ireland. And you don't have to set sail to reap the benefits; there are also higher prices for cockles and whelks which has seen more people out collecting. 21_c45quay01

Crafty move by group of small enterprises

KINTYRE Crafters is a glowing example of how small enterprises can band together for success.

The idea is a simple one of craft fairs where customers can be assured of top quality locally made products; people have to apply to join, they can-

not just book a space and turn up.

All the different crafts have their own identities, some have websites and of the 17 members to date some band together to hire stalls at Highland games or other events, others sell from their own work-

shops, but they all have the umbrella of Kintyre Crafts for major craft fairs at Easter, summer-time and Christmas.

After two years in this format the crafts have embarked on new marketing with a fresh logo, posters and banners to promote themselves, as

well as advertising collectively in *The Courier*. They will have a major fair in The Argyll Hotel, over the Campbeltown Christmas lights switch on weekend and the following weekend some members will be at Drumlembie Primary School fair.

Firms urged to make the most of Internet and social media

SMALL businesses are being encouraged to make the most of the Internet and social media to boost their trading prospects.

Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team says it is a cost-effective way of growing business and urges local businesses to take a proactive approach to e-marketing.

Explaining that e-marketing involves using digital technologies such as websites, mobile devices and social networking to reach customers, Business Gateway suggests it is an ideal way to create brand awareness and sell goods or services.

The flexible nature of social networking and relatively inexpensive technologies used, means e-marketing is particularly suitable for

Online workshop aims to boost e-sales

IF you want to help grow your business online you are invited to an online trading workshop this month.

Hosted by Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway team, the Make the Most of Online Trading workshop will help businesses develop their presence online and boost online sales.

The workshop covers everything from online shops, payments and legal aspects to effectively marketing and advertising a business online.

Offering expert advice to individual businesses, the workshop will involve a series of presentations, discussions and hands-on exercises.

An online workshop will be held in Inveraray on November 21 and Oban on November 23.

For more information contact the Business Gateway Team on 01546 605459. A free guide to e-marketing is also available online. Log on to www.bgateway.com.

small businesses.

'Support is on hand from Business Gateway to help small businesses identify how e-marketing could grow their business,' said Councillor Neil Mackay, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesman for enterprise.

'Workshops, one to one advice and a wealth

of online information from Business Gateway are available to assist local businesses in maximising the benefits of marketing this way.'

Reminding people that the marketing principle remains the same - creating a strategy to deliver the right messages to the right people - Business Gateway suggest e-mar-

keting should become another element of the traditional marketing mix.

Boosting a company's profile on a global scale, social media such as Facebook and Twitter also have the potential to build customer loyalty and create a reputation for openness and being easy to deal with.

Argyll CAB fury at delivery charge rip off

by JOANNE SIMMS

editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

BUSINESSES and individuals alike are being ripped off by companies that charge huge additional delivery costs for Argyll and Bute, the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) said this week.

The situation has got so bad that now the Argyll and Bute CAB is joining with others across rural Scotland to campaign for fair delivery charges for rural customers.

They've launched a survey asking people to report examples of unfair delivery charges, and the offending companies will be named and shamed if they don't change their ways.

Geraldine Day, manager of Argyll and Bute CAB said: 'We've found that many companies will routinely add huge charges just for delivering goods to areas they class as 'remote.' And some of them have pretty odd ideas about Scottish geography! We've heard of companies who seem to think Kintyre is an island, for example, and others just refuse to deliver to Scotland at all - or will whack on flat charges of £10, £20 or in some cases up to £80.'

The IT manager for *The Courier's* parent company Wyvex Media Ltd said that on one or

der for specialist equipment he was asked to pay £90 for delivery of a £45 item and took our custom elsewhere.

'That's ridiculous, given how close Oban is to Glasgow,' he said.

Geraldine Day added: 'So we're asking people to report to us any instances where they have been charged unfairly for a delivery just because of their location. They can do this through our quick and easy survey.'

This is available online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RemoteAreaDeliveryCosts> or you can pick up a paper copy at the CAB office at Riverside, Oban Road, Lochgilphead.

Businesses cash in on scheme

MORE and more small businesses in Argyll and Bute are benefiting from a national non-domestic rates relief scheme.

It follows a council campaign to alert local businesses which were eligible for the Small Business Bonus Scheme (SBBS) but which had not previously applied.

The increase in total relief for 2011-12 in Argyll and Bute is 15.7 per cent, which is significantly higher than the Scotland-wide figure of 12 per cent.

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Sparkling display of fireworks

CAMPBELTOWN folk gathered in their hundreds on Kinloch Green on Saturday night to celebrate Guy Fawkes' Night.

And thanks to Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and residents Association and the town's fire station they were treated to a fantastic firework display and bonfire, with free hot dogs and burgers.

Cathie Duncan, who chairs the association, said: 'I want to thank everyone who helped or donated time or materials or goods in any way, because together we had a fantastic night out for everyone to enjoy. Thank you all so much.'

Since the event was established Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service reports a marked drop in the number of call-outs in the run up to and during November 5 around Campbeltown and Kintyre.

The paintings entered by schoolchildren into the bonfire night competition can be seen at Winehouse, Aqualibrium and Tesco.

This year's winners are: P1-3: 1 William McLean, Castlehill; 2 Emma Matthew, Drumlembie; 3 Keira Gillies, Dalintober; special award, Anna Gemmill, Carradale.

P4-5: 1 Jack Rennie, Dalintober; 3 Chloe McPhee, Castlehill; Emma McKinven, Dalintober.

P6-7: 1 Harry McLean, Castlehill; 2 Louise Dott, Dalintober; 3 Robbie McAlister, Drumlembie. Special award: Tabitha Broach, Carradale.

The overall winner of the competition was Jack Rennie, Dalintober Primary School.

Highly commended: Jade Graham, Susan Shaw, Amy McGougan, Fraser Turner, Adrian Donnan, Kyle Colville, Arran McCallum, Connor Brown, Louise Brown, Fiona McKay, Aiden Bain, Evie Powell, Rosie Brodick, Niannah Baxter, Harry Gemmill, Cameron McMillan.



Glowsticks proved to be a big hit with all the kids. 21_c45bon01



Kayleigh McLean and Marian Wylie. 21_c45bon07



Jack Rennie from Dalintober Primary School was the overall winner of the children's painting competition. 21_c45bon10



Grace McKendrick enjoys a sparkling evening. 21_c45bon02

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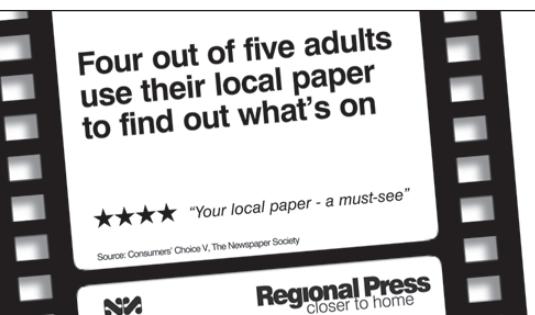
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Cooking up a treat at Salvation Army Hall



Salvation Army stalwarts Carol McLean, Margaret Raeside and Agnes McKerral were hard at work serving coffees and teas and selling home baking at the Salvation Army Hall, Burnside Street, Campbeltown on Saturday morning. 21_c45sal01

Entertainment on the menu for old folks

THE annual senior citizens' afternoon tea and entertainment takes place tomorrow (Saturday) at the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, organised by the town's community council.

If you have now reached pension age there will be an opportunity for you to add your name to the register, or you can update your address, if you've moved this year.

That way Father Christmas (and Campbeltown Rotary Club) will know where to send your pensioners' Christmas voucher.

Kilmarnock success for brass musicians

IT'S been a busy, and rewarding, time for Kintyre's young musicians.

Thirteen members of Campbeltown Brass travelled to Kilmarnock to take part in the West of Scotland Brass Solo and Ensemble contest, competing in the junior and intermediate sections.

This year saw a large number of players taking part, representing bands from all over the West of Scotland.

Campbeltown's Iona McVicar won the junior section, qualifying to play at the Scottish national finals, where she will be joined by Erin McSporran who qualified in the intermediate section.

Campbeltown Brass Junior Quartet took the intermediate section ensemble trophy, and will also compete at the Scottish Finals next year; all of the other Campbeltown Brass soloists played extremely well, gaining either gold or silver awards.

The young brass players, joined by the woodwind and percussion sections of the Kintyre Schools Junior Band, took part in the Scottish heat of the National



The Campbeltown Brass competitors who travelled to Kilmarnock.

Concert Band Festival at Jordanshill campus in Glasgow.

Last year, in their first performance at this event for many years the band, which comprises pupils aged nine to 14, gained a bronze award.

This year, the band, keen to improve on this result, put on a fine performance, featuring music from Mission Impossible and Pirates of the Caribbean, and an atmospheric piece called *Looking Past the Shadows*.

It was a performance that impressed those listening in the hall and also the adjudicators, who presented the thrilled Kintyre Schools Junior Band and their proud musical director Katy Welch with a gold award.

The band now has to wait until December 1 to find out whether they will receive an invitation to represent Scotland in the British Finals in London next year.

And you can hear for yourselves just how good they are tomorrow night (Saturday) at the Jimmy Taylor Memorial Concert at Campbellhill Hall.



Iona McVicar triumphed in the junior section.

town Grammar School, at 7pm.

Fun and friendship at Kilchenzie parish

THE churches of Killean and Kilchenzie (A'Chleit) and Kilcalmonell at Clachan invite people in the parish from Kilchenzie to Whitehouse to join them for an afternoon of fun and friendship as Christmas approaches.

The afternoon at Tayinloan Village Hall on November 19 will be an opportunity to meet friends for a chat over coffee and mince pies, and for those who are creative, there will be opportunities to try your hand at making Christmas cards, Advent calendars, table decorations or try some non-bake baking.

There will also be a table tennis tournament for adults and children.

There will be a short time of worship, and the day rounds off with some carol singing.

This is a day for people of all ages, but the churches would ask that children under eight be accompanied by adult. Please come along and join us for the fun.

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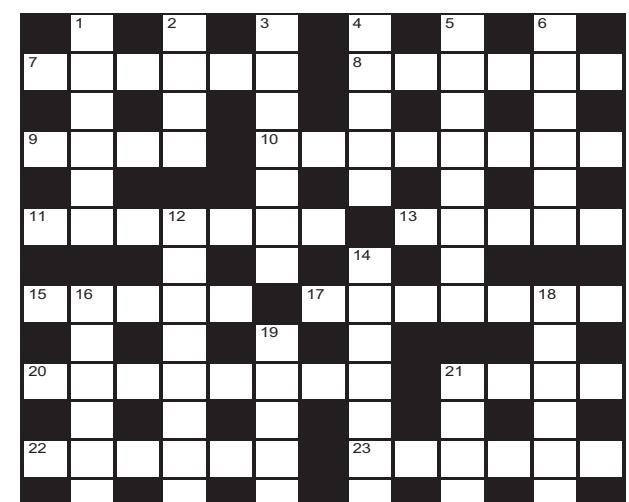
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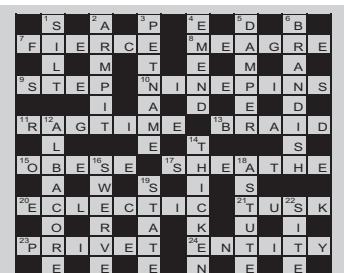
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Last week's solution



green energy

making renewables work for you



The work started on site in July with the 315mm pipes being laid. The pipes were welded on site with a hot welding machine and then lowered into position using two large excavators.

A HYDRO scheme, the first for Campbeltown, is nearing completion at Kildalloig.

The 45-kilowatt (KW) scheme is using water from New Orleans burn on some of the 4,000 acres of land owned by Mary and Joe Turner.

The initial feasibility study was carried out in September 2009 with flow and habitat studies carried out and planning permission. From September 2009 until March 2011 Mary and Joe worked hard to have flow studies and habitat studies carried out, obtain a Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) licence and gain planning permission for the project. The Gilkes turbine for the scheme was ordered in September 2010 and design drawings were completed in June 2011.

MAM Contractors Ltd were appointed in June this year and work started on site in July. There are three

construction elements to the project, which are the intake, penstock and powerhouse. The construction began with pegging out the route of the pipeline and building an access road for burying the penstock and accessing the intake site. A soil strip was carried out at the beginning of the work with a watching brief by an archaeologist, however heavy rain stopped work on several occasions. Two large excavators spent three weeks digging the access track and trench for the penstock.

The pipes were ordered and stored on flat ground until the trench was ready. After the trench for the penstock had been dug, the pipes, which were 315mm diameter, were welded in situ with a hot welding machine and then lowered into position using the two large excavators. After the penstock had been buried, work on the intake



The 45-kilowatt scheme is nearing completion at the New Orleans burn.



The new power house for the hydro scheme with Davaar Island in the background.

commenced. The Turners plan to use the power generated from the hydro scheme to power the holiday cottages they have on their land which are occupied for around 40 weeks per year. Mary described it as 'very exciting' and said it gives a slightly better outlook on life and the weather; they can be positive about rain being forecast. The powerhouse is currently being built with the turbine being delivered by Gilkes once that is completed.

Mary explained as soon as that is installed they can get the scheme connected to the grid and commissioned and start to generate electricity.

This is the couple's second renewables project, the first was in June 2009 when Mary and Joe erected and put into commission Kildalloig Westwind 20 on their land.

The farm itself is not connected to the national electricity grid so the power generated from the 20kW turbine was used for lighting and heating the house.

They hope to erect a further turbine on their land in the future to expand their renewable projects further.

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The new turbine at High Bellochantuy. 21_c45turb01

AS YOU drive down the hill from Glenbarr, your attention is drawn to a small turbine sticking out in the landscape above Bellochantuy.

This is Hannah and Will Jones's third attempt to get a wind turbine erected on their 350-acres of land at High Bellochantuy.

They moved to the area in 2006, and received planning permission for their first turbine in 2007, which was for a six kilowatt Provan turbine.

They then reapplied for planning permission for a vertical axe turbine in 2008 on the advice of a friend and came up against a brick wall.

When they progressed with this application they realised the turbine was never going to do anything and that they had been guinea pigs.

However this bad experience never put them off and in May this year their efforts came to fruition as their third project was commissioned and connected to the national electricity grid.

The 20-kilowatt Westwind 15-metre high turbine was erected in May, and despite a few teething issues, since June has generated 15,000 kilowatts of energy; 9,000 kilowatts to the national grid and 6,000 units towards the house and their farm. 'From the total energy generated we get a feed in tariff of 24 pence for every unit generated,' said Will. 'If it then goes into the grid we also get a further five pence per unit. We do still get electricity from the grid when there is no wind.'

'The feed in tariff is what makes



The Westwind turbine being erected earlier this year.

C45wind1NO/2NO

you the money; if it wasn't for that it wouldn't be economic.' The project cost the couple £84,000 and they hope that within five years it will pay for itself.

Will said that one of the key things to ask any installer is for contact details of their last few clients. Speak to them to see how their projects progressed and if they would recommend the installer and manufacturer.

They settled on Westwind for their manufacturer and installer after speaking to Mary Turner of Kildalloig Farm in Campbeltown who also has a similar project on her land. The Joneses use the electricity from the turbine to provide all the energy needed

for their free-range chickens; they currently have 800 and are getting another 900 in the spring.

'The whole farm is now run on green energy,' said Hannah who also explained that once the polytunnel is erected the turbine will be used to heat it, extending the growing season for the cut flowers and vegetables which they sell at the road end.

For anyone wishing to install a turbine Will advised that you should think about installing an anemometer for a period of time to measure accurately how much wind is blowing on the site.

'The more you are prepared to risk the greater the return,' said Will. 'We have been stung once we have a vague idea what to watch for. We are more than happy to speak to anyone about our experience.'

The couple, which has four young children, are looking to install another turbine in the next few years once the current project has paid for itself.

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Still no-go on Tarbert centre crossing point

'No justification' says transport boss

by RUTH McCLEAN

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THE fight to get a pedestrian crossing for the centre of Tarbert continues.

It was brought up by the Kintyre Initiative Working Group to Phil Hinchliff, of Transport Scotland, who said a 2003 report maintained such a crossing was unjustified.

He said that a more recent traffic survey was carried out in the village, which showed the figures were basically the same as those eight years ago.

'Since then the traffic flow has increased slightly. However it has been

very similar over the last few years so again the report basically said there is no increased justification for such a crossing,' said Mr Hinchliff.

He said that the report in 2003 stated the length of the vehicles would cause a problem if there was a crossing at the corner near the Co-op.

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council proposed a crossing further along, towards Barmore, but Mr Hinchliff said this section was too long and had a number of private access points on the carriageway.

'The road is narrow but

with limitations there is basically nothing that can be done without widening the road, which isn't a scheme on the cards at the moment,' he told the meeting.

Elizabeth Ball chairwoman of West Kintyre Community Council said there is twice the number of ferries coming out of Kennacraig now than in 2003 and questioned at what time of day the survey was carried out.

Councillor Donald Kelly said people aren't raising this issue for nothing in Tarbert. 'There is a real concern within the community of Tarbert. I think that should supersede the traffic flow figures.'

Book fair boosts coffee morning



There's nothing like sitting down with a cup of coffee and a good book and thanks to the Campbeltown Grammar School PTA people could do just that at the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Saturday morning. The parents were holding a fundraising coffee morning and invited along the Oban branch of Waterstones Booksellers to stage a book fair along with them. Gerri McAnarney of the PTA and Christine McGougan of Waterstone's at the book fair. Christine's father Campbell Maguire is from Campbeltown; he now lives in Dingwall.

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Pipe band sponsor sought

ISLAY Pipe Band is looking for new sponsorship. The band has competed and played throughout the 2011 season with no official sponsor and is looking for a new one for the 2012 season and beyond.

The Mactaggart Third Fund and the Schroder Foundation continue to support the band, and the band are eternally grateful to them for the extra financial support following the loss of previous sponsorship; although their support originally compensated for the blow, this was never a lasting solution.

Contact Andrew 01496 850271 or email am245@btinternet.com.

Cable delay for Carradale connection

THE timeline for a sub sea electricity connection from Carradale to Hunterston Power Station has slipped.

Originally the date for the linkage was for 2013, but Audrey Martin of Argyll and Bute Council explained to the Local Area Community Planning Group that originally it was hoped the linkage would be made in 2013, but that has slipped back.

Due to an increase in requests for renewable generation connections onto the electricity network in the area, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Limited (SHETL) has been assessing ways to reinforce the transmission system serving the Kintyre Peninsula.

Following consultation SHETL propose to build a new 132kV substation, replace the existing 132kV overhead line between Carradale and Crossaig and install two sub sea cable circuits from the new substation to Hunterston.

Audrey told the meeting the tender has gone out for the work which should be back by the end of December.

Family charity turns to Skype

INTERNET technology is helping a charity break down the miles when working to heal family breakdowns in Argyll and Bute.

From its base in Oban, Family Mediation Argyll and Bute visits families in centres in Dunoon, Helensburgh, Lochgilphead and Campbeltown, which can involve a lot of travelling, which takes time and money.

But now the charity has turned to Skype, the internet voice-and-video service.

Grant

The Lloyds TSB Foundation has given the charity a grant to £3,930 to help pay for training and Tanya MacDougall, the service manager for Family Mediation, said: 'The money will be very much appreciated, not only by us but also by the families we support.'

'Getting new mediators will help us meet a growing demand for our services.'

Family Mediation Argyll and Bute works with

separating or divorcing parents, helping them with issues such as their children's needs. It also has a specialist mediation service for young homeless people and their families.

Helped

Last year it helped 42 families and in the first six months of this year worked with 33 families.

The Lloyds TSB Foundation cash will help pay for two more mediators and train them.

'Skype is not something we would use in all circumstances but it does help us reduce conflict between parents as quickly as possible,' said Tanya.

'I have two computers and can talk to each parent separately. They don't see each other, but can hear each other and know what is being said.'

Charities wanting to know about applying to the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland should call 0131 444 4020.

Lib-Dem leader bids to rally supporters



Scottish Liberal Democrat Leader Willie Rennie, MP Alan Reid and Councillor Rory Colville met with liberal supporters from Kintyre at the conference in Ardrishaig. 06_a45kintyre01

central belt so that people can decide on services that are suitable to them, rather than have those decisions made in Edinburgh,' said Mr Rennie.

Recognising the importance of rural education in the forthcoming Argyll and Bute Council elections, Mr Rennie said

he believed the Liberal vote to consult on rural school closures would not damage the party.

'I think what people will see is that it was a difficult issue with divided views,' Mr Rennie said.

'The councillors tried their best to bring those opposing views together. I hope people

will see that they were trying their best even though they may disagree; they did only vote for consultation.'

Mr Rennie added: 'We have traditionally been the party of community champions; I think and I hope that people value what we bring to their communities.'

Strong demand at Dalmally sale

UNITED Auctions held a sale of all classes cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart on Saturday when 1,064 head of sheep and 107 cattle were sold.

All classes met with a good demand and sold at rates in keeping with current trends.

Principal lots and prices

Top prices were head: Bullocks £855 (2) & £850, Eden Taggart. Top prices per kilo: Limousin cross: 210p(2), Boreland Farms; 201p(3) & 199p(3), Clachan Farm Partnership; 196p, Morenish. Simmental cross: 202p, Morenish. Heifers Limousin cross: 170p(5), Boreland Farms. Lambs Suffolk cross: £54.50, High Carse. Texel cross: £52, Ardchonnel Farm & Ardchonnel Croft. Cheviot cross: £67 & £60.00, Kingairloch Estate; £53.50, East Mains Farm. Blackface: £52, Bremchoille; £47, Castles Estate; £44.50, High Carse; £43, Auchinellan Farm; £41, Ardchonnel Farm; £40, Lurignish. Wedders: £93, Kingairloch Estate Ewes Cheviot cross: £85 & £63, Kingairloch Estate. Blackface: £52, Balvicar; £49, Drissaig Farm. Suffolk cross: £60, Stronachullin Farm.

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NFU pledge to protect Scots egg producers

New regulations from 2012

NFU SCOTLAND said this week it will keep up the pressure on Europe to enforce and police forthcoming welfare legislation to ensure that Scottish egg producers are not undermined by illegally produced eggs from other parts of the EU.

The 1999 Welfare of Laying Hens Directive requires that, after January 1 next year, conventional laying cages be eliminated from egg production systems in Europe.

Scottish and UK egg producers will be fully compliant with the laying cages requirement by the end of the year but the same cannot be said for the rest of Europe.

A significant number of member states will not be in a position to comply with the conventional cage ban when it comes into force in

eight weeks' time. This could lead to egg producers who have invested heavily in high welfare, compliant systems; possibly having their market undermined by illegally produced European eggs.

John Picken, from NFU Scotland said after a meeting of the union's Poultry Working Group: 'In the past fortnight, the union has met with the head of the commission's Animal Welfare Unit, Mr Andrea Gavinelli in Brussels.

'We plan to keep up our pressure on Mr Gavinelli and his staff over the very real danger that non-compliant lower welfare produce poses to our poultry and the need for positive EU action to address this.'

He added: 'Scottish compliance will have come at a cost that will have run into millions of pounds.'

'There is well-documented evidence that a significant number of Member States will not make the deadline

'Consumers can be reassured that Scottish eggs will be produced to the highest welfare standards but they must also be reassured that any imported produce meets those same welfare standards.'

'We have already taken the time to brief all major retailers on the threat our producers face.'

'While encouraging them to source as much of their requirements from Scottish producers, we have also asked them to provide assurances that any fresh produce that is imported is compliant with the forthcoming regulations. That same assurance needs to extend to any manufactured products that contain any imported eggs.'

Southend hosts stock judging competition



Seeing spots! Lindsay Ronald and Kelsey Brown in their wellies. 21_c45yfc04

CAMPBELTOWN Young Farmers held a stock judging competition at Gartvaigh Farm Southend, courtesy of Thomas and Mary Cameron on Friday night.

The winner was Sandy Pirie with Craig Barbour, Kelly Gallagher and Kevin McGuire all tying for second place.



Jim Semple was the judge and Graeme McMillan helped organise the event for the young farmers. 21_c45yfc01

Busy winter ahead for young farmers

PLENTY of activities have been keeping the local young farmers busy, with a lot more on the agenda over the winter months.

Tuesday night was the latest in the activities with a quiz night held in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown that included mystery rounds and challenges.

The winning team included Fraser Cameron, Fraser MacPhail, Lindsey Armour, Alistair McConnachie and Fiona McArthur.

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Friends, Romans, islanders

TO MARK the end of 'Ancient Rome' a topic, being studied by primary five, six and sevens at Gigha Primary School, the children took part in a play called *Rome's Got Talent*.

The play was in the format of the popular Britain's Got Talent TV show and the children dressed up as famous Roman and Celtic characters and auditioned to get on to the next round.

The play featured Amanda who played the Roman Goddess Diana, John as Emperor Nero, Caitie as Queen Boudicca, Bryce as St Alban, Ben as a Roman boy and Tristan as a Celtic warrior.

The other children advertised in between the show; Cara advertised a Roman Woman's makeup range, Finn advertised a Gladiator show, Archie a druids centre and George advertised joining the Roman army.

The show was a great success and managed to encompass the



The children who took part in the play *Rome's Got Talent*.

knowledge that the children had gathered about the Romans and the Celts over the last few weeks and was enjoyed by all who took part and observed.

Parents came along to see the play and enjoyed a Roman-themed buffet.

Pyjama party

YOUNGER children at Gigha Primary School raised more than £500 by taking part in a pyjama party.

Primary one to four ended their topic 'Day and Night' with the fundraiser in aid of Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) Chill by being

sponsored to take part. Parents went along and dressed in night time attire to hear bedtime stories read by the children and enjoyed chocolate and cookies.

The children raised £527.80 for CHAS.

High spirits

CHILDREN from Gigha celebrated Hallowe'en recently with a Monster Ball.

The children all dressed up and enjoyed games, which they had invented, as well as dancing and a buffet of spooky food which had been baked and organised by the children.

some excavations and the use of the pipe bursting technique to install the new pipe on part of the route of the A83 road south of Clachan.

A spokesman for Scottish Water said: 'We are doing everything possible to minimise any disruption, but there will be some temporary disruption to normal supplies and part of the road will be temporarily reduced from two lanes to one with traffic lights in operation.'



Gigha youngsters raised £500 by staging a pyjama party.



Florence Chrystie, PE teacher at Gigha Primary School for more than 20 years, received gifts from pupils, staff and parents on her retirement.

Community Action Plan survey

SURVEYS to identify the top priorities for Campbeltown and rural Kintyre have been returned.

The survey was carried out by local steering groups for the different areas and made up of local people representing their communities and assisted by the South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT).

Funding for the initiative came from Argyll LEADER, Awards for All, East and West Kintyre Windfarm trusts, Inspiralba and South Kintyre Area Development Group.

The aim was to put together a Community Action Plan that accurately reflects community views and which can then be used as a guide for local organisations in representing the community and in developing the projects that matter most to local people.

The next steps in the project are to interview stakeholders from within the community including landowners, social housing providers and unemployed people to help form the action section of the plan.

Events will be held over the coming months to promote the results of the survey and also to develop an action plan to which the community can work to over the coming years.

Campbeltown
Out of 1,000 houses surveyed

in Campbeltown, 433 completed forms were returned to the development trust.

The top like was the people and nature of the community, with the top dislike the local economy, which included the lack of quality employment.

Most of the surveys said a better economy would make life better, including more locally-based sustainable jobs, better facilities and services and improvements to infrastructure.

The top priorities for people in Campbeltown included better services and facilities, better roads and transport and further regeneration of the area.

West Kintyre

All 462 homes in West Kintyre were sent a survey, with 288 returned, and 20 filled out online.

The top like for all the West Kintyre communities including Glenbarr, Bellochany and Whitehouse, was the friendly nature of the community.

The top dislikes varied from roads speeds within their village in Muasdale to anti social behaviour in Kilkenzie and Tangy and lack of families within the Clachan area.

Some people said that creating more jobs and improving infrastructure would make their village better, and others said facilities for young people were needed.

Malcolm MacMillan of SKDT told a public meeting last week that there was a 'phenomenal' response from some communities in West Kintyre.

East Kintyre

In East Kintyre, 151 surveys were returned out of 426 and revealed that people in Peninver and Saddell said the top like was the friendly nature of the community, whilst those in Carradale said the scenery.

The top dislike for Carradale was the condition of the harbour, in Saddell the inappropriate development in relation housing and in Peninver the slow Internet speeds and bus service.

When asked what would make it better Peninver and Carradale said encourage more small business, with people in Carradale saying better economy with more jobs.

Southend

Two surveys were delivered to all 244 homes in the Southend Community Council area and to date 93 have been returned. Seven responses were received via an online survey.

The top like for Southend was the friendly and welcoming people with the top dislike the lack of village hall and sports field changing facilities.

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The area has been affected by a number of bursts on stretches of the main south of Clachan and these have caused temporary disruption to normal water supplies to some customers.

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CLEONGART Farm at Bellochantuy has been approved planning permission for a 20 kilowatt wind turbine.

The farm in West Kintyre received planning permission last week by Argyll and Bute Council for the 15-metre high turbine.

SOUTHEND**Permission granted**

AN 80-metre high anemometer mast has been approved planning permission to be erected on land at Cnoc Nan Gabhan near to Oatfield, on the B842 to Southend.

The application was for the mast to be erected for five years and was approved by Argyll and Bute Council this week.

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Fancy dress and fireworks at Clachan Village Hall

CLACHAN Village Hall threw open the doors on Friday night and welcomed the weird and the wonderful in all shapes and sizes and disguises.

It was the village fancy dress party with a bonfire and fireworks and every one of all ages joined in with some ingenious costumes.



Andy and Linda Brown. 21_c45fancy02



The contestants in the fancy dress parade. 21_c45fancy01



Morvern Paisley's costume of butterflies and bats was a winner. 21_c45fancy04



It was strictly come dancing for older members of the youth club. 21_c45fancy05



Southend bonfire fun

SOUTHEND village bonfire was held on the village playing field on Sunday night and attracted a good turn out of people. They included six-week-old Craig MacMillan (left), who slept his way through his first ever bonfire night. The noise of the fireworks didn't disturb him one little bit, much to the relief of his granny Jennifer McCorkindale.



Andrew and Aiden Ramsay. 21_c45sth01



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11/02130/PP	Change of use of land to form touring site for 10 campervans, installation of chemical toilet and related cesspit, installation of two water stand pipes, formation of new vehicular access and erection of shed	Land North East Of Corranmor Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Ardfern

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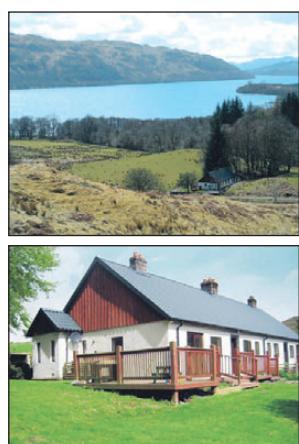
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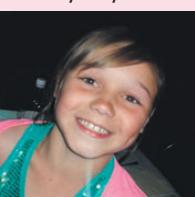
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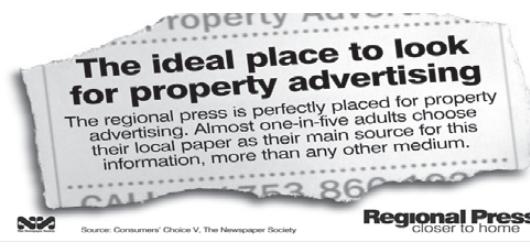
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible says, 'Live in harmony with one another' (Romans, 12:16).

BIRTHS

BROWN – Keith and Jenny (née Rae) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Niamh Meg, on October 18, 2011.



MARTIN

Barry and Jo-anne are delighted to announce the early arrival of their beautiful wee daughter, Alba Christine Elizabeth, who was born on November 5, 2011 at the Princess Royal Hospital. First grandchild for Una and Charlie, Davaar Avenue.

ENGAGEMENTS

CUMMING – Angela and Andrew, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, are delighted to announce the engagement of Pamela to Andrew, son of Moira and the late John Doherty of Thornliebank, Glasgow.

DEATHS

CUMMING – After a short illness at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, on November 3, 2011, Audrey Cumming, in her 90th year, of 14 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. Beloved daughter of the late Duncan and Nina Cumming and loving sister, aunt and great aunt. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

MACBRAYNE – Suddenly, but peacefully, after a short illness, at Ardfenaig Residential Home, on November 3, 2011, Robin MacBrayne, aged 87 years, of 7 Caledonia Court, Ardrishaig and formerly of 16 Hillview Terrace, Ardrishaig. Beloved husband of the late Margaret, much loved father of John, Robert and the late Sandra, and dear father-in-law of Shirley and Rhona. Cherished and adored Pappy to his eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A dear brother, uncle and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

MACGILL – On November 1, 2011, peacefully at home, Elizabeth (Betty) MacGill, née Howie, in her 85th year, former H M Inspector of Schools, beloved wife of the late Neil MacGill, much loved mother of David and Alan. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium on Monday, November 14 at 12.15pm, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to National Society for Epilepsy.

MALIA – On November 5, 2011, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Millie, in her 87th year, beloved wife of the late Willie Harper and Austin Malia, much loved mum of Christine and Margaret and dearly loved Granny Harper to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium, on November 10. A memorial service will take place, at Tarbert Parish Church, on Saturday, November 19, at 12 noon, followed by an interment of ashes at Carrick Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Collection, if desired, for Tarbert Parish Church.

MCPHEE – Peacefully, after a short illness, on November 3, 2011, Neil McPhee, aged 79 years, of 1 Cairnbaan Cottages, Cairnbaan, by Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of Bessie (Muirden) and much loved father of Douglas and May. Loving Pappy of Neil, Stuart, Iona and Callum. Dear father in law of Jean and Ian. A dear brother, brother-in-law, and uncle to all the family. A good neighbour, dear friend and work colleague to many. Loyal to his fellow brethren. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, November 10, 2011, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

MUNRO – Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 7, 2011, William Archibald McGowen Munro (Willie), in his 67th year, 84 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Vina Graham, much loved father of Graham and Billy and a much loved brother and uncle.

YUILL – Suddenly after a short illness, on November 7, 2011, at Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, Ian Yuill, aged 68 years, of Poltalloch Home Farm, Kilmartin, Argyll. Much loved husband of Mavis, loving father of Douglas and Kirsteen, and proud grandpa of Megan, Eion, Myrtle and Violet. Much respected father-in-law of Lisa and Mark. Dear brother of Audrey and uncle to Alan and the late Ronald. A dear friend, good neighbour and much admired work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in Kilmartin Parish Church on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 1.30pm, followed by cremation, on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at Woodside Crematorium, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Kilmartin Church and Chest, Heart and Stroke.

JENKINS – In loving memory of James, died November 11, 2009. The blow was great, the shock severe. We little thought his death was near. Only those that have lost can tell. The sorrow of parting without farewell.

- Inserted by Mum, Dad and all the family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACKINNON – The family of the late Dugie MacKinnon would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and telephone calls following their recent sad loss. Special heartfelt thanks to his wonderful neighbours, Alistair, Fiona, Emma, Colin and Donald for all their kind attention to dad. Many thanks to Islay Homecare Team whose care and company Dad greatly appreciated. Thanks to Rev Bryson for a comforting service, to Stan Lupton and McAffer Funeral Directors for their professional and efficient handling of all arrangements, both on Islay and at home in Tarbert. The Anchor Hotel for the excellent catering and to everyone who paid their last respects at the church and cemetery. The collection for Beatson Oncology raised £650. Collection, if desired, for Tarbert Parish Church.

MCALLISTER – The McAllister and Johnston families would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and flowers received following their recent sad loss of Mary. Grateful thanks also to Rev David Carruthers and everyone involved with the arrangements for the funeral service at Ardrishaig Parish Church, and to the Grey Gull Inn for excellent purvey. Finally, our thanks to all who attended at church and graveside to pay their respects, and for the generous donations, which raised over £500 for Mid Argyll Chemo Unit and Argyll Carers.

MUIR – Sandra, Jean and Jessie would like to thank all family and friends who attended Jim's thanksgiving service at Kilkerran Cemetery on Saturday, October 29. Your presence was much appreciated. Grateful thanks to Rev Burroughs, Kenneth Blair and Campbeltown Bowling Club for use of club.

IN MEMORIAMS

ANDERSON – In loving memory of our dear sister, Anna, died November 13, 2010. We love and miss you every day.

- From Laura, Patsy and Joyce.

ANDERSON – Auntie Anna. We love and miss you.

- Heather, Robert and Andrew xxx.

GALBRAITH – Willie, died November 13, 1996. Loved and remembered every day.

- Maureen and Jamie.

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MCLELLAN – In loving memory of our dear mum, Jenny, passed away November 16, 1982.

Memories are like leaves of gold,

They never tarnish or grow old.

- Neil, Margaret, Ishbel and families.

MORRISON – In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, John, who died November 12, 2009.

Love and remembered every day.

Like loved ones gone before,

Your memory will live forever within our hearts.

- From all the family.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of my dearest loved brother, David, died November 11, 1972.

Forgive me Lord for I still weep

For the brother I loved and could not keep

David, I will always love you.

- Sister Nan, East Kilbride.

CHURCH NOTICES

WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

Church Services 12-13 November - All welcome!

Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair

Charity No. SC016097

12 November

Service of Introduction of Rev Dr L Bezuidenhout and marking of the linkage of Glenaray and Inveraray with Cumlodden, Lochfyneside and Lochgair – 2pm in Cumlodden Church (Furnace)

13 November

Remembrance Day Service Cumlodden (Furnace) 10am Lochgair War Memorial 10.45am Minard War Memorial 11.30am Furnace War Memorial 2pm

Glenaray and Inveraray

Charity No. SC016665

13 November

Inveraray War Memorial 10.45am Remembrance Day Service Inveraray Church 11.30 am Sunday Club

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Sunday

Services in Ardrishaig at 10:45am followed by wreath laying ceremony

at War Memorial (approx 12noon) and in Achahoish at 12:30pm

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 13th November 2011 1

Remembrance Service

Tarbert Church 10.45am

Kilberry Church 2pm

Rev Tommy Bryson

Board and session meeting

Thursday 17th November 2011

7.30pm

Church Hall

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Everyone very welcome

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 13th November 2011

Glassary 11.30am

Service of remembrance

Rev Cliff Acklam

All welcome

Scottish Charity Number: SCO03847

SC002121

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2011

10am Remembrance Service

7.30pm Youth Fellowship

Rev. Hilda Smith

All Welcome

TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2011

7.30 pm Quiz Night (inc. Supper)

TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2011

7.30 pm Meeting of The Guild "Juggling" - Rev Catriona Hood

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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Remembrance Day

Sunday 13 November 2011

10.50am

Worship Service for all ages

followed by light lunch

Speaker: Bobby Owens from U.S.A.

Thursday 17 November 2011

7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing

All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 13th November 2011

Barnluasgan

War Memorial 9am

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Tayvallich Church 10am

Remembrance Service

Retiring offering for Poppy Scotland

Minister Rev Cliff Acklam

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Sunday, 13th November

Campbeltown Act of Remembrance - 10:45 am.

Morning Worship - 11:40 a.m.

(Retiring Offering for Poppy Scotland - Earl Haig Fund)

(Note later start time)

(Crèche, Triple C & Bible Class)

Monday, 14th November

The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 15th November

Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 17th November

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Glorious weather greets golfers at Glenralloch

GLENRALLOCH in Tarbert was basking in glorious sunshine last weekend for week two of this year's winter league.

With members having the option of teeing it up on Saturday or Sunday a great turnout of 16 members played.

The best score on Saturday with 21 points was Peter MacLean, this was matched on Sunday, Billy Bob Barclay signing for the same score.

After a count back Peter took first but Steven

was happy to be in the top for two weeks in a row.

Only one magic two was recorded that honour went to Smithy Smyth on the third on Saturday.

This weekend, week three will take place weather permitting, and another good turn out is hoped for to see if they can catch early pace setter Steven Barclay.

Week 1 results: S Barclay 20 points; K Blair 19 points. Magic twos Gordon Mac Caffery.

Youngsters earn their badges at pony club session

BARRGLEN Equitation Centre had yet another good turn out to its pony club on Saturday.

Two separate lessons took place in the morning given by Olivia Drinkwater which were split into intermediate and novice riders.

In the intermediate class there was Caitlin Ronald on her pony Bruin, Kathryn McBrayne on Harley, Keira O'Brien on Rory, Aifric Pirrie on Nharla and Cerys Baird on her pony Brucie.

Before lunch time the novice class took part in their lesson with Olivia, there was Niamh Reppke on Harley and Amanda on Nharla, with Cerys and Caitlin giving a helping hand when needed.

In the afternoon some pony club quizzes

took place, to test their knowledge on facts they had already learnt for their badges, everyone did very well.

Little help

As it was Amanda and Niamh's first pony club they got a little help from their fellow riders.

Just before home time, badges were handed out to Cerys Baird who achieved her Rules of Feeding and Native Breeds badges, Aifric Pirrie who achieved her Native Breeds badge, Caitlin Ronald who achieved her Native Breeds badge and Kathryn McBrayne who also achieved her Native Breeds badge.

The next pony club will take place next Saturday, November 19, and for more information visit the club's Facebook page.



Left to right: Cerys Baird, Aifric Pirrie, Caitlin Ronald and Kathryn McBrayne.

Riding club aims to beat the winter blues

HORSE riders from across Kintyre and Mid Argyll can look forward to a busy winter season as Argyll Riding Club aims to host a variety of equestrian events over the coming months.

With dark nights and winter weather in full swing, the club hopes that a busy itinerary will give local riders plenty to do.

An evening talk by local endurance riders,

Fiona McGregor and Marina MacArthur, is due to take place later this month. The event, to be held at the Cairnbaan Hotel, aims to raise money for equestrian charity, World Horse Welfare.

People are encouraged to have a good, old clear out and have the choice of donating their unwanted items or selling them; all raising money for a good cause.

The club is also gearing for the start of its inaugural winter league series. The winter league will be open to both riding club members and non-members and will enable riders to compete in show jumping and dressage competitions at venues across the area.

Secretary of the club, Roanna Clark said: 'We had planned to hold the winter league series last year but the bad weather

saw us cancel most of our competitions.

will come on board.

The AGM is due to be held on November 30.

To join the riding club you have to be aged over 17 years of age. The club offers a riding and non-riding membership – and caters for all levels of ability.

With several members leaving the committee at this year's annual general meeting, the club is hoping some new and enthusiastic volunteers

Practice makes perfect for u-15s



Members of Tarbert Under-15 side had a practice session at the village all weather pitch on Sunday afternoon. 12_c45tarb01

Pair celebrate doubles title



Alister McKerral and Thomas McGuire beat off stiff competition from 33 other teams to take the Jimmy Taylor Memorial Doubles at the Fiddlers on Monday night.

The trophy was donated to the competition by Jimmy's family in his memory. The runners up were Martin Coffield and Charles Robertson and in the final Alister scored 180. A total of £255 was raised on the night and will be donated to Jimmy's family who in turn will donate it to a charity of their choice. Thanks to Carol and Jim for the use of the venue and also for providing prizes. Alister, left, and Thomas pictured with Carol Green from the Fiddlers.

John hits jackpot at Dunaverty



Congratulations to John MacMillan of Southend who successfully picked the winning numbers of Dunaverty Golf Club's three-number lottery and scooped the £400 jackpot. The draw took place on Sunday October 30 and the winning numbers were 3, 7 and 9.

John, a past captain of Dunaverty Golf Club, has been a member of the club for 65 years. The next lottery draw will take place this Sunday, November 13 with a Jackpot of £100.

Tickets are available in the clubhouse or committee members.

Charlie takes November Medal with a net 69

RESULTS from Islay Golf Club's November Medal: 1 Charles Holyoake 74 less 5 net 69, 2 Graeme Hamilton 84 less 13 net 71, 3 Keith MacDonald 79 less 7 net 72. CSS 71.

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Take the plunge

A FREE, new club has started up at Aqualibrium and involves a gym-style workout programme for the pool.

Argyll and Bute Leisure Club has launched Swimfit in partnership with Scottish Swimming this week. There are four different categories to work through, with 32 different cards with each programme to gradually allow you to progress in your fitness.

The different categories include health and shape up and tone. It is developed by swimming experts and is a free online and poolside club.

Ask at Aqualibrium or phone 01586 551212 for more details.

Run places going fast

THERE are now less than 300 spaces left for next year's Mull of Kintyre Run.

With entries only opening at the end of October people have been snatching their places up fast for the 10k and half marathon.

All the spaces are likely to be taken up in the next few weeks and if you haven't got yours yet go to the Runner's World website.

Carradale on top

THE Campbeltown and District Amateur Football League should draw to a close in the next few weeks.

A match between Lochgilphead and Carradale, to be played at Tarbert on Sunday was cancelled after Lochgilphead failed to get a team together, so Carradale were awarded the points.

Carradale are now one point ahead of Lochgilphead with 38 points, with Carradale having two games in hand.

Double joy in Tin Farm 5 for Campbeltown runners

RUNNERS from Campbeltown excelled themselves once again in the Tin Farm 5 on Sunday on Ormsary Estate near Kilberry.

A strong field of male runners was led home by Kenny Campbell, of Campbeltown, in a time of 32 minutes 18 seconds, taking the male senior category.

Second male senior went to Allan Ramsay of Lochgilphead in a time of 33:32, with third going to Tommy Morran of Campbeltown in a time of 35:07. Hector McMurchy of Campbeltown came third in a strong field of male veteran runners with 35:41.

Jennifer Reid, of Machrihanish, came second in the ladies' race and first female senior for the second year in a row in a time of 43:09. Sandra Houldsworth of Kilbarchan came in second (43:59) with Lisa Hardie, of Campbeltown,



Campbeltown's Jennifer Reid won the ladies' race and was first female senior for the second year running. 06_a45tin08no

finishing in third in a time of 44:12.

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In the junior section Emily Bagnall from the town came in third with 57:24. Alix Geyer took the award for the most courageous effort.

A total of 81 runners

took part in the fifth annual event, which has grown year on year.

Not only does it now attract local runners but also athletes from further afield.

The 5.5-mile route has always tested stamina and endurance but was made all the more challenging this year with wet and muddy conditions.

The organisers would like to thank Sir William and Lady Lithgow for their continued and enthusiastic support of the event. They would also like to thank all the other companies, people, runners and everyone who helped to make it a success once again.

The sale of food, tea and coffee afterwards raised £250, which will be donated to the new chemotherapy unit at Mid Argyll Hospital.

Full results and photos can be found at www.facebook/tinfarm5.



The start line of the race. 06_a45tin03

Pupils ready for Dunoon

TOMORROW (Saturday) Campbeltown Pupils travel to take on Dunoon in a premier two fixture.

The Pupils were due to play in the second round of the Scottish Amateur Cup on Saturday. For a change



achieve the right balance

Like Swimming?

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