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FIRE TRAP

Men seen running away from burning close

'This town is supposed to be safe.'

A YOUNG mother fears for her family's safety after a fire attack on their town centre home.

Melanie MacLean and her family have been left shocked by the overnight attack on flats at Longrow, Campbeltown which happened last Monday morning.

Twenty-five-year-old Melanie, her partner and children were trapped in their top floor flat when someone set fire to prams left in the close entrance. Her two-year-old and 15-month old children's buggies were set alight in the early hours. Both buggies were burned out and the family, along with the other residents in the close, had a very lucky escape, as the close is the only exit from the flats.

Running away

Police told *The Courier* that two men in hooded tops were seen running away from the premises at about 3am.

Witnesses have been interviewed and police say they are currently tracing a named suspect.

By Ruth McClean

'We have never had any problems before,' said Melanie. 'I am going to have to save hard to get a new pram.'

One of the burned ones was given to me by a friend as a goodwill gesture to help us out; it was horrible having to tell her what happened.

'My six-year-old is scared to go out now and is having problems sleeping.

'If we had a choice we would go elsewhere.

'My kids' safety is my priority. I'm really concerned that they will come back and that we'll be trapped up here.

'If the prams hadn't been there who knows what they would have set alight.

'This town is supposed to be safe.

'I lived on some of the roughest estates in Manchester and never seen anything like this there.'

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue plans to carry out a home fire safety visit at Melanie's house.



The burned out close and inset Melanie with her 15-month-old daughter. 04_c50mac01/02



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Contact Campbeltown Medical Practice on 01586 552105 between 1pm and 3pm to make an appointment.



Constables Neil Kilpartick (left) and Scott Macphee will be some of the officers who will be on foot patrol over the festive period. 04_c50pol01

Additional police patrols

ADDITIONAL funding has been allocated by the Scottish Government to Argyll and Bute Council's Community Safety Partnership.

Strathclyde Police, which is working with Argyll and Bute Council, has put the money towards additional police patrols over the festive period.

Chief Inspector Marlene Bailie presented the policing plans to the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Island's area committee earlier this month.

This will include additional late night, high visibility foot patrols within the town centre to help tackle violence, disorder and anti social behaviour.

There will also be high visibility foot patrols during the day to deter and detect shoplifting. Additional resources will be specifically dedicated to tackling persistent offenders of domestic violence and increased mobile patrols in the outlying areas to target drink drivers.

Children should be kept in school at lunchtimes

'We will come down hard on any pupil who is seen dropping litter'

CHILDREN should be kept in school at lunchtime to tackle Argyll's worst litter hotspots.

The situation at Campbeltown Grammar School was branded 'a disgrace' by the man in charge of Kintyre's streets, Tony Lambert. His comments were made in a report to Argyll and Bute Council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee last week.

Mr Lambert said: 'There is a litter problem. It is unfair to blame the council. The majority of it is from school kids - they have a lot to do with this at lunchtime.'

'Campbeltown Grammar School is a disgrace in itself, which might say something about the problems.'

In response, Councillor Donald Kelly said

the council should make sure children at the school stayed in during their breaks to cut litter in the town. 'It would help the council's coffers as well,' he added.

But Councillor Rory Colville said pupils were not the only culprits. He asked 'How many bins are there between the town hall and Campbeltown Grammar on the direct route? It is up to the school if they want to keep the pupils in, and not something we can influence.'

Environment

Alison Hay said litter did not just affect the environment: 'This whole service costs the council a huge amount of money - well over £1million at a time when we are desperately looking for money for vital services. If people stop dropping litter we wouldn't have

to spend this money picking up after them.'

Campbeltown Grammar School Rector William Crossan said the school took the issue of litter 'extremely seriously', regularly briefed pupils and was working towards its gold eco award.

He said any pupil dropping litter around the town at lunch 'will be dealt with firstly by the police contacting their parents, and then by the environmental warden contacting me.'

'That pupil will automatically be put on a lunch time supervision card, which prevents them from leaving the school during the lunch break.'

'We will come down hard on any pupil who is seen dropping litter at any stage during the school day.'

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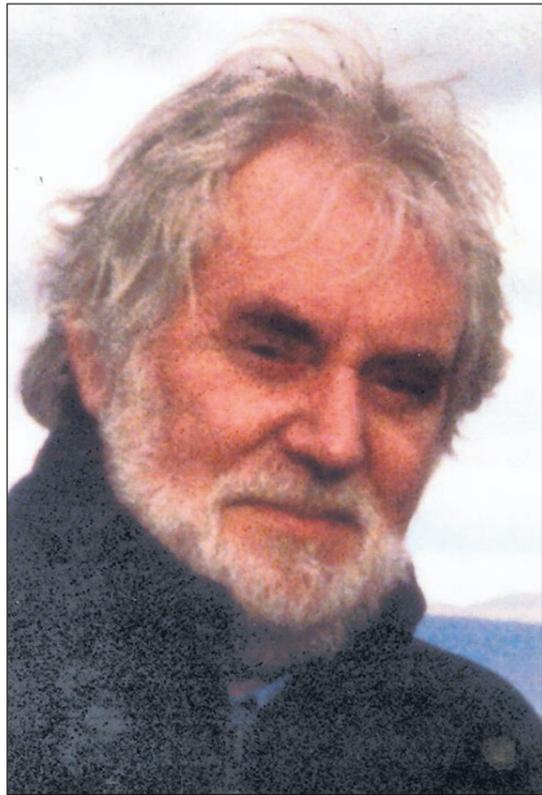
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Missing man's body found eight days later on the Isle of Arran



Leonard Bennett.

Inquiry fails to find cause for Doirlinn death

A FATAL accident inquiry was unable to determine the cause of death of a 70-year-old man who lost his life on the Doirlinn, a causeway near Campbeltown last year.

Atrocious weather

However, the inquiry held by Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC at Campbeltown stated that Leonard Bennett had indeed died

on January 4 at approximately 5.45pm.

Mr Bennett had set out 'in atrocious weather conditions' to make a trip over the causeway to pick up guests bound for a holiday cottage on Davaar Island, where he and his wife of 42 years, Rose, were caretakers.

Mr Bennett never arrived at the mainland. At 5.40pm Mrs Bennett raised the alarm after getting a 'funny feeling' that something was wrong.

A full-scale search and rescue attempt by emergency services and others on the evening did not find the works vehicle or Mr Bennett. The following morning the vehicle was found on the causeway. It was not until January 12, 2008 that Mr Bennett's body was found at the high-water mark one mile south of the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot.

The couple had worked on the island for the Turner Partnership of Killdaloig Farm for eight and a half years.

Mr Bennett was renowned for being a local expert on the tides. Procurator fiscal Sheila McDermid agreed with the Sheriff and the Bennett family that Mr Bennett could, at no time, be criticised for making the crossing on the evening of the accident, as he had made the crossing more than 1,000 times in all weather conditions, and 'knew the tides better than anyone'.

Evidence from Dr Julie McAdam a forensic expert, ruled out, as far as possible, that Mr Bennett had died from natural causes. She said: 'The very real possibility is that Mr Bennett drowned.'

The inquiry heard Mr Bennett had suffered an injury to his eye, prob-

ably before death, and Dr McAdam told the inquiry that this may have left him stunned. She also told the court that either before or after death Mr Bennett had fractured cervical vertebrae in his neck, in two places.

Hannah Jordan, the Bennett family solicitor, argued that, in light of no other explanation of how the fatal accident occurred, it was due to 'lack of regular maintenance and inspection of the Range Rover vehicle [that was provided for work purposes]' work which she said should have been carried out under Health and Safety at Work legislation.

The inquiry heard from a police expert vehicle examiner, that the driver's door on the 25-year-old vehicle needed a 'physical lift to open the door' and that it would not have passed

an MOT, due to worn brakes and lack of tread on tyres. However, the officer also stated that as an off-road vehicle, the car did not require an MOT certificate and was in 'relatively good condition for its age'.

Joe Turner, of the Turner Partnership, told the court that the vehicle was sound, up to the job and had undergone recent maintenance work.

Sheriff Anderson, gave a solemn determination. She said: 'There were no defects that contributed to the death of Mr Bennett.'

'The precise circumstances in which Len Bennett lost his life cannot be ascertained.'

'My sympathy is with Mr Bennett's wife Rose; his daughter, Anne Marie and his brother-in-law Mr Hynes.'

'Mr Bennett was an active and much-respected man.'



Emergency vehicles on the Doirlinn. c02dav08

Schools 'a political football' says angry councillor

PLANS to amalgamate three primary schools in Dunoon into one new campus ahead of a new Campbeltown Grammar School have been slammed as 'outrageous' by a Kintyre councillor.

The Scottish Government said last week that Dunoon, Kirm and St Mun's Primary Schools will go into one new campus as part of its spending on primary schools nationally.

Campbeltown Grammar had not been

included in the Scottish Government's plans for 14 new secondary schools - even though most of the schools to be replaced are in better condition.

Only weeks before the Argyll and Bute Council's executive members met in Campbeltown and toured the grammar school building to see state of disrepair for themselves and said that a new school grammar school was the council's top education priority.

'We were told there was no money set aside and here we have something that has not even been discussed by the council being approved,' said Councillor Colville.

'This is pure politics; schools are being used as political footballs,' he said and he urged the people of Dunoon to see this and support education in Argyll as a whole and back a move for a new building for Campbeltown.

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A fast first for Argyll

WHEN Skipness Primary School was connected to the Pathfinder North scheme last week it meant that Argyll and Bute became the first council to be fully connected to this innovative high speed broadband.

The £70 million Pathfinder North scheme began in May 2007 and is partly funded by the Scottish Government. It aims to create 'a future-proof broadband network' across five Highlands and Islands local authorities.

Now that Skipness is connected there are 146 locations across the authority, including all schools, libraries and office sites, benefiting from high speed broadband.

Argyll and Bute is the first of the partnership of five local authorities, the others being Highland, Moray, Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands, to be fully connected to the new Cable&Wireless Pathfinder North network.

Give Gigha kids a choice

At present the island's kids go to Campbeltown but they also have a choice of boarding at Oban High

FAMILIES on Gigha want the choice of either Campbeltown Grammar or Tarbert Academy for their children.

At present the island's kids go to Campbeltown but traditionally they also have a choice of boarding at Oban High.

As one mum said: 'I have no problems with mine going to the grammar, we have family in the town. So if the ferry goes off or they're ill they can just go round to their aunty's. But I know other people who have family in Tarbert and they'd like to have the same kind of back up for their kids.'

'One time my daughter's tooth filling came out and she was in a wild state and I knew I could just phone and her aunty would go collect her from school.'

In the past when the Gigha ferry has been stormbound children have had to stay at home and miss school or take course work home with them. Being able to stay with family also gives island children more chances to join in out-of-school activities.

The island ferry docks at Tayinloan on the mainland, roughly half-way between both schools and the children from the village have the choice to go to either, a point that has not been lost on Councillor Robin Currie who has been part of the island's campaign for choice since the beginning.

'The Gigha children have to physically go through Tayinloan to get to school so you would think that they would have the same choice - or maybe this is too sensible!' he said.

Frustrated

Councillor Currie said he is so frustrated at the attitude of Argyll and Bute Council that he will put forward a motion at next week's meeting of the council's executive, requesting that Gigha children have a choice.

'If Gigha children chose Oban it would be very expensive for the council as it would include hostel accommodation. What the parents and I are asking for will not cost the council one penny more as the transport is laid on already for both schools.'



John McLeod, current Master of Lodge Tarbert, along with immediate Past Master, Charlie Nicolson, hand over a cheque for £500 to Tarbert Parish Church's fundraising committee. 06_a50ldg01

Chairs are the 'icing on the cake' for church hall

A FUNDRAISING quiz has raised £500 for Tarbert Parish Church.

Organised by Lodge Tarbert: Tarbert Loch Fyne no 1306, the quiz raised £235 for the Parish Church Hall, with the masons adding to make the total 'a nice round figure'.

Immediate Past Master, Charlie Nicolson, explained the lodge had been approached by the church hall fundraising

committee to help raise money for the purchase of new chairs.

The lodge, which meets in the hall every month, was only too happy to help.

Supported

Charlie said: 'The quiz was very well supported by church and lodge members as well as people from Tarbert and surrounding areas.'

'The new chairs will now not only benefit

us, but all users of the church hall.'

Lisa MacFarlane of the church hall fundraising committee said: 'Since the hall was decorated it was felt that chairs would finish it off; they're the icing on the cake.'

'On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the masons for doing the quiz and raising the money for the chairs.'

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Settling in just fine at new nursery

COUNCILLOR Donald Kelly visited Campbeltown Nursery's new modular building this week to see how the children and staff were settling in.

Finished in October the building now houses the Toy Library, Meadows Under Fives and Campbeltown Nursery.

The new fit for purpose building has been developed with the children in mind, with children's toilets and hand basins at their height as well as the kitchens to allow the children to get hands on experience starting from a young age.

Viv Dudley of Campbeltown Nursery told *The Courier*: 'We are really pleased and it is nice to have all the groups back together again in the same building. We now have all the facilities we need.'

Councillor Kelly campaigned to get the old building replaced and said: 'This is the satisfying part of a councillor's job when you see a project like this being delivered.'

The staff and children now have a nursery which is fit for purpose and will meet the needs of 21st century education.'



Nursery benefits from local organisations

CHILDREN from Campbeltown Nursery were delighted with money donated to them from local organisations. Howdens donated £150, the Rotary Club gave £250 and £823 was received from Campbeltown Common Good Fund. Some of the money will be put towards new equipment for the playground. 04_c49nur01



Councillor Kelly with the children in the new modular building. 04_c50nur01

Rosina has a pandora's box

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SINCE she started up her shop in the Campbeltown, Rosina Coffield has changed the route she first set out to follow.

She originally moved into the shop on Kirk Street to set up an internet-based company for her miniature dolls' houses.

But a few months on Zena's has turned into a pandora's box and offers everything from hand-made jewellery to handbags and make-up.

Her website, which sells her miniature dolls' house accessories all over the

world received 'website of the month' in Dolls House World Magazine in July and although Zena only got her first dolls' house a few years ago she decided that when she couldn't find any high-quality accessories, it was her niche to pursue.

No Funding

She received no funding to help her set-up the business and the main reason for her changing to a shop and not an internet-based company is because changing the use of a business could take several months.

Space for the base?

VIRGIN Galactic unveiled its space ship in the Mojave Desert on Monday and on Tuesday councillor Rory Colville was drumming up business for Sir Richard Branson's venture to be based at the base at Machrihanish.

'We have got first-class infrastructure just sitting there waiting for someone to use it.'

The Ministry of Defence has put the base up for sale after a decade 'in mothballs'.

'There have been between four or five parties who have declared an interest in the base,' said Councillor Colville but he added that with the Scottish government and Highlands and Islands Enterprise funding the wind turbine tower and golf course and hotel developments, there would probably be little cash coming for the development of the base and someone with plenty of private funds would be needed.



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OVER the last six months South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT) has managed to reduce the carbon emissions from South Kintyre by more than six tonnes.

Earlier this year the organisation employed a project officer to help progress its carbon reduction projects and although this is a good

start there is much more to be done to make a real difference to the carbon dioxide emissions. Each year South Kintyre is estimated to emit 104,817 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

SKDT is a member of the Community Powerdown consortium which comprises 27 community groups from rural areas throughout Scotland.

In February the Powerdown Consortium received £1.4million funding from the Climate Challenge Fund and was dis-

tributed among 27 groups to help them reduce their respective communities' carbon footprint.

There has never been a better time to find out more about reducing your carbon footprint. If you are a homeowner or the tenant of a private sector landlord, SKDT can help reduce your energy bills, insulate your home, grow your own food and assist with any renewable energy questions.

Many people feel that they do not have a responsibility to reduce their own footprint, however the truth is that it pays to be green.

The UK government has pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent by 2050 while Scotland has a target of 80 per cent.

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If that isn't enough, in April next year the UK government is introducing feed in tariffs which are designed to make renewable technology economically attractive and pay back periods shorter.



- The UK government has set targets of reducing Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050.
- Everyone is entitled to subsidised insulation to help them save money and energy.
- South Kintyre Development Trust covers as far up as Clachan and down to Southend.
- Community Powerdown Officers have been working on Mull, Tieve, Gigha, Cairndow and Jura to help reduce the communities' carbon footprints with community groups in Tarbert, Islay and Bute working towards the same goals.
- Kintyre produces an estimated 104,817 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year.

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Council honours Special Olympian

A YOUNG Tarbert man who won three medals at the Special Olympics was presented with a quaiach at the Council Chamber, Kilmory last week, in recognition of his success.

Daniel Byron, aged 19, told councillors on the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee about his training for the competition and his studies at Elmwood College, Fife. Daniel came home from the international competition, held in Leicester in July, with a gold, a silver and a bronze medal for running events.

Councillor Donnie MacMillan told him: 'You should be very proud of your achievements; not only have you brought yourself honour and your family, but your college and all of Argyll.'



Councillor Donnie MacMillan presented Daniel with an engraved quaiach in the presence of his parents and college staff look on.

Council pick up national award

ARGYLL and Bute Council has won a national award at the Association for Public Service Excellence awards in Blackpool.

The council was named 'Most Improved Performer' and this has been welcomed by Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, the authority's spokesman for Transportation and Infrastructure.

'Our success is a real credit to the council staff who work so hard to maintain and improve our roads network, who are so often the unsung heroes,' said Councillor MacIntyre. 'These awards measured improvement in areas such as cost, quality and customer satisfaction.'

The authority won the title in the Highways and Winter Maintenance category and was also nominated for the Best Performer in the same category.

Police warning sounds alarm

POLICE are warning people across Argyll and Bute to be on their guard following a scam involving household alarms.

Mid Argyll community inspector Neil Wallace explained that a company calling themselves SAS or SAS Alarms, conduct cold calls on houses offering free alarm systems.

Vulnerable members of the community are key targets.

Inspector Wallace said: 'The representatives use hard sell techniques, usually involving wearing the person down over a period of time, and getting

them to sign a contract which the person believes gives them a free alarm, fully installed.

Installation

'This alarm system is then installed, but after installation, the resident is then 'surprised' to discover that what they have signed is actually a contract covering maintenance and monitoring of the system, which can run into thousands of pounds.'

But he added: 'There is a legitimate company that install alarms called SAS, who are based in England. This company have been made aware and have distanced themselves from this other group.'



Willie celebrates 60 years

WILLIE MacLaren from Tarbert recently celebrated 60 years as a freemason. Willie, who is one of the original Bevan Boys, was presented with his 60 year certificate by the provincial grand master of Argyll and the Isles, Douglas Craig, pictured left, and Duncan Shaw, from Lodge Tarbert, pictured right.

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Campbeltown shoppers are in for a treat, thanks to low price department store, The Original Factory Shop, which opened a new department store in the town this week.
To celebrate the store opening and as an extra special treat for shoppers, we've teamed up with the Campbeltown Courier to offer 5 lucky readers the chance to win a share of £150 to spend in the new store, located at 1-3 Main Street.
We've got a 'shoptastic' £50 worth of The Original Factory Shop vouchers to give away as a first prize and five runners up will each receive a £20 gift voucher to spend. With the fantastic prices in store you can be sure of your prize money going a long way.
The Original Factory Shop Campbeltown will bring an extensive range of men's, ladies' and children's fashions, as well as homewares, electricals and toiletries, including a large selection of branded goods, to the town.
There will be a lorry load of bargains to grab so don't miss out; you'll find great deals on a range of products from health and beauty, clothing and accessories to household gifts, something to please everyone this Christmas!
The Campbeltown store staff were ready to open the doors to the many customers queuing on Saturday morning. 04_c50fac01
To be in with a chance of winning one of these prizes please answer the following question:
Q. Where is the new store located in the town?
Send your answers along with your name, address and telephone number to The Campbeltown Courier, The Courier Centre, Main Street, Campbeltown by Wednesday 16th December at 12noon.
Terms and Conditions apply. Prize will be in the form of gift vouchers. No cash alternative. The Editors decision is final. Usual Oban Times Group competition rules apply.

Those Were The Days

Campbeltown Courier
Friday 8 December, 1989

Fire down below

FIVE Campbeltown fishermen were saved when their 65-foot boat, *Strathisla* (CN 240), burst into flames and sank near Skerryvore.

The fire was contained in the engine room long enough for the nearest ship, a German coaster, to steam to the rescue and lift off the crew, who were transferred to the Barra lifeboat.

Skipper Andy Harrison, of High Askomil, told *The Courier* this week about the frightening experience, which happened at night, 20 miles south-west of Tiree.

Others on board were his son, Andy, of High Street, Freddie Gillies, of Longrow South, George Collett, of Saddell Street and Roger Sargeant, of Lady Mary Row.

Poll tax increase shock for district

UNIVERSAL condemnation greeted the news this week that, because of a reduction in Revenue Support Grant from the Secretary of State, of £736,000, the District Community Charge could rise next year from £62 to £93.

Chairman of the District Council's Finance Committee, Mr Robert Reid, said that he was horrified at the situation.

'We do not run an extravagant authority,' He said, 'and the members feel that the present method of calculating grants places a disproportionately high burden on the people of Argyll and Bute'.

The sum of £21 per head, which reflects the reduction in the grant and the effect of inflation, could be added to everyone's poll tax bill unless steps are taken to alleviate the situation.

MP Ray Michie has written to the Scottish Office Minister, Lord James Douglas Hamilton, as a matter of urgency, asking for a full explanation.

New Zealand looms nearer

WHETHER Fiona Robertson joins her twin sister Donna at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland still depends on the success of the Courier Appeal. However, New Zealand does seem a bit nearer as local banks this week report £150 already received in donations.

The New Year concert being organised by Campbeltown Community Council will be held in The Picture House on Wednesday January 3, and it is hoped the judo twins will attend. Interest in the local girls achievements and Donna's hopes for the Commonwealth Games as part of the Scottish team are no longer confined to Campbeltown.

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Well done Freddie

Sir,
As a Campbeltonian forced into 'exile' many years ago, may I through your columns congratulate Freddie Gillies on his superb DVD film *In Campbeltown Once More?*

Like most other 'wee toon' expatriates, I shall always regard Campbeltown as my home.

Consequently, I am not ashamed to admit that a few teardrops were spilled whilst viewing this highly recommended DVD, which, as well as offering 'something for everyone' is supplemented by evocatively haunting background music.

This time, Campbeltown has been portrayed in a positive manner, unlike the dreadful BBC documentary shown on national television a few years ago - the infamous and completely one-sided negative programme that caused so much uproar. Through his excellent widely read books and DVDs, Freddie has single-handedly promoted Campbeltown, Kintyre and Gigha to a truly commendable degree.

The man deserves a medal.

Mrs Elizabeth Hotchkiss (née McMillan) Hyndland, Glasgow

Action, not excuses!

Sir,
The former Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition Government at Holyrood provided the money for many new schools in Argyll and Bute during our term of office.

When we left office in 2007, Campbeltown Grammar and Tiree High were next on the list for re-building secondary schools.

The new SNP Government, however, is only providing money for one new school building

Letters to the Editor

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in Argyll and Bute - in Dunoon.

The Campbeltown Grammar building is in a disgraceful state.

The SNP is in power in both the Scottish Government and Argyll and Bute Council. They must tell us now what they are going to do about the terrible state of the Campbeltown Grammar building. I hope that next week we will be able to read a letter from the SNP promising action, instead of excuses.

**Alan Reid MP
95 Alexandra Parade,
Dunoon.**

Recession about to start!

Sir,
In last week's *Campbeltown Courier* a fairly insignificant article appeared headed *Recession - end in sight?* I would respectfully like to point out that for public services, the recession is only just about to start.

Measures which were put in place by the UK Government to bail out the banking system, a system put in place by Gordon Brown whilst Chancellor of the Exchequer, will mean that billions will be slashed on funds available to Local Government and health to provide services across the county over the next three to five years.

In Scotland these cuts will bite even deeper as the UK parties vie to be the most frugal on public spending.

Make no mistake, this recession was born in Westminster but it will be public services across the country which will bear the brunt of the cost.

Scottish Liberal, Tory

and Labour MPs will be powerless to change the position within their parties on this - they will be whipped into line to vote for measures which will cripple our services.

There is not a fag-pa-per between the leaders of these parties on this, and they are looking at the Barnett Formula which funds Scotland as a means of making 'fairer' public spending - for fairer read that remote rural communities will feel the pain because public services cost more to deliver to rural Scotland.

In Spring of 2010 there is a General Election where you will have to opportunity to make them think again.

**Councillor John Semple
Kintyre SNP**

Action to rebuild school

Sir,
I shared the disappointment of many people in Campbeltown and Kintyre over the Scottish Government's decision not to include Campbeltown Grammar School in its recent list of 14 secondary schools to be rebuilt in Scotland.

I continue to discuss this issue with my colleague Councillor Donald Kelly and have tabled a written Parliamentary question challenging the Governments' stance.

I will also be using the opportunity of the First Minister's demotion of Fiona Hyslop to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Mike Russell, pressing CGS' case.

It is very clear to me that action to rebuild the school needs to be taken urgently and no further delays should be tolerated. Government and agencies at all levels are working hard to bring investment into Kintyre and therefore it is vital that we have the appropriate education infrastructure in terms of first class school facilities to serve the needs of current and future pupils and their families.

**Jamie McGrigor MSP
Highlands and Islands**

All weather pitch

Sir,
It is good to see *The Campbeltown Courier* highlighting the issue with regards to all weather pitch facilities in Campbeltown. The situation with regards the lack of these key facilities is depressing to say the least.

With the recent news that Campbeltown will not be getting a new secondary school in the near future this pushes the delivery of an All Weather Pitch (AWP) further back. Our local sports clubs continue to suffer while our neighbours (quite rightly so) throughout Argyll enjoy the kind of facilities we should expect in the 21st century.

The campaign for an AWP must encompass the views of all sports but without a doubt raising these points from a football perspective to maximise our case.

Campbeltown is the furthest town from a third generation All Weather Pitch in mainland Scotland and is the only town in Argyll with two amateur teams playing in the Scottish Amateur Football League (SAFL).

There have only been four games hosted by the two Campbeltown teams, in the 17 weeks of this season.

Campbeltown Boys were previously threatened with expulsion from the league if they did not improve on the number of games being cancelled at home. This was two years ago and this was to be reviewed in 2010. In that time CBAFC was to work with the Council to improve this situation.

Concern was raised again about the number of cancellations at a SAFL meeting on Thursday night.

All youth football has no access to any outdoor facilities during the winter and covers the age groups of four - 18 years old.

Campbeltown and District Amateur Football League runs a league

from April to September and were blighted by the number of cancellations this year that could have been played on an AWP.

They also saw their Provan Shield Cup final played in Oban last Sunday, a 172-round trip, after cancellation forced Carradale and Lochgilphead to travel to play on a 3G park.

Campbeltown was a priority one on the Council Playing Field Strategy for an AWP but is now last and with no answer in sight - why? This is a facility Kintyre needs now. Not in four or five or 10 years, but now.

It would be good if our local newspaper could continue to highlight our plight for an All Weather Pitch.

South Kintyre Sports Council will continue to raise awareness and I look forward to the proposed meeting in January to discuss the matter further.

**David Paterson
Campbeltown**

Assistance required



Sir,
I am interested in finding the history or when this plate with 'Campbeltown' inscribed on it was for sale.

I would welcome the assistance of your readers to answer this question.

**Alan Jones,
17 Hampden Road,
Tranmere, Wirral.**



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memories of shepherd Sandy selling well

A 92-YEAR-old former hill shepherd, who tended to sheep on the Mull of Kintyre has written a small but highly entertaining book of his encounters.

Sandy Paterson originally wrote the book for his family and close friends but it has proved so popular that he has already sold several dozen copies with more ordered.

Memories of a Hill Shepherd gives an amusing and interesting insight into the life of the hill shepherd from his boyhood near Aidrie, through shepherding all over Scotland to his eventual retirement from the Great Glen Ranch in Lochaber.

There were no quad bikes to whisk you about, much of the shearing was done by hand clip-pers and lambing was generally outdoors in the

fanks, all a very different world from today. The many parts of Scotland where Sandy worked included the Mull of Kintyre, and the Island of Luing, where the cattle were often herded by horseback.

High Jinks

Tales of the various high jinks that Sandy and his pals were prone to, and his shrewd observations on the people that he met, his views on training dogs and advice on making shepherds crooks make this brief account of one man's life on Scottish hills a genuinely worthwhile read. *Memories of a Hill Shepherd* is now available at Muneroy Stores, Southend or from co-author Michael Taylor on 01586 830111.



Sandy at work carving a crook.



Rams at Southend, Mull of Kintyre where Sandy worked.



Herding the cattle on horseback on the Island of Luing.

Uiskentuie bullocks sell to £938 at Islay Mart

UNITED Auctions held their Annual Christmas Sale of all classes cattle at Islay Auction Mart when 593 head were sold.

A good entry of mainly suckled calves sold well and to a record ringside of buyers for this time of year.

From the consignment of 45 head from M/s MacTaggart, Uiskentuie, came the top price per head, when a pen of four Limousin crosses sold at £938.

This consignment also had the top priced heifers, also Limousin crosses selling at £885.

The top priced bullocks per kilo came from M/s McMillan, Ardbeg when their British Belgian Blue cross calf sold at 251pence per kilo and Limousin heifer calves from the same home sold at 280 pence per kilo.

Both of these calves were purchased by Donald Patullo, Perth for further showing.

Overall, the 326 bullocks averaged 187pence per kilo or £563 per head whilst the 267 heifers

levelled at 181pence per kilo or £511 per head.

Bullocks

Aberdeen Angus X: £772, £758(8) Rockside £688 Ballinaby £628 and £528(5) Scarabus £508 Rockside.

British BlueX: £870 Ardbeg £598 Neriby.

Blonde D'AquitaineX: £722 Mansefield (J Porter).

CharolaisX: £742, £728(2), £628(2), £598(4), £558 and £538(9) Dunlossit Estate £532(3) 9 Mansefield £528(3) Dunlossit Estate.

LimousinX: £938(4) and £892(10) Uiskentuie £870 Balaclava £862(2) Uiskentuie £858, £845, £798 and £785 Dunlossit Estate £768 6 Bayview £765(3) Balaclava £758 Ballychatrigan £755 Kintra £748(6) Uiskentuie £728(2) Ballychatrigan £698 Kintra £688 Duich £658 Dunlossit Estate and Smaladh(2) £652(4), £638 and £628(4) Dunlossit Estate £628(5) and £618(2) Neriby £602 Kinnabus £598 Kintra(6) and Dunlossit Estate £588(2) Eskinish £580 Ronnachmore £578(5) and £562(5) Neriby £558(2) Pair A Chlassan.

ShorthornX: £542 Knockrome (M Boyle)

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Heifers
Aberdeen Angus X: £648, £542(3) and 538(2) Rockside.

Blonde D'AquitaineX: £655(2) Mansefield (J Porter) £550 Kilbride.

CharolaisX: £808(3) Gartacharra £798 Uiskentuie £598 Dunlossit Estate.

LimousinX: £885 Uiskentuie £880 Ardbeg £798(3) Uiskentuie £788(3) Balaclava £742(9) Uiskentuie £718(2) Ballychatrigan £708(2) Uiskentuie £685 Kilbride £668(2) Ballychatrigan £610 Kilbride £592(4) and £588(2) Neriby £568 Kilbride £562 Kintra(2) and Smaladh(3) £558(2) Pair A Chlassan £552(6) Neriby £540(12) Kilbride £538(2) and £532(2) Kintra.

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Prices per kilo
Aberdeen Angus X: 180p(3) Kelsay 177p(8) Rockside Farms.

British BlueX: 251p Ardbeg CharolaisX: 236p(6), 223p(3) and 214p(2) Dunlossit Estate 212p(3) 9 Mansefield 210p Dunlossit Estate 208p Carra-bus 205p Dunlossit Estate(3) and Ardtalla Estate 201p (2) and 196p(3) Dunlossit Estate.

LimousinX: 223p Dunlossit Estate 220p Kintra(5), Ronnachmore and Dunlossit Estate 219p(2) Gartbreck 218p Kintra and 6 Bayview 217p(5) Neriby 216p Woodend(3) and Dunlossit Estate(5) 215p(2) Ardtalla Estate 213p(2) Kinnabus 212p(5) Neriby 210p Ronnachmore 208p Mansefield (J Porter), Dunlossit Es-

tate(4) and Neriby(5) 207p Kinnabus(2), 9 Mansefield (2), Kintra(3) and Ronnachmore(7) 205p Neriby(2) and Ardtalla Estate 204p(4) Smaladh 202p Kinnabus, Woodend(8) and Dunlossit Estate.

Simmental X: 198p(9) Ardfin Estate.

Heifers
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This Texel gimmer was sold for 13,000gns at Carlisle.

Christmas success for Cowal Texel

CHRISTMAS came early for K A & R Campbell of Lochgoilhead this year when one of their pedigree Texel gimmers was sold for 13,000gns at Carlisle last Saturday.

The gimmer, from the Cowal Texel flock, is in-lamb to Kelso Pavarotti, who was purchased jointly for 40,000gns at Lanark earlier this year.

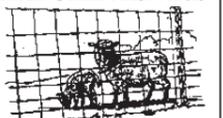
The Cowal gimmer, sired by Muireisk Northern Dancer, was the only sheep in-lamb to Kelso Pavarotti being sold on the day. She was in the Cowal show team of 2009 and her ET sisters are being retained.

The annual Christmas Stars Sale is now in its sixth year and featured 127 in-lamb females from a total of eight consignors. The previous highest price at this in-lamb sale was 8,500gns for a Milnbank gimmer in 2004. The Cowal flock have attained the highest price twice before – 8,000gns in 2006 and jointly at 7,000gns in 2007.

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To notify your interest in either of the above, please telephone 01546 602518 and ask for Kate Robertson or e-mail kate.robertson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk by 18th December 2009.

Phrase Book re-launched

THE Campbeltown Phrase Book has been re-launched exclusively at the Old Bookshelf, Cross Street.

First published in 1982, and written by D McTaggart Jnr, the book has been re-issued after Bookshelf Publishing tracked him down.

With an updated cover, courtesy of a postcard supplied by Cnoc Araich Publishing, Southend, 200 copies were put on sale at the shop.

Owner of the Bookshelf, Cindy Byrnes said: 'It is not every town in the world that has its own language. I love Campbeltown because it's special. If we don't preserve and cherish its history then it will be lost.'

The book is now available for £2.95. Anyone wishing to add words or phrases for future publications can contact the shop or even any history about the town that you think may be of interest.

Alastair returns to Inveraray

IT was the first time in 25 years that Alastair McDonald played in Inveraray, when he performed in the Burgh's parish church last week.

Around 70 people attended to hear his folk music and storytelling, which he followed up with a gig in Campbeltown's Highland Parish Church the following night.

Alastair explained that he first started performing in churches when he was asked to talk about his faith with small groups.

Community

'At the same time, they would want me to bring my guitar,' he said. 'I like it when the churches are prepared to be hosts for the community.'



Alastair McDonald performed in Inveraray last week, the for the first time in 25 years. 08_a50ai01



Councillor Dougie Philand with local Marie Curie nurses. 08_a50ts02

Lochgilphead lights to remember

A SPECIAL service to remember loved ones was held last week in the foyer of the Mid Argyll Community Hospital.

Participants were able to dedicate a decoration on the 'Lights to Remember' Christmas Tree to a loved one, and the tree was then illumi-

nated as the choir sang the carol *Silent Night*.

Reflect

It was an opportunity remember and reflect at this poignant time of the year, as well as support local Marie Curie nurses and volunteers who offer practical and emotional help all year

round to those who are terminally ill and their families.

Councillor Dougie Philand introduced proceedings and hospital chaplain Margaret Sinclair conducted the ceremony. After the moving service refreshments were served.

Dalriada club back in Argyll

FOR their December club night next Tuesday, the Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club return to their usual venue, now named the Argyll Inn.

The club is most grateful to the Red Cross Hall for having hosted their club night for the last three months.

The Archie McVicar Trio will be guest artists for this Christmas edi-

tion. Archie will be joined as ever by Donald Chisholm (fiddle) and Ryan McGlynn (drums) and this makes for a great evening in prospect.

Chairman John Hunt sets the ball rolling at 7.30pm with local players, before the Archie McVicar Trio take to the floor. Spectators and supporting players are all most welcome.

Community Noticeboard

Natural History of Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll
11th December 2009
Saints and Relics
in the Medieval Gaelic World
Gilbert Markus
 Department of Celtic, University of Glasgow
 All meetings are at the Community Centre,
 Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
 Commerce at 7.30pm

Rotary Club
 of Mid Argyll
Annual Carol Concert
 in
 Lochgilphead
 Parish Church
 Saturday 12th
 December 2009
 7pm

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Tuesday
15 December
7-30pm
ARCHIE
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Tarbert Gun Club
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 Ground
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 Sunday 13th
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 11am
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Tarbert Music Centre
Christmas Concert
 In Tarbert Village Hall
 On Thursday 17 December at 7.30pm
 Adults - £4.00
 Primary age children - £2.00
 Concessions - £3.00
 Charity No. SCO39969

Your Swimming Pool Needs You!
SOS!
Sink or Swim!
Saturday 19th December 2009
 Come and march to show your support for the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool
 Which is under threat of closure
 10.30am - Meet Mid Argyll Pool
 11.00am - March to Front Green
 Wear goggles, swimming hats, armbands!

Corran Singers
 invite you to
Carols for Everyone
Sunday 13th
December 2009
 St Margaret's Church,
 Lochgilphead
Retiring collection for
Breakthrough (Cancer)

Christmas Tree
Festival
 Lochgilphead
 Parish Church
16-19 December
2009
 Music Programme
 Refreshments

Kintyre Juvenile Pipe
 Band Association
Coffee Morning
 Victoria Hall,
 Campbeltown
 Saturday 12th December
 10am - 12 noon
 Mini-Band Usual Stalls

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE & QUIZ
 In aid of funds for the Campbeltown &
 Kintyre Support Group of the Parkinson's Disease Society
 Quiz starts at 9.30pm
at the Old Clubhouse, Machrihanish
on Thursday 17th December
 Prizes for raffle:
 One nights accommodation in the Ugadale Golf Cottages (Retail value £250)
 £25 gift certificate to the Old Clubhouse Pub
 One case of Stella Artois Lager (Courtesy of Old Clubhouse Machrihanish)
 Christmas Hamper of groceries
 and other prizes.
Parkinsons Support Worker - 0844 2259820

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Buffet supper

CELEBRATING more than 100 years since its foundation, the Southend Parish Church Guild gathered for a buffet supper in the church recently.

The guild was founded in the session in the early 1900s and its first president was Mrs B Barbour.

Before the supper when current and past members and guests got together, a short service of worship took place.

Picture raffle

A RAFFLE organised by The Picture House raised more than £2,000 for its Centenary Project which involves the conservation of the historic building.

The winners are as follows: Mrs AGO Walker of Newark Castle, Ayr, won £300, Madge Baker of Melton Mowbray won £100, and Peter Sinclair of Glenbarr won £50. The Picture House is grateful to Yorkshire Building Society and Numero Dix Hair Salon for helping to sell the tickets.



New playground equipment

NEW playground equipment is helping to keep the children of Rhunahaorine Primary School healthy and active. Thanks to grant money from the Awards for All programme, the equipment was installed two weeks ago and includes a climbing frame and slide. Rev Grashoff officially cut ribbon last week. 04_c49rhu01



Spooky paintings win prizes

THE winners of this year's Tesco art competition for Halloween went along to the Campbeltown branch of the store on Monday morning to collect their prizes. The winners are, P1-3: Aimee McSporran, Ellie Lawrie, Lara Sinclair. P4-7: Bethany Mclean, Grant Souden, Susan Shaw. Our picture shows duty manager Edwin Fletcher with the prizewinners. 04_c47tes01

Round the Rurals

LARGIESIDE and Whitehouse SWRI members joined with Clachan to enjoy a cookery and bread making demonstration by Janet and Malcolm Staines from Skipness.

Janet showed a tray bake recipe and how to make melba toast. She then made a Stilton and pear pate which she garnished and served very beautifully with the toast. Malcolm, a retired baker, gave a very enter-

taining demonstration of bread making. He gave a lot of very useful tips on producing good bread as well as talking about his life as a baker. Members all enjoyed sampling their products followed by tea and a

chat. Chairperson, Barbara Bell, drew the raffle and gave the vote of thanks.

MEMBERS of Bellochinty SWRI were welcomed to Glenbarr hall by president Elaine Hemmings on November 17.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved and business matters discussed, including arrangement for the Christmas party.

Guests for the evening were Barbara Bell and her helper Jane McCallum from Clachan.

Barbara demonstrated many different items, all including cheese. She had prepared a wonderful selection of dishes

which all present were invited to sample and greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

Barbara Young proposed a vote of thanks. Tea was served and the raffle drawn.

Competition results: baking, three cheese scones: gold Ann Boulton, Susan Turner, Barbara Young and Elizabeth Young, silver Margaret McKinnon and Nettie Semple, red Sheena Caskie, Alice McLean and Jean Teesdale; Community item for baker's shop window: gold Margaret Campbell, Margaret McKinnon, Alice McLean and Nettie Semple; Fun competition, pen: gold Mary Barbour, Elaine Hemmings, Margaret Park and Barbara Young, silver Margaret McKinnon, Jean Miller and Elizabeth Young, red Jean Teesdale, blue Margaret Campbell and Angie Smith.

IT has been a busy time for Largieside SWRI, which meets in Taynloan Village Hall.

At the September meeting president, Helen Steel, welcomed members (including two new members) back after the summer break. The speaker for the evening was Mairi Martin who demonstrated the art of cake decorating.

The finished result was a beautiful iced and decorated cake which Mairi kindly donated to the raffle. The vote of thanks was given by Mary McDonald, institute secretary.

Competitions: Autumn arrangement: Mary McDonald, 5; Helen Steel, 4; Zandra McDougall, 3; Ann Clark and Denise McKeown 2. Unusual Button: Trish Johnstone, 5; Denise McKeown, 4; Mary McDonald, 3; with Zandra McDougall, Helen Steel and Ann Clark each receiving 2.

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Public vote names Islay's new ferry

A PUBLIC vote has overwhelmingly declared Finlaggan as the favourite name for Islay's new ferry.

The ferry, which will join the CalMac fleet in Spring 2011, will be the first new ship to serve the route for 37 years.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), the company that owns the CalMac fleet, invited the public to vote for one of four shortlisted names: Finalggan, Lochiel, Pioneer and Glendale.

However, many Heachs were disappointed that Isle of Islay was not considered as a name and Islay-based Councillor Robin Currie launched a petition, championing the name Isle of Islay. It was supported by around 400 signatures.

The name Finlaggan recorded nearly 600 votes, more than 70 per cent of all votes cast in the four-week poll.

Two of the people who voted for Finlaggan will be chosen at random by CMAL to be special guests at the launch of the vessel in Poland next summer.

CMAL Chairman Grenville Johnston said: 'This is a first class name for a first class ferry, as chosen by the people of Scotland. We look forward to the launch of the new ship in Poland next year, then welcoming Finlaggan to Islay in 2011, a worthy addition to the fleet.'

Dictated

Councillor Currie said: 'I am happy with the name Finlaggan, as the name has Islay connections. What I wasn't happy with was the way CMAL dictated the four names, instead of allowing people to choose their own.'

'However, we now look forward to spring 2011 when it becomes part of the island's ferry service.'



Children from Castlehill and Dalintober outside the assembly hall. 04_c49grm03

Kintyre schools' concert raises more than £1,000

A CONCERT at Campbeltown Grammar School helped boost the funds for the P7 transition trip to Castle Toward and the school's Children in Need total.

Compere for the night was Gordon Cosgrove with a ceilidh following the concert.

All of Kintyre's schools took part helping the event to raise £1,153.



Fifth year pupil Lauren Farren played a violin set during the concert. 04_c49grm01

Rhunahaorine turns back the clock

CHILDREN from Rhunahaorine Primary School turned back time and experienced what life was like for village children in Victorian times when they visited Auchindrain Museum.

As well as seeing around the restored houses, the children dressed for the occasion.

Victorian children had to work hard and help around the house and farm with the boys clearing ditches and dykes whilst the girls washed, cleaned and baked.

Headteacher Mrs Johnson told *The Courier*: 'This was an excellent way for the children to experience life in the past. I am sure the

children will remember what they learned for a long time to come. Life was much harder in Victorian times and now the children appreciate that.'

A PIECE of waste ground on Bengullion Road, Campbeltown has received permission for a BMX track.

The track, designed by a specialist contractor, is proposed for the site next door to the current

skateboard park.

The application, by The Founders, came before the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee of Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillors agreed a

condition that lights will be turned off at 10pm in winter months in order to reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour at night time, after concerns from a resident and Mid Argyll and the Isles Area Committee.

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Argyll charity changes lives in India

It is a long way from Eton to the humble mud huts and handmade classrooms of a schoolhouse in rural India. That is the remarkable journey made by one Argyll man, who has now set up a charity to help support education and more in impoverished villages.

AFTER being born and brought up on an Argyll Estate, and educated at Eton's famous public school, Edan Kenneil spends half his time in Bihar. It is India's poorest province, where most people live in small villages, lacking almost every basic necessity and eek out a

meagre living on wheat and rice.

Edan, aged 59, always had a passion for travelling. Over the years, he took time out from managing the Ardpatrik Estate near Tarbert and running a Hebridean boat charter company, the Deli, to travel, drawn time and again to the

poorer regions of India.

In 1993, when Edan was helping out at a Tibetan monastery school, teaching a little English and mathematics, he was asked to start a school by a Buddhist spiritual leader. He said the challenge was daunting. Illiteracy was high; corruption was rife, and Edan had seen much western aid end up in the pockets of local officials.

Poorest

'If Bihar was a country – and 90 million people live there – it would be among the six poorest in the world,' he said. 'The average income of these people is \$6 a month, I'm not exaggerating. They don't have any money.'

'Most of these villages

are inaccessible – for half the year you can get there by motorbike. The other half, you can't even do that.'

Despite the challenges, the school opened, with simple mud huts and classrooms, built and staffed by local teachers and volunteers. What started as a single, homemade schoolhouse has grown to a series of schools, centres teaching practical skills, agricultural training, orphanages, water and sanitation projects in the Bodh Gaya district.

Two years ago, Edan added free clinics, offering health education and treatments to more than 20 villages with no other health care. 'The difference we can make is just amazing,' he said. 'Most of these illnesses are easily solved.'

Equipment

The foundation trains young people with practical skills that will pave the way to an income and offers small loans to buy equipment and set them up in business.

Edan said: 'All our services are free. At the moment, we provide education from three or four years old up to 14. Then we have a gap, which is what we are trying to fill.'

For the past 15 years, Edan has funded the



Edan has been drawn time and again to the impoverished villages of Bihar

work out of his own pocket. Now he wants to reach more youngsters and offer higher education. He has just set up a new charity, the Schools and Skills Foundation, to take his work to a new level.

'Last year I bought some land and this is going to be the centre for the foundation – a main school for four to 18 year olds, and around this will be individual units giving specialist training in plumbing, wiring, sewing, anything which there could be an opportunity for some work.'

Edan brims with passion and vision – but why does he work so hard to improve the lives of people in this remote corner of India? 'Because it is fun mostly,' he said, almost apologetically. 'I'm not driven by any

kind of spiritual motivation. I suppose over the years I have noticed that with very little funds, I can make a lot of difference to a lot of people. It is extremely effective, what we do.'



The foundation began offering free clinics two years ago and hope to expand this side of their work.

His approach is one of straightforward, practical work alongside local

people and expanding will not change that. Although he has attracted the interest of travellers and volunteers from overseas, Edan keeps it simple and has resisted getting tied to governments or large charities.

'Once you have farmed in Argyll for a few years,' said Edan, 'you soon learn to make do with some basic materials and a bit of imagination and these are the same skills you need to make progress in the third world. You don't need flashy four-wheel drive vehicles or air conditioned offices. You just need a hammer and nails and some scrap wood and a bit of drive. The local people provide the rest.'

To find out more about the charity, visit their website at www.schoolsandskills.org.



Edan says a little money can make a huge difference to the lives of children in the region.



Training in basic skills is vital, says Edan, to giving people a route out of poverty.

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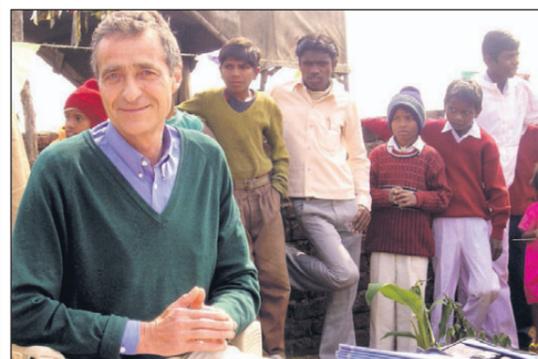
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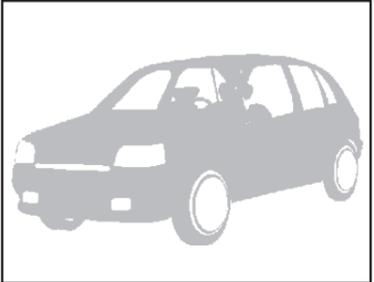
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CALUM McCrae of Grassfield Farm, Whitehouse and Susan Mackay of Stornoway were married on August 1, 2009 at Luss Parish Church, Loch Lomond.

Graduations



LIZA Hart Connelly has recently graduated as a Registered Veterinary Nurse with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. In addition to this Liza also graduated with an HND in Veterinary Nursing from Barony College, Dumfries. Liza is the daughter of John and Beth Connelly and granddaughter of Robert and Mary MacDonald, Cairnbaan and the late John and Annie Connelly, Oakfield Bridge, Lochgilphead. Liza attended Lochgilphead Primary and Secondary Schools and has started her first Veterinary Nursing Post with Taylor Veterinary Practice, Cathkin Hospital, Rutherglen.

PERSONALS

Irene thanks all her friends and relatives who phoned, sent letters and cards wishing her well on her stay in the hospital, and since coming home. Thanks again. **Irene Krause, (McIntyre, Stewart)** Pensacola Florida.

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Wishes all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. 14 Meadow Park.

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Would like to convey good wishes for Christmas and New Year to their relatives and friends in Campbeltown.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Anne, Sarena and Rhianna wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Donations sent to Arthritis Care's Joint Potential.



Merry Christmas

Malcolm and Vera send their happy festive wishes to all friends and neighbours.

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If you are a confident and personable individual then you may be who we are looking for! The successful applicant would be required to work in reception and our busy chandlery.

If you have a good telephone manner and a flexible attitude, apply in writing to:

Jim Berry, Marina Manager, Craobh Marina, Craobh Haven, By Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8UD

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If you'd like to know more please contact Emma Campbell on 01786 445521 or email emma.stirling@scottishseafarms.com to obtain an application pack.

Closing Date: **Friday 18 December 2009**

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Work to leave ratio of two for one, trip lengths not normally exceeding eight weeks.

Prospective candidates need either to complete our online candidate database via our website (www.vikingrecruitment.com) or email us at applicants@vikingrecruitment.com

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Vacancy: **Graduate Engineer: Renewable Energy: Biomass Heating**
Location: **Fort William**

Highland Wood Energy require a recent graduate with an engineering or similar relevant degree able to demonstrate the commitment and flexibility required to meet new challenges, as well as a keen eye for detail and a focus on delivering high quality projects

This is a varied role, encompassing design, project engineering and management, research and practical skills. The role will be based in Fort William, though at times may also demand extensive travel throughout Scotland (A driving licence is required). The successful candidate will be offered a fixed term 12 month graduate placement with a salary of £16,000.

Please send CV and covering letter to craig@highlandwoodenergy.co.uk, Closing date for applications: **Wednesday 23rd December 2009**

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LORN MEDICAL CENTRE

We are looking for someone with good communication skills to join our Administration Team for (up to) 37.5 hours per week

Please apply in writing to:

Mairi Dunnings, Practice Manager, Lorn Medical Centre, Soroba Road, Oban. PA34 4HE

For further information, please phone 01631 563175.

Closing date for applications 18 December 2009



Electrical, Control & Instrumentation Engineer

Cruachan Power Station
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Playing a pivotal role within a multi-disciplinary engineering team, you will provide technical support on all plant and apparatus within the Station, focussing on electrical plant and control and instrumentation systems, as well as first line technical fault finding and the associated implementation of solutions. Safety will be at the core of everything you do – you will be responsible for ensuring that staff and contractors are at all times working within the Company guidelines.

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To find out more about this role, or to apply, please visit www.scottishpower.jobs and search our vacancies page for IRC9491

Closing date: 21 December 2009.



D A MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd

Due to an increase in our workload for 2010 we have the following vacancies

- Driver for 7.5 tonne Lorry
- Shuttering Joiner
- Skilled Labour
(Experience in concrete work/pipeline installation)
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Please apply in writing stating previous experience
FAO Donald MacDonald
D A MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd
Site 13a, Kilmory Industrial Estate,
Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8RR

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PLANNING

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

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

Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning Services:

67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 01/01/2010

● **Ref No: 09/01548/PP**
Applicant: Mr Archie Martin
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house with associated access and installation of septic tank
Site Address: Land South East Of Kilmaho Cottage, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town

● **Ref No: 09/01572/PP**
Applicant: Mr David Ralston
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house with integral garage and stable
Site Address: Rhoin Farm, Raf Machrihanish Road, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6NT
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town

● **Ref No: 09/01625/PP**
Applicant: Mrs McNiven
Proposal: Erection of a conservatory.
Site Address: 4 Cairncubh Cottages, Cairnbaan, Lochgilhead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8SQ
Location of Plans: Council Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilhead

● **Ref No: 09/01658/PP**
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Paul Davies
Proposal: Erection of a rear extension
Site Address: Eastwood, Lochpark, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6SG
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Carradale East

● **Ref No: 09/01659/PP**
Applicant: Argyll Community Housing Association
Proposal: Internal and external refurbishment of flatted block including formation of 4 additional car parking spaces.
Site Address: 83 - 103 Millknowe, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6NJ
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town

● **Ref No: 09/01670/PP**
Applicant: Mr E Tyler and Dr C Spink
Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse with amended means of foul drainage to approved application reference 08/01000/PP
Site Address: Land West Of North Beachmore Farm, Muasdale, Argyll
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan

● **Ref No: 09/01803/PPP**
Applicant: Mr David Watson
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house (previous consent 06/01738/OUT)
Site address: Plot 2 Ardnacross Farm, Peninver, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Council Offices, Burnet Building, Campbeltown

● **Ref No: 09/01697/PP**
Applicant: Mr S MacAlister
Proposal: Erection of a general industrial building (Class 5).
Site Address: Unit 7, Bengullion Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6LS
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town

● **Ref No: 09/01791/PP**
Applicant: Mr and Mrs M Watts
Proposal: Proposed formation of dormer window, replacement windows, alterations to existing dwellinghouse, change of use from domestic garage to ancillary accommodation and retrospective planning for covered deck and carport
Site Address: Mossbank, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute, PA29 6TT
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8ST.

An extant list of planning applications which can be viewed on the Councils website www.argyll-bute.gov.uk
A weekly list of applications which can be viewed at Planning Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilhead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

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

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at Dalriada House, Lochgilhead and 67-69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, the location identified below and by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications.

Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the appearance of this notice. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

● **Ref No: 09/01790/ADV**
Applicant: The Original Factory Shop
Proposal: Erection of signage (Retrospective)
Site Address: 1 - 3 Main Street, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6AQ,
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld, John St Campbeltown

● **Ref No: 09/01272/PP**
Applicant: Ian Darby No.1 Trust
Proposal: Alterations and extensions to existing hotel.
Site Address: Ballinakill Country House Hotel, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute PA29 6XL
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Tarbert

● **Ref No: 09/01273/LIB**
Applicant: Ian Darby No.1 Trust
Proposal: Alterations and extensions to existing hotel.
Site Address: Ballinakill Country House Hotel, Clachan, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6XL
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Tarbert

● **Ref No: 09/01660/LIB**
Applicant: Argyll Community Housing Association
Proposal: Internal and external refurbishment of flatted block including formation of 4 additional car parking spaces
Site Address: 83 - 103 Millknowe, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute PA28 6NJ
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.
Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy. Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered. Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess

COMMUNITY SERVICES: EDUCATION EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980 CHOICE OF SCHOOL

It is customary for children to attend their local school; however, parents may make a written request to place their child in any school under the management of the education authority. Such a request is referred to as a placing request.

Information concerning the authority's schools and the procedures to be followed in making placing requests is available at every school and at the Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708508). This information is also available for inspection or reference at public libraries. Information in relation to any particular school is available at that school.

Placing requests for session beginning August 2010 should be sent to the Director of Community Services, Education Offices, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Tel: 01369 708508) by 15 February 2010 for primary and secondary schools.

GAELIC MEDIUM EDUCATION

Gaelic Medium Education is available in the following schools:- Bowmore Primary School, Islay; Tiree Primary School, Tiree; Salen Primary School, Mull; Rockfield Primary School, Oban; Strath of Appin Primary School, Oban and Sandbank Primary School, Dunoon.

Parents who are interested in such provision are advised to register at the Gaelic Medium School in their area in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 4 January 2010.

Parents of children due to commence attendance at school in August 2010, whether or not they wish to make a placing request, should proceed in accordance with the advertisement on registration of children which will be published week commencing 4 January 2010.

Douglas Hendry, Director of Community Services

SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING BUOY: CAMPBELTOWN LOCH

Notice is hereby given that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to deploy an environmental monitoring buoy at the following location in Campbeltown Loch:

Description	Latitude	Longitude
Environmental Monitoring Buoy	55 25.189N	05 35.314W (WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Campbeltown Library, Aqualibrium, Kinloch Park, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown PA28 6EG.

Objections relating to safety of navigation in respect of the application should be made in writing to: Gordon Hastie, The Scottish Government, Ports and Harbours Branch, Area 2G North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ within 28 days of the date of this notice quoting reference: 2SPC\4\49.

Scottish Environment Protection Agency, 5 Redwood Crescent, Peel Park, East Kilbride.



ARDRISHAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WIND TURBINE

Calling all residents in the Ardrishaig Community Council area
Your vote is important so remember to post your voting paper by no later than WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Not received your voting papers? Contact Community Council Convener on 01546 602293 or email: info@ardrishaig.org.uk

We welcome parents and carers of children ages 3 months to 5 years to our registration weeks;

14 - 18th December 2009 and 6 - 15th January 2010.
Please contact Jean McPhee for more details. Free vouchers for taster sessions available
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1970 CHRISTMAS PLATE, £20 Telephone 01631 570988.

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WEDGEWOOD CHRISTMAS PLATE blue Jasper Wedgwood 1969-1979 tenth anniversary Christmas plate, £30 Telephone 01631 570988.

AUDIO EQUIPMENT

BUSH PORTABLE RADIO in box, £10 Telephone 01397 705667.

BABY EQUIPMENT

BABY WALKER V-tech, detachable play unit, good condition, £7 Telephone 01631 565752.

BRITAX CAR SEAT 0-12 months, perfect condition, hood, safety straps, head protection, straps extend for the size of child, black and white, £20 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

CHICCO BABY CARRIER suitable from 6 months, padded backrest, straps fold flat, detachable carry bag, folding sun canopy with zip off rain/wind cover, £35 Telephone 07796 407886.

GRACO TRAVEL COT from birth, includes bassinet, vibrating mattress, changing station, mobile, nightlight, music centre with timer, folds for storage, £49 Telephone 07796 407886.

GRACO TRAVEL SYSTEM excellent condition, includes rain cover, foot muff, carrycot, car seat and base and large shopping basket, suitable birth to 4 year, £49 Telephone 07796 407886.

LINDAM DOOR BOUNCER adjustable straps, harness support, washable saddle, clamps to any door in house, £10 Telephone 07795 107702 07900 853327.

RIDE ON ROCKER V-tech, detachable play unit with car functions, excellent condition, cost £60, will sell for £25 Telephone 01631 565752.

STAIR GUARD quite large/high guard, extends from 62-102cm, Argos 375/5486, £10 Telephone 07745 520106.

BICYCLES

ADULT MOUNTAIN BIKE, £48 Telephone 07932 635849.

APOLLO BIKE FS 20 bike, suit 5-7 years old, in very good condition, recent service, £30 ono Telephone 01631 564981.

DAKOTA FULL SUSPENSION (Unisex), full size bicycle, £85 Telephone 07932 635849.

LADIES MOUNTAIN BIKE Peugeot Exo bike, black frame with yellow decals, 26in, Shimano 18 speed, grip shift, this bike has been ridden twice and is like new, £45 Telephone 01631 720149.

LADIES MOUNTAIN BIKE as new, cost £240, selling for £85 Telephone 07932 635849.

RALEIGH CHILDRENS BIKES x2, suitable for ages 4-6, in pink, helmets included, in very good condition, £25, Telephone 07990 720695.

YOUTHS MOUNTAIN BIKE 20" wheel, £38 Telephone 07932 635849.

BUILDING / DIY

EXTENSION LADDER hailo 3 section combination, aluminium with stabiliser, £75 Telephone 01880 730326.

PLASTERBOARD approximately 40 sheets of normal and bathroom plasterboard, surplus to use, £100 Telephone 01586 810483.

CAR ACCESSORIES

MITSUBISHI BONNET GUARD as new never used, cost £60 new, £20 Telephone 07780 795870.

CD'S, DVD'S AND VIDEOS

43 DVDS for sale including Click, White Chicks, The Marine, Hitch and The Matrix, all in very good condition, no individual sales, £30 Telephone 07500 957529.

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WWE WRESTLE MANIA original vhs 1-10, in good condition, featuring Andre the giant vs Hulk Hogan etc, £40 ono, Telephone 07500 957529.

CLOTHES, SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

BOYS SILK SUIT black, Nehru jacket, suit ages 5 to 6 years, £20 Telephone 01631 730557.

CARDIGANS 6 warm cardigans, 0-3m, 3-6m, £10 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

CHRISTMAS DRESS worn once, cream, comes with tights, 12-18 months, perfect for parties coming up over Christmas and New Year, £5 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

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GAP DRESS and bloomers, white with tiny pink and red flowers, £4 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

GAP JEANS and hoody cream top, pink heart knitted in middle and gap jumper, brilliant condition, 6-12 months, was £40, sell all for £12 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

GIRLS COAT long warm coat from Adams, furry inside, in hood and around sleeves, 1-1½ years, never worn, cost £35, sell for £15 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

GIRLS COAT red and white knee length coat from George Asda, £5 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

GORETEX JACKET brand new breathable goretex jacket, bargain buy, dark navy, plain, also includes removable lining, height 180cm, chest 90cm, £24 Telephone 01546 606475.

LEATHER JACKET ladies, new brown leather, size 12/14, £40 Telephone 01546 605250.

MINNIE MOUSE TOP and denim skirt, Disney Originals, 6 months, both for £7, Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

MONSOON 12-18 months pumps, top and bloomers, £10 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

NEXT CLOTHES 14 items ages 0-3m, 3-6m and 12m, includes dresses, cardigans, jeans and hats, £2 per item Telephone 07795 107702 07900 853327.

NIKE TRAINERS 1 size 10, 1 size 8, new, £18 Telephone 07932 635849.

SHEEPSKIN JACKET ladies pure sheepskin jacket, £49.99 Telephone 01546 605250.

TROUSERS bag of 9-12 month trousers, brilliant condition, 8 items for £12 Telephone 07900 853327 07795 107702.

COMPUTERS AND GAMES

MS FLIGHT SIMULATOR software with joy stick, boxed, unused, £29.95 Telephone 01880 730326.

PACKARED BELL computer and desk, good working order, £49.99 Telephone 01546 605250.

PSP GAMES Complete, Pro Evolution Soccer 2008, Surf's Up, Ridge Racer 2, Star Wars Renegade Squadron, £5 each, Telephone 01631 720601.

DOMESTIC APPLIANCES

DISHWASHER Zanussi multirack dishwasher, a few scratches and minor dents on the front door, hot and cold wash cycle, works perfect, £40 Telephone 07788 400260.

FRIDGE, £20 Telephone 01631 740553 01631 730437.

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DOMESTIC PETS

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PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER PUPS ready now, one dog, one bitch, fully inoculated, £300 Telephone 01855 811160.

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SIBERIAN HUSKEY PUPS, KC Reg. wormed, inoculated, vet checked with pet insurance, dad is French import, £600 Telephone 07814 987305.

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14HH BAY MARE 13 year old, good confirmation, snaffle mouth, competed in all Pony Club activities including ODE and attends rallies and camp. Good to shoe, travel, clip. Passport, teeth and vacs up to date. Tack rugs etc included, knowledgeable 5* home sought for much loved, sadly outgrown pony Telephone 07833 292940 after 4pm.

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COMPUTER DESK corner 39" x 36" with shelves etc, flat pack, £25 Telephone 01880 730326.

DINING TABLE square wooden extending dining table, £25 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

KITCHEN STOOL solid pine kitchen step stool, 3 high, as new, £15 Telephone 01397 703928.

LEATHER CHAIR chocolate brown soft leather chair, almost new, bought £360, sell for £175 ono Telephone 01631 567066.

MATTRESS four feet wide, new, £39 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

PINE TABLE small circular pine table on central pedestal, £25 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

SETTEE modern two seat settee in dark green, very comfortable, £39 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

SINGLE BED good, clean, £25 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

SMALL OAK BUREAU in fine condition, £49.99 Telephone Oban 01631 564848 during office hours.

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GREYHOUNDS

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DIMPLEX PANEL HEATER 1500-3000w, £20 Telephone 01631 564021.

HIGHLAND DRESS

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15" FLATSCREEN TV Silver SAMSUNG LW15M13C LCD TV, wall mount or table top, instruction book, remote control, autotune, fasttext, superb colour purity, £49.99 Telephone 01586 551478.

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BUSH TV 14" colour tv with remote control, excellent condition, £40 ono Telephone 01631 710388.

PROJECTOR SCREEN Luma spring roller projector screen by Draper, brand new, still in the box and never used, high quality screen made in the USA, £25 Telephone 01631 720149.

SONY TV and stand, silver, with video recorder and instruction booklet, £49.99 Telephone 01631 564478.

HOME FURNISHINGS

BLACK TIDY RAIL with 3 shelves and shoe rack on castors, h166, w106, d43.5cm, Argos £34.99, £15 Telephone 01631 570988.

CARPET 14ft(w), 11 1/2 ft(L), toffee colour, very good condition, would suit office or bedroom, £35 Telephone 01546 602764.

DOOR MAT circular compass design 40" diameter, new, £25 Telephone 01880 730326.

HOME OFFICE

COMPUTER DESK Beech effect, plus various accessories, vgc, £15 Telephone 07963 959769.

DELL MONITOR 17in monitor, midnight grey (E771A), as new, screen perfect and functions in good order, no missing pixels, little use, £36.50 Telephone 01731 710649.

KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

BAR STOOLS 4 Toledo kitchen bar stools with faux cream leather seat and back rest, chrome base and footrest, adjustable height gas lift and 360 degree swivel, unused, cost £40 new, will accept £100 for the 4 Telephone 01631 563544.

SHOWER TRAY white plastic, square, brand new still in box, 760mm, £40 Telephone 07776 490221.

LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE

BINOCULARS 50x10 in case, £30 Telephone 07932 635849.

PUB POOL TABLE 7ft slate bed pub pool table, brand new cloth and cushions, delivery can be arranged, £375 ono Telephone 07050 325527.

SET OF BOWLS size 5, £30 Telephone 07932 635849.

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MARINE

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POWER TOOLS

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name ...' (Isaiah 12:4).

BIRTHS



MCCALLUM - JAMIESON

Scott and Nicole would like to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Chloe Rebecca McCallum, born on November 11, 2009. First grandchild for Ian and Meg Jamieson, Lochgilphead and also David and Elaine McCallum, Castlemilk, Glasgow. Special thanks to all midwives in Lochgilphead and RAH, Paisley.



MCMILLAN - HARROGATE

Paul and Debbie are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Lucas Neil, on November 29, 2009 in Campbeltown. Thanks to all midwives involved, especially Isobel and Catriona.

DEATHS

MARTIN - Suddenly, at Campbeltown Hospital, on December 6, 2009, Mary Pearson Scott, in her 78th year, 54 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Bell Martin, dearly loved mother of Margaret, Charles, Katrina, Nannette, Douglas and Patricia and a much loved granny, great-granny, mother-in-law and aunt.

SHEPHERD - Suddenly, but peacefully, at home, Springfield Terrace, Campbeltown, on December 8, 2009, Jack Shepherd, in his 99th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Edna Campbell, dear father of Ian and Edna and a much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Monday, December 14 at 2.00pm. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of Alzheimer's Scotland and the Chest Heart and Stroke Foundation, Scotland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - The family of the late Peter J Campbell would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and for flowers, cards and phone calls received during their recent sad loss. Thanks to Dr Elder and the staff in Carradale Surgery, to Dr Ireland and staff in the Acute Ward, the

Accident and Emergency Department, Campbeltown and to the MacMillan Nurses. Special thanks to Rev Vischer for his comforting service, Alasdair Blair for dignified and helpful services, and to all who paid their respects in church and at the graveside. Sincere thanks for donations amounting to £1206.29, which was raised for Kintyre MacMillan Nurses.

HELM - David and Donald would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received after their sad bereavement. They would also like to thank Rev M Lind for a comforting service and Alasdair Blair for funeral services. Special thanks to Clinton House Residential Home for their care and kindness to Andrew over the last eleven years and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. The retiring collection in aid of the Nursing Home realised £162.35.

IN MEMORIAM

CAMERON - Richard, who passed away December 15, 2006. In our hearts forever.

- Niall, Phyllis, Lyndsay, James, Niah, Arran, Rachel, Barry and Karen xx.

FLETCHER - In loving memory of our dear dad and gramps, Archie Fletcher, who died December 13, 2003. Also our dear mum and gran, Margaret (Robertson) Fletcher, who died November 5, 1977. Forever in our thoughts.

- Inserted by Joyce, Chad, James and Dave.
FLETCHER - In loving memory of Archie, our dear father and grandpa, who died December 13, 2003, and Margaret Robertson, beloved mother who died November 5, 1977. Loved and remembered always.

- Inserted by son Gill, Theresa, Jennifer, Hugh, Emma and Callum.

LANG - In loving memory of Duncan, passed away on December 13, 2004, beloved husband, dad, papa, son and brother. We have shed so many tears over the last five years.

But it's only because we love you, and dearly wish you were still here. Loved and missed every day.

- Love Marjorie and family, at home and away xxx.

MACARTHUR - Treasured memories of my dear husband Duncan, who passed away December 13, 2004. Someone too special to ever forget.

- Betty and family, Lochgilphead, Islay and USA.

MACCALLUM - In loving memory of Tommy, a dear husband and dad, died December 11, 2002.

We often sit and think about you And think of how you died To think you could not say goodbye Before you closed your eyes.

- Love Mary and Janette xx.

MACCALLUM - Tommy, dear dad and papa, died December 11, 2002. Loved and remembered always.

- Mary, Roslyn, Margaret, Davie and Maureen.
MACIVER - Billy.

It's been two years now since you had to go And still my heart aches and my tears overflow I miss you as my daddy, I just miss you The girls miss their papa, as does wee Jaden too I miss your hugs and just hearing your voice I know you fought hard and had no choice But if I could have had just one more day I would still have begged for you to stay To tell me funny stories and make me smile To make you linger, just another while I know you are around me and I have learned to understand That one day you'll come back for me and take my hand But until that day daddy I need you near To give me strength for another year Love you my daddy.

- Your Trina.
McDONALD - In loving memory of Sally, who passed away on December 10, 2005. Sadly missed. - Sandy and Isla.
YOUNG - Treasured memories of Norman, who passed away on December 11, 2002. Though absent you are very near Still loved, still missed and very dear. All our love - Margaret and Yvonne xx.

ECCLESIAICAL NOTICES

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

Sunday Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm

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Scottish Charity Number SC016097

Sunday 13th December 2009

Combined Service LESSONS AND CAROLS

CUMLODDEN CHURCH (Furnace)

10.30 am with Church Choir (Tea to follow)

Seirbheis Ghàidhlig GAELIC SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

LOCHGAIR CHURCH 3 pm (Tea to follow)

Rev. Roddy Macleod Ceud mìle fáilte ALL WELCOME



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2009

11.00 am **Worship Service** Tom McKay All Welcome

Toucan Club - Church Hall at 4.00 pm P1 - P7 welcome

Youth Fellowship - The Manse at 7.30 pm S1 - S6 welcome

16-19th DECEMBER Christmas Tree Festival

16th 1.00 am - 8.00 pm 17th & 18th 11.00 am - 8.00 pm 19th 11.00 am - 5.00 pm

Varied music programme throughout.

Refreshments in the Hall during the day, soup available over lunchtime

Further information 01546 602238 www.lpchurch.co.uk

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 13 December 2009 11.00am

Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: Graham McLean "The increase of His Government"

Thursday 17 December 2009 7.30pm

Praise, prayer & sharing All Welcome

"Come and see"

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Advent 3

Morning Worship

Sunday 13th December 2009

Joint Parish Service Tayvallich Church 11am

Worship and Christening led by Rev Hilda Smith

Light lunch in Tayvallich Hall thereafter

All welcome

Interim Moderator: Rev. Hilda Smith 01546 602238

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Supporting the Homeless in Kintyre Coffee morning

10-12 noon New Hall

Sunday 13 December

Morning worship 11:15am (Creche, Triple C and Bible Class)

Rev Philip Burroughs

Churches Together in Campbeltown Service at Machrihanish Hall 7:00pm

Tuesday 15 December

Mothers and Toddlers 9:45 am

Thursday 17 December

Choir practice 7:30pm

Friday 18 December

Triple C parties: Pre school/P1

4:00 to 5:30 pm and P2-P7

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Friday 11th & Sat 12th December 2009

12 noon - 2pm Christmas Lunches -

Kirk St Hall

Sunday 13th December

11.15am Morning Service

Creche (0-3yrs) - Church

Funday Club (3yrs - p5)

Kirk St Hall

JAM (P6+) - Church

6.30pm Campbeltown Churches Together

Christmas service in Machrihanish Village Hall: with Brass Band, and Drumsemble

Primary School Choir.

Collection for "The Raven Trust" (Malawi)

Wednesday 16th December

7.15pm Midweek Fellowship - Manse

(Tuesday/Friday Badminton returns in New Year!)

Rev Michael J Lind

Everyone very welcome

GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH



SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2009

Tayvallich Church 11am

Joint Service with North Knapdale Parish followed by light lunch in the village hall

Rev Hilda Smith (Interim Moderator)

All most welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

Sunday 13th December 2009

11.00am Morning Service

Monday - 2.30pm Ladies Meeting Christmas Tea

TONIGHT

Survivaz

8pm - 9.30pm

All youth welcome

Scottish Charity SC015187

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 13th December 2009

Tarbert Church 11.30am

Sunday School 11.20am

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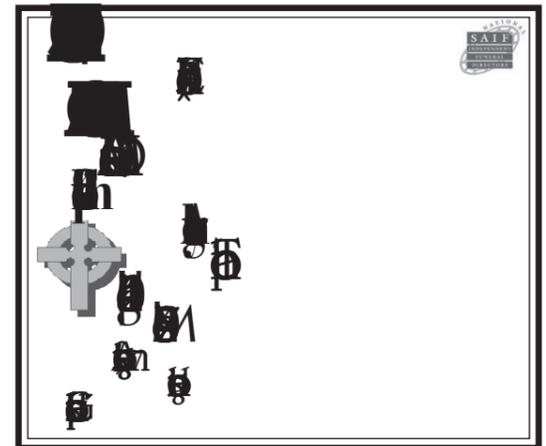
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Have you had your say today?

Tartan Army celebrates in style . . .

'Movember Campaign' helps raise awareness of testicular cancer

CAMPBELTOWN Tartan Army celebrated St Andrew's day in style once again with its annual dinner dance in Peninver.

The sell out event proved to be nothing short of a success and the 144 guests were served a meal by Argyll Bakeries before Robert McDonald, in his usual witty style, introduced guest speaker John McKelvie.

It wasn't long before John had everyone in fits of laughter with his endless funny stories and jokes. The

night was rounded off with everyone enjoying the dance with music provided by the quite simply fantastic Twisted Melons.

Campbeltown Tartan Army has been helping to raise awareness of Testicular Cancer and donned facial hair as part of the 'Movember campaign'.

Everyone at the club would like to thank the 12 table sponsors and everyone involved in making the night a huge success - thank you all!

Photos courtesy of Kintyre Photography and are now available in the shop.



Members of Campbeltown Tartan Army with guest speaker John McKelvie in the back row, centre.



The CTA raised awareness of testicular cancer as part of the 'Movember campaign'.



Steven and Mary Dott welcomed friends Neil Rankin and Greig and Vicki Corbett from Ayrshire.



In the Year of Homecoming Kevin and Lesley McCallum (now Holytown) and Sheena and Iain Martin (now in Spain) returned home to Campbeltown.



Ranald Watson, Graham McMillan, Archie Johnston and Iain McIntyre enjoy catching up and reminiscing about their old football days.



Above: Brothers Kenny and Paul Brodie showing off their growth after only a week!

Left: Guest speaker John McKelvie had the sell-out crowd in stitches with his after dinner speech.

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Wee Toon darts

CAMPBELTOWN and District Darts Association week seven results: White Hart 1 Burnside 9,

Kinloch 9 Hunting Lodge 1, Southend 2 Fiddlers 8, McGochans 1 Argyll A 9, Argyll B 2 Ailsa 8.

Alan Anderson scored 180 for the Fiddlers and there were finishes of 118 by Archie Mathieson for Southend and 113 by Kenny Campbell for the Burnside.

Dunaverty golf

THE November Medal was played in windy conditions at Dunaverty Golf Club on November 14 with four ladies taking part, with the following results: 1 Mairi McCorkindale 83-15=68, 2 Catherine McKerral 93-24=69.

Islay golf

ISLAY Golf Club results for the Winter League week four: 1 Michael Kelly 39pts, 2 Robert Shaw 38pts, 3 Iain MacCuaig 37pts. CSS 69

December Medal: 1 Lachlan Gairns 85 less 12 net 73, 2 Alexander MacLean 86 less 13 net 73, 3 John Macintyre jnr 82 less 8 net 74. CSS 72.

Junior results for December Junior Medal: 1 Brandon Freeman, 2 Robbie Thomson, 3 Liam Logan.

Rangers' bus

FOR the Rangers v Motherwell match the Rangers' Supporter's bus will be leaving the bus stance in Campbeltown at 9.15am on Saturday December 19.

The bus will be £14 per person and has to be paid to the bus convenor before December 16.

Last gasp goal wins it for Wanderers



Action from the Provan Shield Final between Carradale and Lochgilphead Wanderers.

Provan Sports Shield
LOCHGILPHEAD WANDERERS 3
(Finlayson 65, D. Weir 75 and Johnstone 93)
CARRADALE 2
(McIlroy 47, McDougall 52)

LOCHGILPHEAD Wanderers won their first trophy at the weekend by beating Carradale three goals to two in the final of the Provan Sports Shield.

The youngsters did it in style coming from two down to deservedly clinch the victory in injury time at a wind and rain swept Community Pitch in Oban.

Carradale started the match playing well and Gregor Croll's darting runs were keeping marker David Weir busy and it was no surprise that the Wanderers' goal-

keeper Fraser Meechan was the busier of the two custodians in the first half.

The team's turn round at half time with Lochgilphead, ending the half on top but it was Carradale who again started the better and scored after only two minutes. McIlroy was given all the time he needed on the edge of the box to send a high ball over the defence and into the net.

Doubled

The Kintyre side doubled their lead shortly after with good run through on the left by Nicky MacDougall who fired home from about 15 yards.

Lochgilphead got their first and best goal of the game after 65 minutes with a ball out to Johnstone wide on the right, he stretched the play and

sent in a super low cross in the space between goalkeeper Todd and the defenders. It found Rhuaridh Finlayson at the back post and he bundled the ball over to start the fightback.

This joy was to be short-lived with Carradale rightly being awarded a penalty a minute later for a foul inside the box.

The kick was well hit by the first scorer of the day McIlroy, but was saved by Fraser Meechan diving to his left to push the ball wide.

Carradale lost some of their shape when they had a man sent off.

The scores were even after 75 minutes following a deep corner on the right. The ball came through to David Weir who gained some space by going away from the

goal. However he made a quick turn and hit a shot that deceived goalkeeper Todd.

Indiscipline

Two more Carradale players received their marching orders for indiscipline as the game edged towards extra time but they still looked dangerous when they advanced.

As the 90 minutes came and went Wanderers' Robbie Kincaid sent in a deep corner to the back post that was headed into the net by Craig Johnstone to give the Wanderers the lead at the death.

In the warm and dry dressing room, team captain Alasdair Provan was presented with the Provan Sports Shield by a very gracious Campbeltown and District League match secretary Nonnie McAllister.

Wet weather causes cancellation

A WEEK of constant rain caused yet another cancellation of a home match for Campbeltown Pupils who were set to play Carlton YMCA at the weekend.

A backlog of figures is now building, and in recent weeks the local club has been forced to sand-bag the entrance to Kintyre Park.

Havoc

However it is not just football in the area that has been affected, the weather conditions have also caused havoc across the country.

Given that August was the wettest month on record, could the option of rescheduling fixtures

to the supposed drier months be under threat?

The constant flooding of the pitches in Campbeltown at this time of year has once again highlighted the need for an all weather pitch and a switch to synthetic grass that the club is getting more used to playing on when they play away.

Sponsored

Tomorrow (Saturday) the McFadyen sponsored Pupils travel to play Castlemilk in the fourth round of the West of Scotland cup-tie.

The game will kick-off at 1.30pm to allow any extra time to be played as the match will need to be finished on the day.

Email your sports news and reports to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Heid's banged at Dunaverty

DUNAVERTY'S Heidbangers wound up their season last Wednesday in extremely inclement conditions.

Out of the 15 members who turned up, 12 teed off but only four finished the round.

Only one player, Alistair Brown, was in a position to catch current leader Alistair O'May being two points behind.

A torrential rain shower forced the leader, and seven others, to turn back before completing five holes.

This left Alistair Brown, Stan Uttley, Jim Cooper and Bill Brannigan to battle the elements.

The outward half was very tough and this resulted in low scores from the foursome. Conditions eased slightly on the inward half and led to a very close finish on the day.

Bill and Stan both scored 30points but Bill had the better inward half and took the prize on the day.

Alistair Brown's attempt to catch the leader was thwarted by the weather and he finished as he started two points

adrift. The competition was very close throughout the year, as is seen by the results.

The presentation of the trophy took place after a superb meal in the Muneroy Tearooms.

Last year's winner, George Bradley, presented the Heidbangers Cup to winner Malcolm O'May who also won a putter donated by Roy Bennett. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Roy good luck as he prepares to leave Campbeltown and move to Peebles in the New Year.

Thanks were expressed to green keepers Willie MacMillan and David Scullion for the excellent condition of the course and to club steward Jim Cooper who looks after everyone so well.

Heidbanger Cup results: 1 A O'May 42pts, 2 A Brown 40, 3 S Uttley 39, 4 B Hone 38, 5 B Brannigan 38, 6 R Scally 38, 7 S Watson 38, 8 A Duncan 36, 9 A Roxburgh 38, 10 D Watson 11 36.

Those with equal points were placed according to count back on the number of wins and second places.



Former winner George Bradley presents this year's winner Malcolm O'May with the Heidbanger's Cup. 04_c49bng01

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