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## Wee Toon, big heart

### Campbeltown rallies round young mum with offers of help

YOUNG mum Melanie MacLean saw the worst of Campbeltown last week when sick thugs carried out a fire attack on her home but this week she saw the best.

The Courier reported Melanie's plight last week and within hours of the paper going on sale offers of help came in.

Melanie, 25, her partner and three children aged six and two years old and 15-months were trapped in their top floor flat on Longrow when someone set fire to her children's buggies which had been left on the ground floor of the close.

Both buggies were burned out and completely destroyed. This left Melanie having to save hard to get a new pram.

'I lived on some of the roughest estates in Manchester and have never

seen anything like this,' said Melanie. Campbeltown folk were shocked to hear of Melanie's plight.



Melanie MacLean.

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A couple who wish to remain anonymous called in to The Courier offices and said they would buy her two second-hand prams from the Kintyre Cancer Concern shop if she went along and chose.

Another woman telephoned The Courier and said that she had

been planning to sell her second-hand buggy but would give it to Melanie as a gift instead and that she hoped it would help the young mum.

Tina Craig from Kintyre Cancer Concern said: 'When we heard we gave the buggy to Melanie, we are a charitable shop after all. She came in and picked a buggy from the ones we had donated.'

Ian Blair, who regularly helps at the shop said: 'It doesn't surprise me that so many people offered help, this is a big-hearted wee toon. You should see the amount of stuff people donate for us to sell and even if people come in the shop and don't buy anything they still give a donation before they leave.'

Police inquiries into the fire raising are continuing; witnesses have been interviewed.

## Clachan's green Christmas



Clachan Primary School children have a green Christmas tree - not just the colour of the pine needles but the environmentally-friendly way it is being lit. The school has a wind turbine and solar panel linked to a control panel that shows the children how much electricity is being generated and stored on car batteries. Usually this electricity is used to charge the school's laptops but now the power is being used to light up their floor to ceiling Christmas tree. The turbine, panel and equipment have been provided thanks to a grant from the West Kintyre Wind Farm Trust. 0\_e51ec001

## Cargo ship runs aground

A LARGE scale sea rescue was launched after a cargo ship ran aground late Tuesday evening in the Gulf of Corryvreckan.

Clyde Coastguard received a call from the skipper of the *Fingal* and its owner at approximately 9.30pm on Tuesday, stating the vessel had gone aground with six people aboard and was taking in water.

Coastguard rescue teams from Jura and Crinan were sent to the area, as were RNLI lifeboats from Oban and Islay and a Royal Navy Rescue helicopter from *HMS Gannet*.

The *Fingal* was stabilised and escorted into Oban.

The *Fingal* was also involved in another incident when she ran aground on rocks off Kintyre in September, when it was feared that 1,400 tonnes of timber, fuel and oil would end up in the sea.

A Marine Coastguard Agency spokesman said there has been no threat of pollution to the area and all six crew aboard are safe and well, following Tuesday's incident.

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## Underage drinking

POLICE have been carrying out random searches on youths as part of their crackdown on underage drinking in the area.

Recently 15 youths were stopped over the course of one night, and searched, but none were found to be in possession of alcohol.

Police can also search someone who is over 18 and confiscate the alcohol if they believe that they are intending to give it to under 18s.

## New committee

A NEW committee has been elected for Southend Community Council with John Bakes taking over as chairman from Susan Paterson, who is now the press correspondent and secretary.

Elizabeth Barbour is treasurer, and Jim Finlayson is the vice convenor and minute secretary.

## Carol concert

AT A carol concert on Sunday evening the Salvation Army raised £538.72.



The MS Ladies with carers made their ninth annual trip to Stirling with the help of Red Cross Transport.

## MS Ladies head for the shops in Stirling

FOR the ninth year in a row a group of ladies has headed off to hit the shops in Stirling.

With the shops all under cover there are no worries about the weather and motobility supplies wheelchairs for the members who need a chair for the marathon shopping session.

### Suitable transport

Over the years the group, which meets on a

Tuesday afternoon, has increased and so has the problem of getting suitable transport for them.

Fortunately the Red Cross has two vehicles with a rear lift for those confined to wheelchairs or who cannot manage steps.

The added bonus for the trip organiser is that the drivers have training in first aid, risk assessment and moving and

handling people so everyone knows they are in good, capable hands.

### Afternoon teas

The group also makes use of Red Cross transport throughout the year, going out for lunches and afternoon teas in the summer.

The ladies say they would not be able to go on these trips if they did not have the suitable transport.

# Thousands will benefit from new pontoons

'More than 4,000 visitors to Campbeltown spending money in the town'

THOUSANDS of visitors and locals who use Campbeltown pontoons will benefit from the installation of new ones with additional features.

As well as boasting a new non-slip surface and fenders, the new pontoons will have a separate 'finger' where Kintyre Express and Kintyre Seatours will be based. This will also provide a landing place for passengers from cruise liners and boats.

Scottish Water has made a substantial contribution to the project by way of an ex gratia payment in recognition of difficulties in the past. This payment has been made with the understanding that the money will be used to replace the old pontoons.

Campbeltown Loch Berthing Company Ltd has provided the balance of the cost from its own resources. No grant finance is involved with the

project. This year 1361 visiting boats, as opposed to locally based boats, have used the pontoons usually for overnight stays.

A spokesman for Campbeltown Loch Berthing Company Ltd told *The Courier*: 'If you take into account the yachts that use the pontoons, with an average figure of three persons per yacht, this would amount to more than 4000 visitors to Campbeltown per annum spending money in the town.'

### Removal

The main contractors for the project are Varis Engineering of Forres, who have sub-contracted the removal of the old pontoons and the fitting of the new ones to locally based underwater contractors Fish Dive.

The old pontoons have found a new home with the Sandbarr Cruising Club, River Leven in Balloch.

## Jura road repairs make matters worse

WORK to resurface Jura's only main road has left it in a worse condition, according to one island councillor.

Argyll and Bute Council took on an outside contractor in October to use an innovative process to resurface the A846 road using recycled materials.

Senior engineer Stewart Clark said at last week's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee the road surface had suffered from 'an unusual effect we hadn't expected'. He added 'It's a bit disappointing,' and said the contractors would make amends in the spring.

But Councillor Robin Currie responded: 'A bit disappointing is the understatement of the year. It is a complete disaster, to wait until next year to fix a problem we could have done ourselves.'

### Materials

'People and businesses on Jura use that road every single day, sometimes two or three times a day.'

Mr Clark said that it would not be possible to get materials to the island at this time of the year and defending the decision to try the new technique to solve problems on the island's roads.

## Subsidence a growing concern

SUBSIDENCE at Conie Glen on the B842 road to Southend is a becoming a growing concern for local residents.

At a meeting of Southend Community Council recently the road problems facing residents was discussed.

These included this particular stretch of road which is being managed by traffic lights.

### Detour

Residents would be forced to go an hour-long detour via the Learside if the B842 was to close.

Councillor Donald Kelly told *The Courier*: 'I would like to reassure the residents of Southend that I will do everything I can to ensure that this road repair is carried out as speedily as possible with minimal disruption.'

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# Fears for wards in budget cuts

## Councillor says he'll fight to save beds in Campbeltown Hospital

WARDS at Campbeltown Hospital could be amalgamated as NHS Highland tries to cut back because of a massive overspend at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, a councillor fears.

And the book balancing exercise could also mean an end to using 'bank' nurses at the Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban.

Councillor Donald Kelly, South Kintyre, told members of Argyll and Bute executive committee when it met in Campbeltown how worried he was about these possible moves.

'Senior staff at Campbeltown are concerned that this will be the case. As I un-

derstand NHS Highland is looking at an overspend and looking at a whole range of massive cuts,' he said.

Councillor Kelly told *The Courier* after the meeting that he was speaking with a sense of déjà vu.

'I helped mount a campaign before in the face of ward closures at the hospital and the whole town and Kintyre joined in; I believe people would feel the same way today if ward amalgamations or closures were announced now,' he said.

Councillor Elaine Robertson said at the meeting that proposals for cuts would come via the Community Health Partnership.

## Woman caused trouble in hospital

A YOUNG woman fought with police officers and shouted abuse at a nurse at Campbeltown Hospital, the town's sheriff court heard on Wednesday last week.

Stacey McSporran, aged 18, of 66 Langcroft Avenue, Prestwick, formerly of

Campbeltown, had admitted a breach of the peace, struggling with officers and assaulting an officer on August 2 this year.

Sentence was deferred for social reports and a community service assessment to be prepared on McSporran.

## Suspect cheque

Someone tried to cash a suspect cheque at a bank in campbeltown at midday on December 12. The customer was traced and enquiries are on going.



Anna MacAllister celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by members of her family

## Anna is 90 years young

IF you think you've got a long Christmas list of family to send cards and buy presents for, it's nothing compared to Anna McAllister's!

Anna celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday at the Argyll Arms

Hotel, Campbeltown, and as many of her 11 children and a total of 79 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren were there.

Anna is the widow of John and the fam-

ily home was at 4 Park Square but Anna now lives in the elderly people's housing at Meadow Park.

The family came from all over the UK to be there and others like daughter Tina came from Florida.

'Mum still likes a party,' said Tina and on Saturday night the family made sure she had a great one!

## Campbeltown man sent to the cells to sober up

A 53-YEAR-old man was sent to the cells to sober up at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

When his case was called he was deemed to be drunk and Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC ordered the case put back to the afternoon sitting.

When he appeared back in the dock he was sober and sorry.

'He realises the folly of appearing rather less than sober,' said his defence agent.

The man will next appear before the court on January 7 when his trial is to take place.

## Under the influence

A MAN was given a fixed penalty ticket for entering licensed premises on Burnside Square whilst under the influence of alcohol on December 12 at 10.50pm.

It is an offence to be or trying to enter licensed premises whilst drunk.

## Breach of the peace

IN THE early hours of December 13 a man was given a fixed penalty ticket for causing a breach of the peace on Main Street, Campbeltown.

## Bail breach

TWO men were found in Campbeltown to be in breach of their bail conditions set by a sheriff court in Ayrshire last Wednesday.

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## Competition winners

LAST week The Original Factory Shop gave readers the chance to win vouchers for its new store in Campbeltown. The winner of £50 worth of vouchers is J McKay of Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown. Runners up who each receive a £20 voucher are: Mrs I Small, Fernoch Drive, Lochgilphead; Mrs Z Macdougall, Glenbarr; Mrs N McLean, Tarbert; Ms A Gillies, Nursery Cottages, Ford; Mrs C Duncan, East Skeroblin, Campbeltown.

# Conservation moves ahead, no thanks to the council

## 'We are simply getting on with it. The council is an irrelevance'

AFTER two years in the pipeline, the village of Tarbert finally has its conservation area appraisal. The document

lists the village's heritage assets and prepares the way for a plan to look after them.

It could unlock valuable funding for restoration and improvements, believes Robert McPhail, who co-ordinated the team of volunteers who put together the report.

'We have already used the document in draft form to get funds for Tarbert's regeneration,' he said. Next week, Tarbert and Skipness Community Council will be asked to form three groups to press forward with the appraisal's recommendations.

But Mr McPhail said the hard work and dedication of the village's volunteers has been frustrated time and again by Argyll and Bute Council's inaction.

A draft was submitted to the council for their comment and approval in June 2008, but staff changes and other delays meant that the trust had to wait until this autumn to receive a response.

The appraisal is yet to be formally adopted by the council; it is expected to come before a future meeting of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee.

Now those who have put in the work in the village feel they can no longer let the council's timetable hold back improvements in Tarbert's conservation. 'We are simply getting on with it. The council is an irrelevance,' said Mr McPhail, who spent an afternoon desk top publishing the final report himself after officials had taken months to produce it. 'It's now two years since we started this and the whole thing could have been done and wrapped up in six months, but it is typical of what happens with the local authority.'

A council spokeswoman said: 'We have progressed this matter as quickly as we could have, given the department's other commitments and the staff resources available.'



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Left to right: runner up Fraser MacNicol (Lochgilphead), winner Natasha Lee (Campbeltown), Claire MacPhee (Rothesay), Eleanor Donovan (Dunoon), Kieran Parkins (Rothesay). 04\_c50m01

## Natasha goes into regional final

A TEENAGER has impressed judges for the second year in a row and will now go forward to regional final of the Future Chef competition.

Natasha Lee, aged 15, took up the challenge along with other 12 to 16 year olds from Argyll and Bute to come out on top with her marsala spiced locally landed monkfish, followed by cinnamon crème brulee.

She beat off competition from Loch-

gilphead, Dunoon and Rothesay and will go forward to the regional final in January.

### Impressed

The Campbeltown Grammar School pupil impressed judges with her balanced and beautifully prepared menu, judged by Flora Grant from the Ardschiel Hotel, Katherine Mcpherson from Springboard and Michael Casey of Campbeltown Grammar.

## Argyll pilots new stroke technology

A NEW hand-held device is helping stroke patients in Argyll and Bute feel more involved in managing their condition.

Developed by local health professionals, the hand held record pulls together information about treatment, diagnosis and test results and stays with the patient when they are dis-

charged from hospital.

Hazel Hamilton, Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership's stroke co-ordinator, said the new system encouraged those who had suffered a stroke to take control.

'Some patients feel that they are not involved in the planning of their discharge. The hand held record has been a

perfect opportunity to encourage patients to feel involved and to take control of their condition.

'The views and experiences of the individuals involved in the development of the hand held record should underpin service development to bring about improvements to stroke practice.'



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# Christmas concert a huge hit



The junior and senior choirs of Castlehill Primary School joined together for the concert. 04\_c50mus05

THE HALL at Lorne and Lowland Parish Church was packed out for the Kintyre Music Club's Christmas concert.

The event has grown over the years to become a popular part of the Campbeltown and Kintyre Christmas celebrations.

The choirs of Castlehill Primary School performed, as did members of Campbeltown Brass amongst others.



Campbeltown Brass members, back Erin McSporrán and George Good and front, Lorna Armour and Fraser Cosgrove. 04\_c50mus03

## Matthew for the Mission



Matthew Ramsay. 04\_c48mat01

THE NEW Auxiliary Superintendent for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen for Kintyre is a well-known face from Carradale.

Matthew M Ramsay, is an elder of the Saddell and Carradale Church, Session Clerk and also serves as a Chief Petty Officer with Marine Scotland on the *FPV Norna*.

Mr Ramsay is currently working on a data base for Kintyre and Islay to help with his pastoral work caring for those in the fishing industry and their families whether at work today or now retired.



Popular Campbeltown group Three Beats to the Bar were down to only two for the performance: Andrew Black and Lewis Anderson. 04\_c50mus01



Beth Ronald of Southend Primary School sang a solo. 04\_c50mus04



Greg Bannatyne swapped his usual role with Campbeltown Brass for the piano and gave a solo performance. 04\_c50mus02

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# The piping scene around

## Sarah wins top competition

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Muir who was overall winner of the Scots Guards Junior Piping competition.

The competition is run annually and is sponsored by the Scots Guards As-

sociation Pipes and Drums and funded from the Pipe Major Angus MacDonald Memorial Fund, which is available through the Scots Guards specifically to encourage young pipers.

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This year it was held in the Army School of Piping at Inchde-war house Redford Road Edinburgh and 40 of the country's top young pipers competed.

Sarah was first in the march Strathspey and Reel and third in the pìoaireachd, giving her the overall win.



Sarah Muir receives her prize from Campbeltown's own Willie McCallum Jnr.



Liam and Cevan in Germany.

## Kintyre's drum majors join in German tattoo

The Renton boys have been flying the flag for Scotland and Kintyre in Germany.

Last month Kintyre's drum majors Liam and Kevan Renton headed for Germany as part of an international drum major challenge and performed at the Fulda Military Tattoo to a crowd of more than 5000 people. The tattoo includes the largest display of Scottish pipe band drum majors from eight nations on stage in a single performance.

The colourful show featured World, Scottish, British, European and Champion of Champion drum majors of the world.

Joining the Drum Major Challenge coordinator Billy centre stage were Liam and Kevan, Paula Braiden, Brian Wilson, Andrew Symon and Iona Burns.

The routine which the group used was practised for weeks in advance and many of the flourishes used were new to four of the drum majors including Liam and Kevan.

They were joined by another 40 drum majors (creating a St Andrew's Cross) and the Lothian and Borders Police Pipe Band to bring together the most spectacular show of Scottish pipe band drum majors anywhere in the world.

## Inveraray Pipe Band get in the Christmas spirit

IN the run up to Christmas, Inveraray Pipe Band has been busy practising, performing and raising funds for band coffers.

The Novice Juvenile Band played at the switching on of Lochawe's Christmas lights at the weekend. Villagers were warmly thanked for their generous donation of £200 to band funds.

On November 29, supporters turned out in droves for a curry and bingo night at the George Hotel, Inveraray. Band secretary Jim McMillan said: 'Many thanks to the George Hotel from providing the curry and accommodation and to all the folks who turned up to support the event.'

There were excellent prizes up for grabs in the band's annual Christmas Hamper Raffle, drawn on Sunday. Alasdair



Alasdair Chrystal collects his hamper at the pipe band's practice in Inveraray Church Hall. A51hamp01

Chrystal of Inveraray, a stalwart supporter of the band won the impressive first prize hamper. Second prize of dinner for four at The Furnace Inn went to Mary Mor-

risson of Oban. Geordie MacDonald, Ardrishaig won a basket hamper, Morgan of Crianlarich a cheese and port hamper and wine and a Christmas cake went to Ann

Wylie of Glendaruel. Mr McMillan gave a special thank you to the Kintyre Tearoom for displaying the hamper and all those who bought and sold tickets.

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# Kintyre and Mid Argyll

## Coffee fundraiser for pipe band



The pipe band performed during the coffee morning. 04\_c51pip02



Peter Ferguson was on the bass drum. 04\_c51pip04



Neil McFadyen, Emma Barbour, Torran Currie, Struan Watson, Amy McIntyre and Bruce Cowie. 04\_c51pip03

KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association held a fund raising coffee morning at the Victoria Hall on Saturday and packed the place out with supporters who came along to drink coffee buy raffle tickets and listen to the band perform.



Mark Leishman, Fraser MacBrayne and Kevin Renton helped to run a treasure map competition at the coffee morning 04\_c51pip01



Behind every pipe band there's an army of folk helping raise funds: Vicky Rae, Lorna McKerral, Mhairi Renton, Mary Barbour and Rhona Kelly were busy making and serving coffee. 04\_c51pip05

## Mid Argyll Pipe Band prizewinners 2009

THE Maitland sponsored Mid Argyll Pipe Band held its annual AGM and prize-giving recently.

Receiving trophies were: Eoghan Anderson and David Provan who lifted The Dan MacNeill

Shield for piping, Brian Hastings received The Billy MacIver Shield for drumming and Jamie Baxter received The Royal Mail Shield for chanter/novice piping.

Band president Rod Buchanan said: 'As al-

ways it was very difficult to select individuals from all those who have worked so hard over the past 12 months honing their skills on chanter, pipes and drums.

'Congratulations to the prizewinners. Seeing

the practice hall filled with over 25 pipers and drummers, most of whom are young teenagers, I'm very confident about next season and the years ahead. It should be an exciting few years for the band.'



Pictured are the Mid Argyll Pipe Band 2009 prizewinners, Brian Hastings, David Provan, Eoghan Anderson and Jamie Baxter.

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## Those Were The Days

Campbeltown Courier  
Friday 16 December, 1994

### Bad news never rains ... it pours

THE local whisky industry has been left with a nasty hangover – after the mini-budget put 26p onto the price of a bottle of whisky.

Chancellor Kenneth Clarke also stunned rural areas with bad news for motorists – petrol will be pumped up by around 5p a gallon.

The new owners of Campbeltown's Glen Scotia Distillery reacted with shock to the whisky news, which will see prices at home go up significantly.

### Hydro chief warns power cuts

THE chief executive of Hydro- Electric is warning that there will be power cuts if the company is forced to accept the recommendations of Government's electricity prices watchdog.

Mr Roger Young claims the Director General of Electricity Supply, Professor Stephen Littlechild, has not taken enough account of the costs of refurbishing the ageing power line network in his recommendations.

Prof Littlechild had calculated his proposals would save the average customer about £20 a year. But Mr Young says 'If Littlechild's recommendations go it will hit out plans for refurbishing the wire network.'

'A fall in the reliability of the lines means more power cuts that is something we cannot accept.'

'We have to fight the regulator on this - there has got to be a balance between prices and reliability of service.'

He said that investors would see Prof Littlechild's proposal return of less than two per cent on the company's distribution business as unattractive and would not put money into Hydro-Electric.

### Scottish Pride 'milk war' threat carried out

CAMPBELTOWN'S 'milk war' has taken a dramatic new twist.

Scottish Pride and Campbeltown Creamery Ltd carried out their threat of legal action to silence rumours that they were in danger of closing down.

A court of session interim interdict has been granted against newly-established rivals Argyll Dairies.

Scottish Pride and Campbeltown Creamery this week welcomed the decision, which has placed several restrictions on Campbeltown-based Argyll Dairies.

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## Down Memory Lane - a real family affair

Isobel McConachie (née Martin) submitted these photographs to Down Memory Lane. The first was taken at her late brother, Charlie's wedding. Isobel had nine brothers and four sisters. At the front of the photo is her mother, and to the right of her is Alexander, who was born six weeks after his father died on November 1945. Front left is Catriona (bridesmaid), Robert (deceased), Margaret (deceased), Neil (deceased), Jean (deceased), John, Charlie (the groom, deceased), Kenneth (deceased), Maimie, Peter Martin (an uncle, deceased), Isobel, Jim and Peter (deceased). Isobel's brother Hector was drowned in Campbeltown Loch in May 1944, aged nine years and 11 months. Their mother died in May 1984, Jeannie (Mrs McKinven) was a daughter of the late Hector and Margaret McKinven, who recently featured in Down Memory Lane.

The smaller photo shows father with Charlie, left, baby Hector and Jim.

Are there any more Campbeltown and Kintyre families who would like to have their families included in Down Memory Lane?



### Give Gigha kids a choice!

Sir,  
I am writing in response to last week's article 'Give Gigha kids a choice'

I am a parent who stays on Gigha wishing to send my child to Tarbert Academy purely because I have a sister in Tarbert.

It would be most unsettling if she had to go to Campbeltown because we have no relatives there to stay with in the event of bad weather or for any other reasons.

I think it is very unfair that we do not have the choice and that Oban is our only other alternative.

I, myself, went to Oban and I just feel it is too far away, not to mention the transport difficulties.

I have written numerous letters to Argyll and

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Bute Council and also to the local councillors, but have had several letters back saying that I would have to pay for my child's bus fare to Tarbert and back each day.

The council is also implying that it will incur extra costs to them to give children from Gigha the choice. Why?

It would certainly cost Argyll and Bute a lot more if they all decided to go to Oban!

Hopefully this issue will be resolved soon and we will have the choice between Tarbert or Campbeltown, after all, we are half way between.

Heather Gorman  
Gigha resident

### Proud and privileged

Sir,  
I felt very proud and privileged to have been an invited guest at a Women's Pampering Day in support of the White Ribbon Campaign, the aim of which is to stop violence against women.

The day was funded by Scottish Communities Foundation and organised by Argyll and Bute women's Aid, which arranged to have ladies from the Dunoon, Bute and Oban offices along with Liz and Marie from the Campbeltown office, who were hosts for the day.

All of the ladies present from the Women's Aid Group were talented as there was a choice of Indian head massage, hand massage, manicures, make-up and more.

People could also choose card crafts or jewellery making and tee-shirt printing with each choice limited to 20 minutes so everyone had variety.

It was a wonderful experience with around 30 women attending and also some children as a crèche had been arranged.

The day ran from 11am to 3pm when everyone went home relaxed, happy and with something to show from the day as well as big smiles.

Argyll and Bute women's Aid don't have a high profile because of the nature of their work, but do so much that is good in the community.

Thank you ladies for a wonderful day and every blessing for your valuable work in the future.

Elizabeth Semple,  
Southend.

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# YEL! do a roaring trade

YEL! the young enterprise group from Lochgilphead High School certainly had something to shout about after doing a roaring trade at their product launch.

The group of senior pupils held a ceilidh in Ardrishaig Public Hall on Friday December 4, to officially launch their merchandise, hoodies and tee-shirts.

Aileen McGarry, link teacher with the group, said the night was a great success with more than 140 people dancing the night away. The group also made a profit of £823.97, giving their company a huge financial boost. Miss McGarry added: 'The sales of tee-shirts and hoodies went very well and the group are now hoping to promote the product further over the next few months.' YEL!'s merchandise can be bought by contacting the group at the High School. The company are hoping to source a local shop to sell the items in the near future.



Left to right: David Renwick, business advisor, Hollie Meikle, YEL!'s managing director, Brid Turner, Joanne Clark, Alistair Dixon, deputy managing director and Aileen McGarry, link teacher. 06\_a50yel01



## Coffee morning for cats

A coffee morning raised more than £1,000 for Campbeltown Cat Rescue. The organisation would like to thank everyone who donated to the appeal through Co-op and Tesco. They would also like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to helping to raise £1,044.64 at the coffee morning. Nancie Stewart and Elaine Keyte helped out along with other volunteers. 04\_c50cat01

# Ready Steady Cook Night

MACMILLAN Cancer Support held a Ready Steady Cook evening, hosted by Tesco, last month.

Despite the terrible night around 80 people attended a very interesting cookery demonstration, which was based on a Christmas theme.

Following cheese and wine, Karen Robertson and Lynn Shaw went head to head in the Ready Steady Cook event.

The Lochgilphead sisters made a great effort and cooked with lots of different ingredients. At the end of the night the audience decided a draw was the best result.

The girls were given a bottle of wine for their efforts. The committee would like to thank Tesco for hosting the evening and thank the public for their attendance on the night.

A total of £628 was raised.



The audience hold up their cards during the recent Macmillan Cancer Support Ready Steady Cook evening.

# Community Noticeboard

### 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!**

### Tarbert Academy

### End of Term performance of

## "One Bright Star"

Tarbert Parish Church  
22nd December 2009  
2.00p.m.

All parents and friends welcome!

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# Ho, ho, ho at the White Hart

Father Christmas visited the White Hart Hotel on Saturday afternoon to find out who's been naughty or nice in Campbeltown this year. Santa's grotto was helping to raise money for the Campbeltown Playscheme. This year his helpers were, from the left: Kylie Wareham, Kelly Brown and Krystal, Holli and Jaime-Leigh Allen. 04\_c51san01

# Red Cross coffee morning success



Jenny Campbell, pictured far right, and Linda Tighe, pictured second to the right, with some of last weekend's volunteers. 06\_a50coff01

A SUCCESSFUL coffee morning, held last weekend, has raised £531 for the Red Cross. This was a very special day for Mid Argyll-branch organiser, Jenny Campbell, as it was her last coffee morning as organiser.

Jenny has been running various events for 20 years and has now handed the reins over to Linda Tighe. Happily Linda will still have Jenny in the kitchen making her famous 'milky coffee'.

Linda said: 'It is quite a daunt-

ing task to follow in Jenny's footsteps but it is great to know she will still be part of the coffee team and of course she intends to continue to volunteer in the shop'. To mark the day, Dorothy McGruer chairwoman of the Red Cross Forum and Morag Smith, Marketing Manager of Red Cross popped in and presented Jenny with a beautiful box of flowers. As always a big thank you to all who supported the event either by coming along, donating baking or prizes for the raffle.



Staff and customers at the Loch Fyne Gallery in Tarbert enjoyed an evening of festive cheer. 06\_a51gal01

## Christmas cheer at Loch Fyne Gallery

TARBERT'S Loch Fyne Gallery held a special open evening last week. Rae, Steve and staff had wine and nibbles on hand, as well as festive discounts to help customers pick out the perfect presents.

This is the second time the gallery has held a Christmas open night, and it proved just as popular as last year.



Santa and his helpers, from left to right: Louise MacIntyre, Caitlin McPherson, Emily Ronald and Holly Wilson. 04\_c50dun01

## Hall fund's £1000 boost

A LARGE turnout of people helped to raise more than £1,000 for Dunaverly Village Hall.

Santa paid a visit to the Christmas fayre last Sunday at St Blaas's Hall, when there was also baking and crafts and tea and biscuits on offer.

The guess the weight of the cake was won by Jane McCorkindale who was accurate by half-an-ounce and the sweets in the jar went to Sally McKerral who was only one off the actual amount.

The beautiful set of three pictures of Southend donated to the raffle by Morag Docherty was won by Mike Reid of Peninver.

The committee would like to thank all who donated their time goods and efforts to raise the £1,080.93 money.



Connie McTaggart with niece Keira McSporrans, aged three months, and Donna MacPhee with her one-year-old son Kyle. 04\_c50dun02

## Footnotes prize-giving party

FOOTNOTES Dance Company held its annual prize-giving and party in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown recently.

The 42 dancers present enjoyed a meal and cheered on the prizewinners.

Senior winner this year went to Ruth Semple and joint runners-up were Kathryn McCorkindale and Claire Greenlees.

Junior winner was Hannah Young and runner-up was Chloe Gillies.

Perfect Attendance award was achieved by Kathryn McCorkindale and finally the Dancer's Dancer for the Judy Angus Memorial Quaich went to Ruth Semple.

The dancers had a special treat as they were joined by new arrival Halley Emma McSporrans who was born on Saturday November 28.

Dance teachers Catrona, Kerry, Martine and Rhona would like to wish all the dancers a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The company will resume again on Tuesday January 13 2010, ready to work towards their concert later on in the year.

## THE PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday 19 December for 5 days at 8.00pm  
*Disney's A Christmas Carol* (2D) (PG)  
 Jim Carrey, Cary Elwes, Bob Hoskins, Colin Firth, Gary Oldman.  
 SEASON'S GREETINGS  
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Sunday 27 December for 4 days at 8.00pm  
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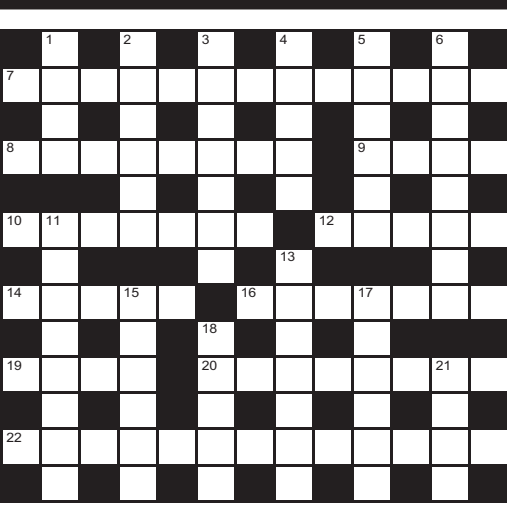
### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Ebenezer Scrooge (Jim Carrey) begins the Christmas holiday with his usual miserly contempt, barking at his faithful clerk (Gary Oldman) and his cheery nephew (Colin Firth). But when the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come take him on an eye-opening journey revealing truths Old Scrooge is reluctant to face, he must open his heart to undo years of ill will before it's too late.

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

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 7 The ones to ask, not the monkeys! (5-8)
  - 8 Lens (8)
  - 9 Farm call (4)
  - 10 Moving (7)
  - 12 Corpulent (5)
  - 14 Religious belief through reason (5)
  - 16 Flag (7)
  - 19 Way off (4)
  - 20 Didn't look for it! (8)
  - 22 Where we went, when passing the 11 plus (7,6)
- Down**
- 1 Rowdy party (4)
  - 2 Wrist bone (6)
  - 3 Fiery (7)
  - 4 Era (5)
  - 5 Gather on the surface, chemically (6)
  - 6 Third male in line (8)
  - 11 Shoot! (4,4)
  - 13 Endure (7)
  - 15 Small crustacean (6)
  - 17 Before one (6)
  - 18 Not divine (5)
  - 21 Scoring basket (4)



### Last Week's Solution

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**Mid Argyll**

*Ardrishaig Parish Church*  
"Come and join the Celebration"

**Sunday 20th**  
"He came in Disguise"  
The Mystery of Christmas  
Family Service- 11:00am  
Carols Round the Tree -6:30pm  
*in aid of Cancer Research*  
(in North Hall if wet)

**Christmas Eve**  
Watchnight Service  
Carol Singing from 11:15pm

**Sunday 27th**  
Carols and Readings - 11:00am

**Sunday 3rd Jan 2010**  
Beginning. . . Again?

*South Knapdale Parish Church*  
"... the wondrous gift is given"

**Sunday 20th**  
"He will be their peace!"  
12:30pm

**Monday 21st**  
"It's a Baby!"  
(a Musical Nativity)  
Achahoish Primary School  
6:30pm  
(Refreshments afterwards)

**Christmas Eve  
Carol Service**  
7:00pm

**Sunday 27th**  
"Since long ago ..."  
12:30pm

**Sunday 3rd Jan 2010**  
Beginning. . . Again?

*Lochgilphead Baptist Church*  
Pastor Rev Derek Gibson

**Sunday 20th**  
Family Service 11:00am  
Carol's by Candlelight 6.30pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**  
10.45am

**27th DECEMBER**  
Morning Worship - 11am

*Christ Church Lochgilphead*

**Sunday 20th December**  
9am Eucharist  
11am Preparing the Church

**Thursday 24th December**  
11am Eucharist with Carols

**Friday 25th December**  
11am Eucharist with Carols

*St Columba's Poltalloch*

**Sunday 20th December**  
3.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols

**Friday 25th December**  
9am Eucharist

*Glassary Kilmartin and Ford Parish Church*

**Sunday 20th December 2009**  
Glassary Church 11.30am  
Family Service

**Monday 21st December 2009**  
Ford Church 7.00pm  
Village Christingle Service followed  
by Carols and mince pies in the Village Hall.

**Thursday 24th December 2009**  
Kilmartin Church 11.30pm  
Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday 27th December 2009**  
Kilmartin Church 11.30am Service  
*All services conducted by Rev. Alistair Dunlop*  
A very Happy Christmas to you all.  
Everyone most welcome.

*Glenarary and Inveraray  
Parish Church*

**Sunday 20th December at 11.15am**  
Service with Favourite Carols.

**Thursday 24th December at 11pm**  
Watchnight Service with the Pipe Band

**Friday 25th December at 10am**  
Christmas Day Service

**Sunday 27th December at 11:15am**  
End of Year Service

**Sunday 3rd January at 11.15am**  
New Year Service

*Lochgilphead Parish Church*

**SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER**  
11.00 am Family Service  
Rev. Hilda Smith

**THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER**  
11.15 pm Watchnight Service  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
Festive music, food and refreshment  
from 10.30 pm

**SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER**  
11.00 am Worship Service  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
All Welcome

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*St Margaret's RC Church*  
(and All Saints, Inveraray)

**Sunday 20th**  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10am  
Inverary Mass 12.30pm

**Monday-Thursday**  
Lochgilphead Mass 10.30am

**Thursday 24th**  
Carol Singing at 11.30pm  
Followed by Midnight Mass

**Friday 25th (Christmas Day)**  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10am  
Inverary Mass 12.30pm

**Saturday 26th**  
Lochgilphead Mass 10.30am

**Sunday 27th**  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10am  
Inverary Mass 12.30pm

**Sunday 3rd Jan 2010**  
Lochgilphead Mass at 10am  
Inverary Mass 12.30pm

*Living Stones Christian Centre  
Kilmartin*

**Sunday 20 December 2009**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages  
followed by light lunch  
Speaker: George Stewart

**Friday 25 December 2009**  
**Christmas Day**  
11.00am - 12.00noon  
Family Carol Service

**Sunday 27 December 2009**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages  
followed by light lunch  
Speaker: Graham McLean  
All Welcome

**Kintyre**

*Killean & Kilchrenzie  
Parish Church*

*A'Chleit, Rev. Martin Grashoff*

**Sunday 20 December 2009**  
11.30am - Nativity Play & Sunday Service,  
with the Sunday School

**Thursday 24 December 2009**  
11.15pm - Carol Singing for All  
11.30pm - Watchnight Service

*Kilcatmonell Parish Church*  
Clachan

**Sunday 20th December - 10.00am**  
Morning Worship

**Christmas Eve - 7.30pm**  
Carols and Lessons  
*Minister - Rev Martin Grashoff*

*Lorne And Lowland  
Parish Church*

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**Sunday 20 December**  
Family Service 11:15am

**Thursday 24 December**  
**Christmas Eve**  
"Silent night, Holy night"  
United Watchnight service 11:30pm  
(In Highland Parish Church)

**Friday 25 December**  
**Christmas Day**

"O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord"  
Short family service for Christmas Morning-  
10:30am

**Sunday 27 December**  
Morning worship- 11:15am

*Saddell and Carradale Church*

**December 20th**  
12 noon Nativity; 7 pm 9 Lessons and Carols  
(followed by tea and mince pies in Village Hall)

**December 24th**  
11:30 pm Watch night Service  
Skipness, St Brendan's

7pm Christmas Eve Service

**December 25th**  
11 am Christmas Day Service

*Highland Parish Church*  
(SC 002493)

**Sunday 20th December**  
11.15am - All-Age Carol Service  
with Sacrament of Baptism.  
Retiring Offering for Fabric Fund.

**Thursday 24th December**  
11.30pm - United Watchnight Service  
(in Highland)  
with Carol singing from 11.15pm.  
Offering for The Vine Trust  
(MV 'Amazon Hope')

**Sunday 27th December**  
11.15am - Seasonal Worship

**Sunday 3rd January 2010**  
11.15am - Morning Worship  
*Ceud mile failte*

*Springbank Evangelical Church*

**Sunday 20th**  
Communion 10.00 a.m.  
Children's Christmas Celebration 11.15 a.m.  
(including nativity from Sunday School)

**Thursday 24th Christmas Eve**  
Carols by Candlelight 7.00 p.m.

**Sunday 27th**  
Communion 10.00 a.m.  
All Age Service 11.15 a.m.

*Southend Parish Church*

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Sunday 20th December**  
11.30am Christmas Family Service  
Preacher Agnes Stewart

**Thursday 24th December**  
11.30pm Christmas Watchnight Service  
Preacher Agnes Stewart

*St Kieran's Scottish  
Episcopal Church*

Argyll Street, Campbeltown

**Christmas Day**  
10.45 am Family Communion  
and Christmas Hymns

**Sunday 27th December**  
10.45 am Family Communion with Carols  
for Christian Aid

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*Tarbert, Loch Fyne linked with  
Kilberry Church of Scotland*

Christmas services

**Friday 18th December**  
2.30pm. End of term school service in Tarbert  
Church of Scotland

**Sunday 20th December**  
11.30am - Tarbert Church service. Featuring the  
Sunday school nativity play. Everyone welcome  
- teas and coffees afterwards

3pm - Templar's Hall - Informal afternoon service,  
featuring the Sunday school nativity play.  
Everyone welcome - teas and coffees afterwards

**Thursday 24th December**  
**Christmas Eve services**

8.30pm - Kilberry Christmas Eve service

11.30pm - Tarbert Christmas Eve watch night service

**Sunday 27th December**  
Music for Christmas 11.30am - Tarbert Church service

**Sunday 27th December**  
2pm - Kilberry Church service

**Sunday 3rd January**  
11.30am - Tarbert Church service  
Margaret Sinclair - Interim Moderator  
01499 500633 - all welcome

*Tayinloan Bible Fellowship*

**Friday 18th December**  
Christmas Carol Service at 8pm  
in Tayinloan Village Hall  
Speaker: Mr Kelvin Moller  
Christmas Supper  
Come along and join in  
the true spirit of Christmas.  
Everyone most welcome.

# Record numbers forward for Holstein Breeders' Club competition

## 109 heifers were on view for the judge

AT THE Kintyre Holstein Breeders Club's annual heifer competition last Wednesday, a record number of 109 Holstein heifers were on view for the judge John Jamieson, Woodhead, Annan.

The results were announced after a splendid dinner in the Argyll

Hotel, Campbeltown, at night but prior to this the near 30-strong following going round the farms during the day witnessed Kenny Robison from Ardlamy in Gigha being presented with a trophy for winning on inspection the small herds section in the Holstein Scotland

South Herds Competition and also coming third place overall in the best bred cow class.

Chairman James Wallace, on behalf of the Kintyre Holstein Breeders Club, congratulated Kenny and his wife Betty and made reference to their tremendous Hebrides Herd sale at Carlisle

in September and he wished both all the best in the future.

Congratulations were also extended to club members William and Margaret Ralston, West Darlochan, on being selected as one of the top 20 herds in the Scottish Dairy Herds of the Year competition that features some 650 herds. So all in all, a successful day!

### Results

Team: 1 John Ralston, Kilkivan; 2 John Smith Drumalea; 3 David Young, Glencraigs.

Individual: 1 Sandy Pirie, Machrihanish; 2 David Young, Glencraigs; 3 William Armour, West Trodial.

Dam and daughter: 1 Peter Littleton, Killegruer; 2 Dugald Graham, West Backs; 3 Sandy Pirie, Machrihanish.

Most points overall and Genus Prize: John Ralston, Kilkivan.



At the prize-giving dinner, left to right: Sandy Pirie, John Ralston; Alison Jamieson; Peter Littleton; John Jamieson, judge. c51ho103



Tommy Ralston of the Dhurrie Farm and judge John Jamieson from Annan. 04\_c51ho102



The herd from the Dhurrie Farm, which was the last to be visited on the day. 04\_c51ho101

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## Humphreys to go at First Milk

PETER Humphreys, First Milk's chief executive, has taken the decision to leave the business at the end of March 2010.

As a result of this decision, First Milk's chairman, Bill Mustoe, will immediately take over direct responsibility for leading the executive team in addition to his chairman responsibilities, allowing him to gain a more detailed understanding of the business.

Peter Humphreys said: 'Given the new phase that the business is moving into, I believe that it is appropriate that I step aside from the chief executive role. I will be on hand to support Bill and the business over the next few months in whatever way I can.'

## MEPs meet Ciolos in Brussels

DACIAN CIOLOS, who has the nomination to replace Mariann Fischer-Boel as EU Agriculture Commissioner has met with Scottish MEPs in Brussels and agreed to visit Scotland within the next six months.

MEPs Alyn Smith and George Lyon said that they had enjoyed a cordial meeting with Romanian Mr Ciolos, and discussed his proposals for a European Farm Prices and Margins Observatory.

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# Quality heifers on view at Ayrshire breeders' competition

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club members held their annual heifer competition on Tuesday December 8 when the judge was Colin Mair from Townhead, Mouswold, Dumfries.

He inspected six teams of heifers during an increasingly wet and windy day.

### Interested spectators

Despite the weather the event was closely followed throughout by a large turnout of interested spectators.

After dinner at The Old Clubhouse, Machrihanish, Mr Mair complimented all the exhibitors on the quality of the heifers on view and then presented the prizes.

Parker's Cup, heifer team: 1 W Ralston, East Drumlemble; 2 J and M

Barr, Clochkeil; 3 J Barbour and Co Machribeg.

Kintyre Farmers' Cup, individual heifer: J and M Barr, Clochkeil; 2 C Millar, Ballygreggan; 3 W Ralston, East Drumlemble.

James and Sons Quaich, progeny cup: 1 J and M Barr Clochkeil, Calderglen Lancelot; 2 W Ralston, East Drumlemble, East Drumlemble Jupiter; 3 J Barbour and Co, Machribeg, Carnell Dunn Deal.

Mother and daughter quaich: 1 J M Cameron, Gartvaigh; 2 MM Ronald, Ormsary; 3 J and M Barr, Clochkeil.

John Barr Memorial Trady, butterfat and protein won by East Drumlemble Japonical 15th by Kildare Jerry - 568 points (432kg butterfat and 308kg protein in 368 days calving index).



Willie Armour Snr and Jnr and judge Colin Mair at the competition.

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J and M Barr's Calderglen Raffia took the honours at this summer's Kintyre Show and also won at Kintyre Farmers' Cup for best individual at the annual breeders club competition last week. 12\_c33show25



Heifers at Clochkeil farm. 04\_c51ayr01

## Record number of calves forward from Kintyre and Knapdale

OBAN - Caledonian Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 1207 Suckled calves, Store, Breeding and OTM cattle at their Christmas Show and Sale on Tuesday December 8.

The judging was in the hands of Graeme Stirling, Burnbank, Throsk and the following were his awards and prices realised:

Champion and winner of Caledonian Marts Perpetual Challenge trophy was exhibited by E McGillvary, Barcaldine Home Farm, Barcaldine with a 300kg Limousin Bullock which realised £1200 to the judge.

Reserve Champion a 365kg Limousin Heifer from D W Semple, Dippen, Carradale which made £1020 to R Wotherspoon, Holybush, Slamannan.

Champion Pen of cattle in the yard and winner of the Millhall Per-

petual Challenge trophy went to D W Semple for a pen of four Charolais Bullocks scaling 350kgs realised £840 to J A M Leggat, Little Inner-north, Fraserburgh.

Bullock Calf Mainland Bred:

1: Champion E McGillvary

2: D W Semple, 360kgs, £980 to J McKay, Wester Auchendennan, Arden.

3: B Campbell, Achnacreebeag, North Connel, 215kg, £550 to Ross Farms, Wester Middleton, Gorebridge.

Heifer Calf Mainland Bred:

1 Reserve Champion, D W Semple.

2: D McDonald, Tyree, Benderloch, 345kgs, £730 to Ross Farms.

3: D McDonald, 305kgs, £900 to C Malone, Corbiewood, Bannockburn.

Bullock Calf Island Bred:

1 & 2 J MacCormick, Balnagowan, Lismore,

250kgs, £650 and 270kgs, £620 to R S Kinloch, Wester Coldrain, Kinross.

3 D McCormick, Baligarve, Lismore, 300kgs, £660 to D A Cuthbertson, Jedderfield, Peebles.

Heifer Calf Island Bred:

1 A McGillvary, Achuran, Lismore, 315kgs, £710 to A Dunn, Redhall, Gargunnoch.

2 D MacCormick, Baligarve, 300kgs, £1100 to J McDougall, High Milndovan, Cardross.

3 A McGillvary, Achuran, 315kgs, £760 to Ross Farms.

Native Bred Bullock: 1 J & M Turner, Kildalloig, Campbeltown, 370kgs, £750 to J A M Leggat.

2 J & M Turner, Kildalloig, Campbeltown, 375kgs, £670 to A Dunlop, South Bar, Inchinnan.

3 B Walker, Carloanan,

Inverary, 340kgs, £635 to A Reid, Lagg, Ayr.

Native Bred Heifer:

1 D MacCormick, Baligarve, 290kgs, £600 to W Colquhoun, Bankhead, Kinross.

2 and 3: J & M Turner, Kildalloig, 250kgs, £470 and 235kgs, £450 to J Watson, Mains of Druidland, Banff.

Bullocks (630) averaged 191p (n/c) to 400p per kg for 300kg Limousin from Barcaldine Home Farm and £1200 gross for 300kg Limousin from Barcaldine Home Farm.

Heifers (501) averaged 188p (n/c) to 367p per kg for a 300kg Limousin from Baligarve and £1100 gross for a 300kg Limousin from D MacCormick, Baligarve.

Leading prices per head and per kilo

Bullocks: 0-250kgs - £740, 296p Barcaldine Home Farm;

251-300kgs - £1200,

400p Barcaldine Home Farm; 301-350kgs - £840, 242p Dippen;

351-400kgs - £980, 242p Dippen; 401-450kgs - £880 Killocraw, 202p Achuran;

451-500kgs - £930, 188p Barbreck Estates;

501-550kgs - £1000, 185p Mill Farm; 551-600kgs - £1040 Barbreck Estates, 184p Ballimore.

Heifers: 0-250kgs - £660 Achnacreebeag, 320p Ardfenaig; 251-300kgs - £1100, 367p Baligarve; 301-350kgs - £900, 295p Tyree;

351-400kgs - £1020, 279p Dippen; 401-450kgs - £870, 205p Achnaba; 451-500kgs - £900, 191p Achuran;

501-550kgs - £700, 123p Achnacreebeag.

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A record number of calves forward from the Kintyre and Knapdale area.

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**REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR CAMPBELTOWN AND KINTYRE**

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All areas normally collected on Fridays will be uplifted on Monday 28th. December and Monday 4th January 2010 respectively.

All areas normally collected on a Monday will be uplifted on Monday 28th. December and Monday 4th January 2010.

The Civic Amenity Site at the Roading Campbeltown will be open as normal on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th December, plus Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd January 2010.

The Civic Site will be closed on Friday 25th and Monday 28th December plus Friday 1st and Monday 4th January 2010.

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# Christmas Greetings

## CISSIE & IAIN MCMURCHY

55 Dalaruan Street, wish all relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## NANCY MACPHERSON

Wishes all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
30 L.C.C.



## DON THOMSON

Wishes family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## RAE MACGREGOR 18 CHALMERS COURT

Is unable to send cards this year, however, wishes all friends and relatives Seasons Greetings.



## NANCY BLACK

Wishes family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
20B Calton Avenue.



## Merry Christmas

Helen Watson, 13 Meadow Park, wishes all relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## SEASONS GREETINGS

To all friends and relations from Madge Baker (née Campbell).

## MAY MACGUGAN

Would like to wish all relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## MARY CAMPBELL

Would like to wish her family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
86 Millknowe.



## DANNY KENNEDY INVERARAY

Would like to wish his family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Good New Year.



## CATHIE MACKINVEN LIMECRAIGS

Would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## GILLIES ANG & ROBIN

Wish all family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Tayinloan.

## SEASONS GREETINGS

Seasons Greetings from Margaret & Boyd.

## ALEX & JOHN JOHNSTON

Stanley Place, would like to wish all our friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To family and friends from Margaret and George, The Old Rectory.

## MRS M MCKINVEN 13 WITCHBURN RD

Wishes family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## JEAN STALKER

Wishes all her family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## SEASONS GREETINGS

Wishing my family and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Gus McEachran  
14 Castlepark.



## Merry Christmas

Duncan MacKinnon would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## SEASONS GREETINGS

Christine & Dave Wike, Tomaig Road, wish all their family and friends "Compliments of the Season".

## MRS ANNIE MCGEACHY

Would like to wish all her friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Merry Christmas

To all my family, friends and good neighbours from John Clark, Muasdale.



## Merry Christmas

Cathie Martin & John wishes all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
86 Crosshill Avenue.

## MARGARET GRAHAM 10 RALSTON ROAD

Wishes all friends and family a Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2010.



## JOHN & AMY 2 MILL RD

Wish all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and Health and Happiness in 2010. Owing to illness, not sending cards. Donation to Erskine Hospital.

## FIONA RITCHIE

Would like to wish her family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Merry Christmas

To all my relatives and friends from Margaret McSporrans, 5 Kirk Street.

**Merry Christmas**  
Neil G Ronald, 24 Wallace Cottages, Southend, wishes all his relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**JOHN & FIONA SOUTHEND**  
Would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**REGGIE MCMANUS**  
Would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Good New Year.

**Merry Christmas**  
Jemima Bell, Carradale, would like to wish all friends and relatives a Peaceful Christmas and a Good New Year.

**Merry Christmas**  
I wish all family, friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.  
Mary Galbraith, 38 Smith Drive.

**Merry Christmas**  
Iain & Hilda McSparran wish all friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**BILLY, LUCY, CATRIONA, DAVID & FAMILY**  
54 Kirk Street, wish all relations, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**TOBY & BETTY 197 RALSTON RD**  
Would like to wish everyone a Peaceful Christmas and a Good New Year.

**SEASONS GREETINGS**  
Jean McGilp wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**JEAN PILGRIM**  
Would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Good New Year.

# PERSONALS

**Sandy McDonald** wishes to thank relatives and friends for cards and gifts, meal in the Kilmartin and trip to the theatre in Glasgow for my 60th Birthday.

Alex and Morag would like to say thank you very much to Eamon for his prompt action. The ambulance crew, the staff at the Mid Argyll Hospital and the crew of the helicopter for their excellent care when Alex took ill suddenly. Thanks also to all work-mates and well wishers.

**HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY JOHN WAREHAM**  
Lots of love Dad, Mum, Eddy, Mary, Jonathan and Craig  
xxx

**MRS ANNA MCALLISTER** would like to thank her family and friends for their gifts on her 90th birthday.

CHRISTINE CRAWFORD would like to thank all friends and colleagues for the beautiful gifts received on her retirement. Thanks also to all who attended the party and to John, Julie-Ann and staff of the Furnace Inn for making it such a great night. 1 Goatfield View, Furnace.

**HAPPY 50TH DAD All the best Love Shelley & Sean XX**

**MORAG PATTON** sincerely thanks family and friends for the many kindnesses shown to her since returning from hospital.

**NAN SMART** would like to thank doctors and staff on Glenaray and Glassary Wards for excellent care and attention during her recent time in Lochgilphead Hospital. Also sincere thanks for cards and flowers received.

**Happy 18th Birthday Kenneth**

Love Mum, Dad, Keith, Kirsti & Martin

Could Martha Maguire, or anyone who knew her in 1958 (September - December, Fire at mine) please get in touch with Box No. 4349, Campbeltown Courier, Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE. Alastair Macpherson.

**Happy 21st Birthday Graham**

Love from Mum, Dad & Ryan.

**Happy 18th Uncle Kenneth!**

Love Abbie, Rianne & Louisa  
xxx

Jean McGilp, Dunhallin, Lochgilphead sends heartfelt thanks to family, friends and neighbours for beautiful flowers, letters, cards, calls and gifts celebrating her new hip! Forever grateful to Mr Kumar and all his team at RAH Paisley and all NHS staff, Lochgilphead

**Donnie MacArthur** wishes to thank family and friends for his lovely surprise 80th birthday party. The sum of **£330.00** was raised for The West Kintyre Ladies branch of the RNLI.

**WAREHAM**

Half a hunner What a scunner!  
Lots of love Hilda & Julie  
xx

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, presents and donations, at my 50th birthday party. I had a great birthday. A total of **£1,535.00** was collected for Air Ambulance. Thanks also to Jamie G Disco, McGeachy's Catering, The Argyll Hotel, and all the taxi's.  
Willie.

Congratulations this month to **John and Helema McIntosh** who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 11th Dec. They were married in 1959 by Rev John Cormack

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This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are:  
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'... a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:11).

BIRTHS

McSPORRAN - Neil and Rhona are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Hayley Emma on November 28, 2009.

OWENS - John and Gayle (née McPhee) are delighted to announce the birth of Sam, on November 29, 2009.

ENGAGEMENTS



MORRAN - CONLEY

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Tommy, son of Tommy and Janette, to Emma Jane, eldest daughter of George and Catriona.

RUBY WEDDING

GRAHAM - TEASDALE - On December 20, 1969 at the Baptist Church, Lochgilphead by Rev Greg, Duncan to Isabel, Eilean Mor, Ardrishaig.

DEATHS

BROWN - Suddenly at home, 17 Glenside, Campbeltown, on December 13, 2009, James Robert Brown, in his 61st year, beloved partner of Agnes Collett, dear father of Fiona, James and Jennifer and a loving grandfather, dearly loved son of Stella and the late Thomas Brown and a much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

LOUGHRAN - P. J. Peacefully at home with his family on December 16, 2009. Requiem Mass at St Margaret's, Lochgilphead, Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 12.00 noon. Thereafter, Ach nabrac Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, can be made to Cancer Research.

MACARTHUR - Peacefully at the Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 9, 2009, Robert MacFarlane MacArthur (Robbie), in his 92nd year, 31 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown and formerly of Peninver, dearly beloved husband of Seonaid, much loved father of Mhairi and the late Campbell, loving papa of Catriona and David and beloved grandpa of Robert and Laurie.

IN MEMORIAM

ADCOCK - Keira Marie, August 12, 2000 - December 19, 2003. Loving you is easy

We do it everyday Missing you is a heartache That never goes away It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone For part of us went with you The day God called you home Our hearts still ache in sadness Our silent tears still flow For what it meant to lose you Keira No one will every know Love always and forever - Mummy and Daddy xx Jah Bless. ADCOCK - To our beautiful daughter Keira. As time and life go by and tears are shed from our eyes, the part of you that is held within stays there with your shining grin. A helping hand within dark days is what you give to us everyday. All our love - From family home and away. ADCOCK - In loving memory of our granddaughter and niece, Keira, who died December 19, 2003 aged 3. As you were, you will always be Treasured in our memory - Love from Nana and Papa xx. Forever in our thoughts. - Uncle Colin and Uncle Stewart xx. CAMERON - In loving memory of Richard who died on December 15, 2006. Forever in our thoughts. - His loving wife May, Mary, Walter and family. - Ian, Tania and family. CAMPBELL - In loving memory of Robert, a dearly loved son, brother and uncle, who died December 21, 2002. We hold you close within our hearts And there you will remain To walk with us throughout our lives Until we meet again. Loved and remembered always. - Mum and family, at home and away. DUFFY - We thought of you today Craig But that is nothing new We thought of you yesterday And will tomorrow too We think of you in silence And make no outward show For what it meant to lose you Only those who love you know Remembering you is easy We do it everyday It's the heartache of losing you That will never go away. December 19, 2004. - With love Mum, Colin, Shane, Eilidh. DUFFY - Precious memories of our beloved grandson Craig, who died December 19, 2004. In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. - Gran and Papa, Tarbert. DUFFY - In loving memory of my beloved partner Craig, who died so tragically Dec 19, 2004. It's sad to walk the road alone, Instead of side by side,

But to all there comes a moment, When the ways of life divide, You gave me years of happiness, Then came sorrow and tears, But you left me beautiful memories Craig, I will treasure through the years. Remembered every day with all my love as always, - Jane xx. DUFFY - Craig. December 19, 2004. Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts Never forgotten. - Love Uncle Colin, Aunt Margaret, Jacquelyn and Emma xx. DUFFY - Craig. December 19, 2004. In memory of Craig, a dear friend and fellow fisherman. Always remembered. - TT Boys. FITZPATRICK - Terry. In loving memory of my precious husband who died December 26, 2007. Miss you more than words can say Love always, in our hearts forever. - Vivien and family. xxxx. GATNER - In loving memory of Andy, who died December 22, 2005. Lovingly remembered, dearly missed each day. - Sarah and family. MACGREGOR - In loving memory of a dear dad and pappy (Charlie), who died on December 18, 1999, also a dear mum and nanny (Mary Orr), who died April 8, 1982. Forever in our hearts and thoughts. - From all the family. McALPINE - Treasured memories of Irene who died December 18, 2006. Loved and remembered always. - John, Karen and Sam. SCOTT - In loving memory of Euphemia Scott (née Johnson) who died on December 21, 1963, also Alexis Wotherspoon granddaughter of the above Euphemia who died at St Christopher's Hospice, London on November 15, 2009 after a long illness. - Catherine, Janette, Walter and families

ECCLESIAICAL NOTICES

GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 20th December 2009 Glassary 11.30am Family Service Monday 21st December Ford Church 7pm Village Christing Service followed by carols and mince pies in village hall. Thursday 24th December Kilmartin 11.30pm Christmas Eve Service Sunday 27th December Kilmartin 11.30am All services conducted by Rev Alistair Dunlop All most welcome PLEASE NOTE ALL SERVICES IN 2010 WILL COMMENCE AT 10AM



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2009 11.00 am Family Service Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome FRIDAY & SATURDAY 18-19TH DECEMBER Christmas Tree Festival 18th 11.00 am - 8.00 pm 19th 11.00 am - 4.00 pm Festive music programme Refreshments during the day (soup available over lunchtime) THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER 11.15 pm Watchnight Service Rev. Hilda Smith Festive music, food and refreshment from 10.30 pm All Welcome SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2009 11.00 am Worship Service Rev. Hilda Smith All Welcome Further information 01546 602238 www.lpchurch.co.uk

Church of Scotland NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH Advent 4

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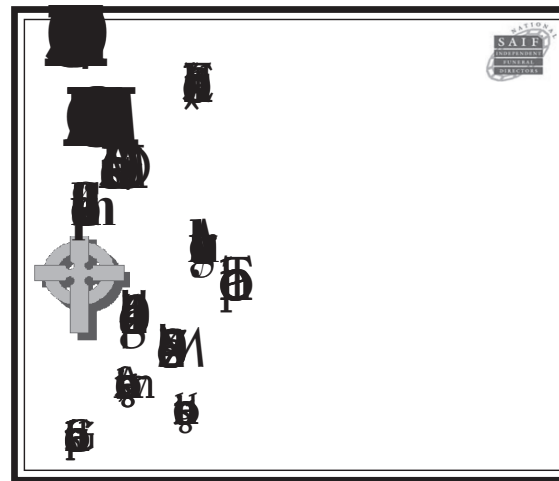
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# Santa visits Soccer Centre



KIDS from Campbeltown United's Soccer Centre had a visit from Santa last Friday night. The soccer centre has stopped for Christmas and will resume after the New Year.

## Boys dump the Dookers

### First three points of the season

SAFL Premier Division Two  
Tarbert 1

**Campbeltown Boys 5**  
CAMPBELTOWN Boys kick started their season with a stunning 5-1 away win over high-flying Argyll rivals Tarbert on Saturday.

A debut double from David McGeachy and a brace from Andrew Henderson followed Kenny Galbraith's early opener to earn the Feathers Inn sponsored Boys their first three points of the season.

The Boys got off to a whirlwind start and were 2-0 up before their hosts knew what had hit them. Galbraith opened the scoring inside five minutes with a very well taken finish, blasting high into the top corner from a very tight angle.

His strike was quickly followed up by goal number two, this time McGeachy pouncing on a loose ball to fire low into the Tarbert net.

The quick fire start

provided the Boys with a platform to put on their best performance of the season and it was no surprise when Henderson made it 3-0.

As the first half progressed the hosts came back into the game but the Boys defence held firm until the break, thanks in no small part to goalkeeper Scott MacBrayne's fine save from a goal bound James Prentice header.

However, it was Tarbert who were next on the score sheet, David Ronald powering a fine strike beyond MacBrayne from 20 yards. Rather than letting their heads go down as their clean sheet disappeared, the Boys stepped up their efforts on what was a very heavy pitch.

Their nerves were relaxed when McGeachy grabbed his second of the afternoon as Tarbert goalkeeper John Martin failed to keep out his powerful shot.

An impressive per-

formance was complete when Liam Renton released McGeachy with a great pass down the right, allowing the midfielder to square the ball for Henderson to clip a composed finish past Martin, putting the seal on a fantastic victory over a Tarbert team who have made an impressive start to their first season in Premier Division two of the SAFL.

The only downside for the Boys on an otherwise great day was the news that 18-year-old winger Craig Lang suffered a broken leg in creating his team's second goal.

Everyone at the club wishes Craig a speedy recovery and will hope to see him back in action as soon as possible.

Saturday's match was sponsored by McKinven and Colville and Argyll and Bute Consultants.

The Boys will now look to train hard over the Christmas break before they return to action on January 9.

## Christmas shoot for Tarbert Gun Club

LAST Sunday saw Tarbert Gun Club hold its annual Christmas Shoot and like other years, the competitors would shoot in pairs with names into a hat for teams.

Conditions were a little foggy to start with – well, that was the early teams' excuse – and a fine winter's day prevailed.

As luck would have it, all the top shots were kept apart. Favourite to win was the pairing of Ally McDonnell and the in-form Malcolm Holder, but they had to settle for second place to Ivor

Ferguson and Bob McColl, Ally and Bob tying for high gun overall.

Archie MacGilp Jnr has got the new gun working well, winning the pool-trap. The junior section was won by Achnamara's Naill Wilson and Ormsary's Iain Winnard, each taking home a turkey.

Results: Pairs 1 Ivor Ferguson, Bob McColl, 2 Ally McDonnell, Malcolm Holder, 3 equal Norman MacDonald, Nicol Ferguson and John Weir, Billy Bergant. Pool Trap 1 Archie MacGilp, 2 Brian Baird.



Young shots Iain Winnard, Naill Wilson, Shaun Nicolson and Euan MacDonald won prizes in Tarbert Gun Club's Christmas Shoot.

## SAFL results and fixtures

LAST Saturday's results: Scottish Cup 4th round - Dunoon 0, Gartcosh United 3; 4th round replay - Broomhill v Oban Saints, postponed. West of Scotland Cup 3rd round - Lochgilphead Red Star 0, Glasgow Harp 10; 4th round - Castlemilk 7, Campbeltown Pupils 4. Premier Division 2 - Tarbert 1, Campbeltown Boys 5.

Saturday's fixtures: Scottish Cup 4th round replay - Broomhill v Oban Saints.

All the other Argyll teams have no fixtures due to the Christmas and New Year holiday break.

## Festive deadlines

SPORTS reports and photographs for the festive editions of the paper should be submitted no later than 12noon on Monday December 21 and Monday December 28.

Anything submitted after this time may not be included in the paper.

All reports and photographs should be emailed to – editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk or handed into the office.

## Wee Toon darts

CAMPBELTOWN District Darts League week eight results: Argyll A 5 Southend 5, Kinloch 6 White Hart 4, Ailsa 5 McGochans 5, Hunting Lodge 0 Fiddlers 10, Burnside 10 Argyll B 0. Jamie McGougan had a 117 finish for the Fiddlers.

## Rangers bus for Dundee United game

NAMES are now being taken for the Rangers' Supporter's bus leaving Campbeltown on January 30 against Dundee United.

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## Winter league shoot at Barmore

TARBERT Gun Club held their December leg of the winter league team shoot last Sunday at their Barmore ground.

The weather was kind to the 48 shooters and it was the younger members who shot well.

Geordie Hunter won the High Gun with Scott McNeil and Mark Ellis again winning their classes closely followed by Ormsary's Ian Winard and Campbeltown's Scott MacAllister in the team event.

Bob McColl's team increased their lead at the top.

Results: Class A: 1 G Hunter, 2 J Paton and A McDonnell, 3 B Baird; Class B: 1 J Gargan, 2 A Khan, 3 S MacAllister; Class C: 1 M Holder, 2 F Campbell, 3 A MacCallum; Class D: 1 S McNeil, 2 I Wilson, 3 A MacGilp Jr; Class E: 1 M Ellis, 2 I Winnard and S MacAllister, 3 S Johnson, 4 A Currie.

Teams: 1 B McColl, A Khan, M Holder, I Wilson and M Ellis, 2 J Paton, J Gargan, L MacDonald, A MacGilp Jr, A Currie, 3 J Weir, R Jenkins, R MacCallum, M Read and R McDonald.

See page 23 for more on Tarbert Gun Club.

## Boys to hold coffee morning

CAMPBELTOWN Boys will be holding a fundraising coffee morning tomorrow (Saturday) in the Town Hall, Campbeltown from 10am.

# Jog Scotland ladies run 5k for fun and the Salvation Army



The runners make their way to the finish line down Burnside Street. 04\_c50jog02



Ladies from Jog Scotland ran a 5K fun run last weekend and donated £200 to the Salvation Army. The three-mile route took the group all around Campbeltown, including the aisles of Tesco, finishing up on Burnside Street.

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