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Takeover talks held at Vestas

Parties involved say they are hopeful of reaching agreement

FATHER Christmas arrived at Vestas Celtic on Monday by company jet to Machrihanish instead of by sleigh, when management announced to the 98-strong workforce that they have received an offer regarding a possible takeover as 'an ongoing concern'.

All the different parties involved say they are hopeful of reaching agreement and this prompted the announcement to the workforce on Monday morning.

'Negotiations continue right now with EVO and Welcon A/S with the support of Scottish Development International (SDI) and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), with the object of securing a positive future for the Campbeltown plant and the employees, the outcome of these talks will be advised as soon as possible,' said a spokesman for the company.

Both of the firms are Danish, like Vestas; EVO Energy is a subsidiary of EVO an independent investment company which specialises in the energy market and Welcon A/S, run by two brothers Carsten and Jens Risvig Pedersen who are pioneers in the wind industry, having been in the business for 25 years produc-

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Nicely iced at Grammar School

EVERYONE enjoys a Christmas cake and for many families in Kintyre there will be an extra special cake on the table this year thanks to the skills of younger members of the family who are pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School studying home economics, like Ewan Millar and Alison McKerral pictured here. Turn to pages eight and nine for more pictures about the sugar craft skills in which the school specialises. C51cgs02

Sound of Kintyre vandalism

POLICE are appealing for information after vandalism at the Sound of Kintyre. A window was smashed at a house sometime during Saturday night into Sunday morning.

Alcohol seized

OVER the last week 30 litres of alcohol has been seized by police from underage youths.

Although the bottles were not open the police have the right to seize alcohol if it is found in the possession of a minor in a public place.

Obstructing police

A MAN was arrested in the early hours of Monday morning after he was stopped and searched on the suspicion of being in possession of controlled drugs.

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Rape crisis support

THE NEED for the Support Services of Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis become even more apparent at this time of year, the organisation said this week.

'Over the festive period alcohol consumption increases and our usual judgements and boundaries become muddied. The increase in alcohol consumption is clearly linked to the increase in rape and other sexual offences,' the organisation's spokeswoman said.

'Talk to someone and if you feel unable to talk to a friend or family member, call the Rape Crisis Helpline.

The telephone helpline number is 0800 121 4685.

Employee stole from Islay bank

Member of staff used dormant account to steal £900

A STUDENT who stole £900 from a bank where he worked on Islay was fined £200 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Steven James Robert Miler, aged 24, now of Flat 2/6 153 Bell Street Glasgow, admitted stealing the money on July 3, 2007 when an employee of the Royal Bank of Scotland at Port Ellen.

Procurator fiscal depute Alastair McSporran said bank records showed that Miller found a dormant account; he checked the account a number of times to make sure it was dormant before withdrawing £900 from it.

When the account holder received a statement and went to the bank no withdrawal slip could be found and the crime was traced back to Miller. He admitted he had taken the money to pay off debts.

Miller, who was not legally represented in court, said he was now a business student and he was 'extremely regretful.'

Ordering him to replay the £900 and fining him £200, Sheriff Ruth Anderson said; 'You have a record for theft and you will have to declare that from now on.'

Keep up to date with Dave

IN December he's a man with a mission: to print all 35,000 calendars given away free with our newspapers this week, The Oban Times' main and north editions, The Campbeltown Courier, Argyllshire Advertiser and The Arran Banner.

And if you're as passionate about printing as David McQuilkan, the manager of Krisp Print, Campbeltown, our commercial print operation, you'd like to know that's 35,000 A3 sheets of Crusade velum 200 micron paper in three spot-colour on an AB Dick 9810 offset lithographic press.

All that means a few late nights for Dave to make sure that the calendar, which has become a West Highland tradition, is ready on time.

Thanks Dave.

C52dav01

Vesta takeover talks go ahead

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ing towers and turbines for windmills.

Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat MP for Argyll and Bute, welcomed the announcement from Vestas that it is hopeful of reaching agreement.

Speaking after the Vestas announcement, Mr Reid, who has been involved in the negotiations, said: 'I welcome this positive announcement from Vestas. From my involvement in the negotiations I am hopeful that agreement will be reached which will save the jobs at Machrihanish.

'The Scottish Government must ensure that these negotiations are concluded successfully early in the New Year.

Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather believes the behind-closed-doors policy has paid off. He said: 'A huge amount of effort has been made to get the continuity we all want. This has not been conducted publicly because we realise the critical importance of the issue to the wellbeing of many people. We will simply have to continue with that strategy for it gives us the best chance of success.'

Workers were told their jobs were under threat in August, when Vestas said the towers, for which the Machrihanish factory was designed, and streamlined were not 'generating satisfactory earnings.

There was a recent stay of execution when redundancies were rescinded which lifted hopes that the factory night be saved.

Douglas Cowan, Highlands and Islands Enterprise's area manager for Argyll and the Islands said: 'We continue to work with the SDI, Scottish Government and the local authority in efforts to secure a long-term manufacturing or engineering business future for our premises at Machrihanish.'

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Sheriff tells man to 'get on his bike'

A MAN described in Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week as a 'boy racer' has lost his driving licence for six months.

Stewart David Anderson, aged 21, of 43 Lady Mary Row, admitted driving at speed at Limecraigs, performing a handbrake turn and causing the driver of another vehicle to have to take evasion action.

Procurator fiscal depute Alastair McSporran, said police had seen Anderson driving on Limecraigs Road and described the situation: 'In brief, a boy racer does a handbrake turn and takes off'.

Anderson's defence agent admitted: 'It was youthful bravado on his part' and added that his client needed his car to get to work because he worked shifts when no public transport ran; his employer sent a letter to court to confirm this.

'Well, I think he'll be cycling,' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson who disqualified him from driving for six months under the totting up procedure and fined him £100.

'A licence is a privileged and it brings with it obligations,' said the sheriff.

Drug addict's 'cry for help'

Shop breakers get six months in prison

TWO Campbeltown men will spend Christmas behind bars after breaking into a newsagent's shop in the town.

Andrew Hugh Allen, aged 30, of 76 Crosshill Avenue and Malcolm Paterson Brown, aged 40 of 26F Burnside street, Campbeltown, both admitted breaking into Keith's Newsagents on Main Street, on November 24 and stealing a till costing £600, the cash it contained, cigarettes and tobacco to the value of £1,500 and a charity box.

Procurator fiscal depute Alastair McSporran said the pair were filmed on closed-circuit television both inside and outside the shop. The damaged till and some of the goods were recovered.

Allen's defence agent said it had been 'a cry for help' as his client is a heroin addict who had been using up to seven bags of heroin a day, at the time of the offence, to feed his habit.

Brown had been in custody since November 26 and his defence agent said his client was 'very realistic' about what was going to happen.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson sentenced each of the men to six months in prison; Brown's sentence to be backdated to the time he was taken into custody.

Allen and Brown were caught on CCTV, inside and outside the shop on Main street. c51new01

Sent to prison

A CAMPBELTOWN man was sent to jail for a total of five months last week.

George Paton, aged 37, of Flat 9/26 Main Street, admitted breaking into a flat on Longrow on July 12 and stealing a mirror and also committing a breach of the peace at another address on Longrow on November 28.

Fined £275

A TARBERT man was fined a total of £275 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Wednesday.

Robert Simpson, aged 44, of 11 Oakhill, admitted committing a breach of the peace at Oakhill on September 19 and also having a knife with him.

Simpson told the court: 'I never intended to use the knife.'

Girl threatens sister with a knife

A 17-year-old girl with a knife threatened her sister, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

Carly Girvan, of 18 Castle Park, admitted having a knife with her in Glebe Street on October 20.

The court was told by procurator fiscal Alastair McSporran that Girvan had been drinking with friends and told them she was going to scare her sister by threatening her; she then went to her sister's home, brandished the knife and held it to her throat.

Her victim cut her hands as she pushed the blade away and the person who disarmed Girvan was also cut slightly.

Girvan's defence agent, Mike Creegan said his client has 'lost the plot' after she had been hit by her sister.

Alcohol

'A lot of alcohol had been taken,' he said, and that Girvan has since sought help for her alcohol problems.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson sentenced Girvan to 200 hours community service with a warning that if she committed another offence she would be sent to prison.

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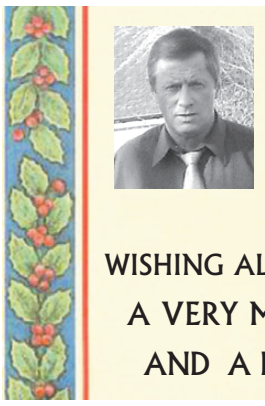
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Success for seven

SEVEN young people in Kintyre have just completed their Breakthrough self-development course run by the Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre, facilitated by Argyll CVS, and supported by Campbeltown Grammar School and Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service.

Alex misses out

WEE Alex Wotherspoon was only 150 votes behind the winner of an S1 competition she entered recently which could of seen her win £5,000 for her school.

The competition involved children sending in entries of an 'inspiring day out in Scotland' and Alex's idea of crabbing on the Island of Gigha saw her reach the last ten from over 6,000 entries.

The £5,000 prize was won by Eaglesham Primary School.

Man told to grow up and pay up

'I thought it would be funny at the time, but it obviously wasn't'

SHERIFF Ruth Anderson told a 27-year-old man to grow up when he appeared before her at court in Campbeltown last week.

Andrew Barr of Clochkeil Cottage, Campbeltown, had previously pled guilty to taking and driving away a tractor forklift from Hamilton Brothers on Glengyle Street, Campbeltown, at 2.30am on May 2; committing a breach of the peace in attempting to use the forklift to lift a vehicle parked at Dalriada Court and for driving a vehicle without insurance on Glebe Street, Glengyle Street, The Roading and Dalriada Court.

He told police: 'I thought it would be funny at the time, but it obviously wasn't.'

Compensation

Sheriff Anderson had deferred sentence until December 17 for further inquiries to be made about the level of compensation being sought; more than £600 for the cost of storing the tractor at the request of the police and Fyne Homes had asked for £1,000 to repair and replace an illuminated road sign that had been knocked over.

Sheriff Anderson decided not to award compensation for storage of the tractor.

The sign had cost £1,050 including VAT and the largest part of the cost was the isolation and reconnection of electricity to the sign. Barr was ordered to pay £897 and fined £175 with six penalty points added to his driving licence.

'It's about time Mr Barr that you grew up. It might seem funny at the time but it was an awfully expensive laugh,' said the Sheriff.

Susan Bennett shows clothes that are beginning to turn mouldy because of the dampness in her home. c50ben01

A CAMPBELTOWN woman said Christmas was going to be far from cosy at her Saddell Street home, thanks to a persistent problem with dampness.

Susan Bennett, who lives with her partner at 16B, told *The Courier* she is at her wit's end because dampness has covered the walls of one bedroom of her ground floor flat with black mould.

Her landlord, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) brought in damp-proof experts but Susan said she has not seen the report.

'ACHA told me it is caused by condensation, not enough air getting circulated and not enough heat, but my electricity is costing me £40 a week,' she said.

A spokesman for ACHA told *The Courier*: 'The Association carried out a specialist inspection of the property. The report indicates that there is no evidence of penetrating dampness. It was the conclusion of the inspection that the problem was one of condensation arising from improper use of heating and ventilation. This was conveyed to the tenant by the company carrying out the inspection. The Association will contact the tenant again to advise on proper heating and ventilation.'

Trawler pulled clear by lifeboat

A CAMPBELTOWN fishing boat had to be pulled clear of a dangerous weir on the Caledonian Canal last Wednesday.

The 15-metre trawler *Marigold*, which usually fishes out of Tarbert, was bound for her home port when a fuel supply problem developed and the vessel broke down near Dochgarroch just before midday.

Loch Ness lifeboat, with helmsman Alan Hogan and crewmembers Vivian Bailey and Ian Putnam on board, managed to pull the boat clear despite 'a fairly fierce wind from the southwest'. The lifeboat stern-towed the trawler further up the loch into more sheltered waters, then came alongside to be lashed to the trawler to give greater manoeuvrabilty, Mr Armitage said.

Panel's good wishes

KINTYRE Crime Prevention Panel members thank the community for its support throughout 2008 and wish everyone a safe and secure Christmas and 2009.

The panel formed in the mid 80s, made up of local people with representatives from the council, business and community organisations that work with the police.

Councillor Anne Horn wishes everyone in Kintyre and the Islands a Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

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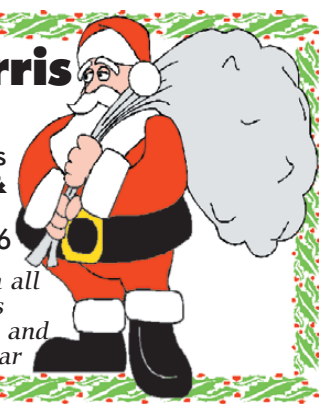

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Christmas through the lens

All the parents of Campbeltown Nursery's afternoon group would agree that the tots are little angels all year round and not just at their Christmas concert.c52nur01

Campbeltown Bowling Club holds parties for the younger and older children of members and friends. The party for the younger children was in full swing when our photographer arrived.c51bwl01

The youngest pupils at Castlehill Primary School filled the school hall with their nativity play.c51cst01

Children all over Kintyre have been enjoying the run up to Christmas with their nativity plays and Christmas parties.

Dalintober Primary School's Pre-fives morning group's nativity play.c51pre01

The cast of Dalintober Primary School's Pre-fives afternoon group's nativity play

The younger children at Carradale Primary School performed their Christmas nativity play last week whilst the older ones took to the stage to perform a Christmas themed WW2 play. c51car04

Castlehill Primary School's older pupils in the Primary six and seven class helped to run a Christmas fair at the school to raise money for school funds and the Oxfam water appeal for Bangladesh. Teacher Mrs Mackay is seen here with some of her helpers.c52cas01

The morning group of Campbeltown Nursery performed the Christmas play *Little Red Robin.*

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Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.' … So the shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.' And that wasn't imagination. It was true!

(see Luke 2:8-18)

Down Memory Lane

Here's another of Agnes McKenzie's wonderful photographs from the 1960s. Agnes, formerly of Stewarton, who now lives in Ayr, took this photo of Highland dancers at the Auchinlea Fete. She believes it to be either the late 1960s or perhaps even the early 1970s. Can anyone date this photograph for her, or better still, can you name the dancers. Please let us know by post or by email.

Provost's message

Sir,

The festive season is upon us once more and we are surrounded by the hustle and bustle of people preparing for their own celebrations with excited children looking forward to the promise of presents and families looking forward to spending time together.

Amidst this festivity we can spend some time reflecting on the year that's gone and look forward to the one to come.

There are many people who deserve our thanks particularly at this time of year. Those in our community who give their time freely and work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for so many, not just at Christmas time but throughout the year and who deserve a special thank you.

As the old year draws to a close let us hold dear the memories we treasure, give us the patience to enjoy to the full every minute of the present and look forward to the future.

As always there will be many new challenges for us to face, but let us rise up and face them with energy and enthusiasm.

As the New Year dawns we can look forward to welcoming friends and relations back to our shores with the Homecoming Scotland celebrations – celebrations which will also take place throughout Argyll and Bute during the year.

To everyone in Argyll and Bute I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a joyous Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2009.

Councillor William Petrie OBE JP DL Provost, Argyll and Bute Council.

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Well done Mum

Sir,

Congratulations to my mother, Anna Barclay. It has now been a year since she and her partner Terry and 'wee dug Tess' left Glasgow to move to Sound of Kintyre.

By doing this she has now found time to enjoy life, and even write a children's storybook about Tess.

My mother recently had word back that her storybook will be published and available to buy in bookshops. So if you are reading this mum, well done and we are all extremely proud of you.

James Gillespie, 28 Burnfoot Drive, Hillington, Glasgow.

Car park needed

Sir,

Can I make a suggestion to our local councillors?

Now that Woolworth's is about to close down, why don't they knock down this hideous building, which is a monstrosity and put a much-needed car park on the site?

Trying to park in town has become a nightmare. Especially over the festive season, this town needs more parking areas, and the site on which Woolworth's is on would be an ideal start.

Greer Abendroth, Loch View Ave, Fort Argyll, Campbeltown.

Tribute to armed forces

Sir,

For Christmas and New Year, I again pay tribute to those many brave men and women from our armed forces who are serving around the world. I welcome the recent announcement that our troops will leave Iraq by next July, but I am afraid that the long struggle in Afghanistan shows no sign of ending.

The Credit Crunch has dominated the news, and left many people finding it difficult to make ends meet, with fuel bills rocketing and many elderly people seeing the value of their investments and pensions fall.

The shock news of 2008 was Vesta's threat to close their Machrihanish factory. I have been involved in the talks to try to persuade a new company to come to Machrihanish to continue the work of building towers for wind turbines. The Scottish Government must ensure that these talks succeed; otherwise 2009 will see the devastation of the Kintyre economy.

The start of 2008 saw several Post Offices close. However the end of the year saw a major victory with the success of the campaign to save the Post Office Card account, used by many to collect their pensions at the Post Office. Had the Card Account been taken away from the Post Office then we would have seen more local Post Offices close.

In the coming year I want to see measures to tackle our housing shortage, to make banks lend money on fair terms to small businesses and families and changes to the energy companies' billing rules to end the unfairness of a pensioner trying to heat just a single room paying more for his/her units of energy than a millionaire heating five floors of a mansion.

I am always happy to hear from my constituents, so if there is anything that you think I could help with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alan Reid MP Argyll and Bute.

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Those Were The Days

Campbeltown Courier
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Hopes for Keil in 1999

THE dilapidated Keil Hotel in Southend which has lain empty and forlorn for years stands a chance of returning to its former glory.

A group of business people who are on the verge of buying the hotel from its current owners Keil Leisure Limited, hope to bring it back into commercial use.

They have ambitious plans to turn the hotel into a project fit for the 21st century – an electronic commerce centre.

However, before they make any firm decisions on what to do with the hotel, they want ideas and comments from the people of Kintyre.

Russ McLean of Felixstowe in Suffolk, and a group of friends have made an offer on the hotel and the offer has been accepted, but final papers still not to be exchanged.

More shoppers in town centre after big switch-on

LOCAL shopkeepers and hoteliers have been doing a reasonable trade in the build up to Christmas, with some doing better than others.

And some local traders believe that the new Christmas lights have made a difference to shopping in the area.

George McMillan of McMillan's newsagents said he had recorded a gradual increase in trade in the couple of weeks since the lights were switched on. He said: 'After we suffered the affects of the closure of RAF Machrihanish and the opening of the big supermarkets out of the town centre, we took quite a knock, but trade has been picking up recently – we are holding our own. Our Christmas stock is selling well, so I'm reasonably pleased with the way things are going.'

Kintyre supports shipyard plans

THE WHOLE Kintyre community appears to be behind plans to reopen Campbeltown shipyard. However the plans, which would see up to 50 jobs created, depend on planning permission being granted for Beinn An Tuirc windfarm.

The windfarm would itself create a further 60 construction jobs along with two long-term windfarm maintenance jobs as well as one for a ranger to manage ScottishPower's scheme to enhance the habitat of eagles living in the Mid Kintyre area.

Numbers up on Mull of Kintyre Seatours

FOR his fifth season Mike Taylor of the Mull of Kintyre Seatours has seen a rise in the number of passengers he has been taking out to sea.

Since the business started in 2004 there has been over 4000 passengers experiencing something a wee bit different on the 12-seater rigid inflatable boat (RIB).

As well as appealing to people with an interest in wildlife, Mike, who is also the skipper of the boat, has also taken golfers to and from Campbeltown.

In the high season between Easter and September Mull of Kintyre Seatours runs everyday whether it is to Ailsa Craig to see gannets, Sanda Island to see the puffins or a day trip to Northern Ireland or the Ayrshire coast, Mike tries his best to cater for everybody.

As well as seeing a rise in numbers the company has just renewed a contract with the Navy to participate in exercises for the next three years. As well as this the summer saw the launch of whale watching sea trip when there was some exceptional sightings.

Mike said: 'We saw a Minke whale that was 10 metres long. Those who were on board were thrilled to see this creature, which is rarely seen in Kintyre. On one trip this summer a Minke whale breach almost completely out of the water in a shoal of fish about 300 metres away.'

Seatours began when Mike, who has an interest in wildlife and boats, saw a niche in the market and decided to give the tours a go.

The tours are manned by local people as crew members and some have now gone on to join the Merchant Navy after gaining experience on board the RIB.

The boat used for the tours is capable of 40 knots which is about 45 miles per hour. It has 330 horsepower with an onboard diesel engine and a journey to Ballycastle would take just over an hour.

To put those who are anxious about small boats at ease, Mike has not had an accident, with no complaints being received from the 4,000 people he has had on board since Seatours began.

Over the next year Mike is hoping for a rise in visitors numbers and for the steady growth to continue but is unsure how the economic market will affect the business.

For more information or to book a tour visit www.mull-of-kintyre.co.uk

Mull of Kintyre Seatours provides the full kit, including a lifejacket, waterproof clothing and passengers receive a full safety briefing before the boat leaves Campbeltown Pontoons. c51sea02

Mike Taylor with his fast RIB. c51sea01

MEP calls for toys safety

LIBERAL Democrat MEP Elspeth Attwooll is calling for a safety first approach to toys, where all toys meet the highest safety standards before they make it to high-street shelves.

The MEP for Scotland commented after the European Parliament in Strasbourg backed tough new safety rules for toys imported into the EU from places like China.

Fly-tipping

A WEBSITE dedicated to fly-tipping has been re-launched under a brand new design. Keep Scotland Beautiful, has set up the website, www.dumdumpers.org

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Icing on the cake at

Hannah O'Hanlon prepares her cake for the icing. c50cgs01

Carly MacIndeor ices a cake with Emily Card. c50cgs08

THE icing on the cake for Campbeltown Grammar Schools is the sugar craft skills of its talented fifth and sixth year home economics students.

Everyone enjoys Christmas cake but the families of these students will be enjoying works of art as well, after the students have spent weeks working on them.

Teacher Lorna Millar in the home economics department is skilled in sugar craft techniques and she got everyone in the department involved; many people will have also attended lessons and talks she has given in the town.

Cakes and sugar craft from the grammar school have also won a prize in a national competition organised by Shelter.

The cakes are part the work by pupils towards a hospitality national unit; they work through a series of these during the course of their study.

The cakes were made in October, left to mature and then the icing started at the start of December.

The home economics department also runs a chef's club after school, which proves popular with students.

Lorna Black, Megan Hill and Ben Ballantyne. c50cgs03

Claire Newlands. c50cgs07

Amy McIntosh. c50cgs05

Student's cakes in the storecupboard at different stages of decoration C50cgs13

Megan Hill. c50cgs04

A detail from hand-made sugar decoration on top of Catherine Scott-Dodd's cake. C50cgs16

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the Grammar School

Teachers Alison Woodrow, Hazel Stalker and Emily Baird with students Carly MacIndeor and Emily Card. c50cga12

Chris Smith from Southend already works in the White Hart Hotel and at Pennyseorach at Southend and is considering a career in catering or the RAF. c50cgs09

The boys in the class: Ewan Millar, Robert Fox, Matthew Sharp, Calum MacEachen, and Benjamin Ballantyne.c50cgs11

Calum McEachen. c50cgs10

Lorna Millar is the teacher who fired up everyone's enthusiasm for sugar craftwork. She is seen here with Chantelle Cameron, a first year student. The younger pupils made truffles for Christmas as way of introducing them to the work.c50cgs14

Catherine Scott-Dodd. c50cgs06

A finished cake decoration, all made of sugar. c50cgs15

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Garden Club meeting

A MEETING of the Islay and Jura Garden Club was held recently in Bowmore Hall where Len's invaluable gardening advice and tips for showing vegetables were made freely available on the night.

Outback Art opens

AN exhibition of 'Works in Progress' by Carol Andrews was opened at Islay's new art gallery last Sunday developed by Petra Pearce at Sanaigmore farm in the Rhinns.

Christmas coffee and cakes at Ardrishaig

CHRISTMAS carols, coffee and cakes.

What more could anyone want on a cold and wet Wednesday afternoon.

Visitors to Ardrishaig's North Church Hall were met with just that last week when they attended 'Not another coffee morning'.

Last week's event, which sees between 35 and 40 visitors every week, was the last of the year with the next one taking place on January 7, 2009.

Held weekly, the coffee morning is a free event with people donating home baking, tea bags, coffee and milk to help with the costs.

'Originally the coffee morning was the idea of Kate Martin, who has since sadly passed away. It was her idea and we've just carried it on ever since,' explained Shirley MacIver, one of the event organisers.

Jennifer Phillimore, Anne Aitchison and Mary MacTavish also organise the event.

Pictured, seated, are ladies enjoying the 'Not another coffee morning'. Standing, from left to right are Shirley MacIver, Jennifer Phillimore and Anne Aitchison. a52tea01

Variety is the spice of life

TAYINLOAN Drama group's annual variety night packed the village hall for two nights running and was a great success.

Ryan Lowe and Patricia Johnstone directed and the nights opened with a special performance from the village's very own Spice Girls, Leigh Gilchrist, Patricia Johnstone, Ryan Lowe, Alan McDonald and Frances McNeil.

Junior members of the cast performed an adaptation of *The Wizard of Oz* with Emily Gilmour playing Dorothy. A sketch set in a doctor's waiting room with Denise McKeown playing the lead followed this.

Bovril and Spleen, namely Frances McNeill and Ryan Lowe brought Ravel's Bolero to life on stage with the help of Finlay Gilchrist.

The adults then took to the stage in an attempt to solve The Mystery of the Missing Fairy Queen with Patricia Johnstone as the detective and Ann Clark was Bo Peep, whilst Margaret Semple was an Ugly Sister. Gordon Caskie was the fairy queen.

This year the group had reduced numbers but put on a great show. They will be back with another variety night next winter.

Brave Captain Martin

ONE Hundred years' ago, December 29, 1908, was the day of a dreadful storm in Kintyre.

One ketch, the *Margaret Wotherspoon* of Gigha, was driven onto the mussel ebb but fortunately suffered little damage on the soft shore.

The ketch *Jane of Belfast,* loaded with coal, was overcome by the strength of the wind and was being driven onto the shore near Dalintober.

Her crew were in grave danger. The crew lashed themselves to the rigging to stop themselves from being washed overboard.

The lifeboat had been damaged in an earlier rescue that day and was driven past the wreck, the hull of which now being under water.

Centenary of famous rescue, remembered by great-granddaughter Efric McNeil. c52eff01

Captain Duncan Martin, who had been in conversation at the Christian Institute, now the social work department, mustered a crew and made a boat ready to go the *Jane's* aid.

Of the crew of three, one poor man, the master, did not survive the night but the other two crewmen taken to safety.

In recognition of Captain Martin's great bravery and, despite not being a life boatman, the RNLI presented him with their Silver Medal.

This award remains one of the very few medals for bravery presented to a non-lifeboat man. Over the life of the RNLI, of the awards made at the Campbeltown station, there have just been three silver medals awarded.

A small display can be seen at K Martin Booksellers, Main Street next week. The bookshop, which began trading around 1901, was set up by Captain Martin for two of his daughters and it remains in the same family today.

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Sunday 11th January
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Wednesday 14th January
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Saturday 24th January
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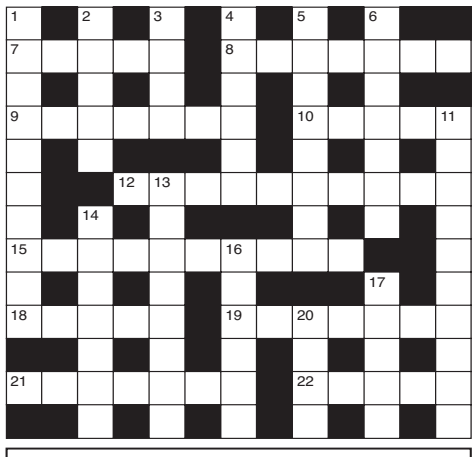
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE DOUBLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS
7. Keri, author of the novel The Bone People (5)
8. Soft-finned food fish such as Clupea harengus (7)
9. 12c French minstrel who according to legend accompanied Richard I to Palestine on the Crusades (7)
10. The dried, oil-yielding kernel of the coconut (5)
12. Eurasian shrub with ovoid yellow-green or red-purple berries (10)
15. Author of Epitaph for a Spy (4,6)
18. 'The —', 1982 film by John Carpenter (5)
19. Capital of Kenya (7)
21. Peter, Australian golfer who won the British Open 1954-6 (7)
22. African republic whose capital is Brazzaville (5)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS
7. Dig (5)
8. Use up (7)
9. Endanger (7)
10. Forbidden (5)
12. Styptic (10)
15. Gossip (10)
18. Go (5)
19. Stress (7)
21. Clipper (7)
22. Shine (5)



DOWN
1. 1953 Fritz Lang film starring Glenn Ford and Gloria Grahame (3,3,4)
2. Leopold, central character in James Joyce's Ulysses (5)
3. Bluish-white metallic element used as a radiation shield (4)
4 and 13. 'The —', 1987 film with Bette Davis and Lillian Gish (6,2,6)
5. 'The —', 1952 play by Arthur Miller (8)
6. 1968 novel by Arthur Hailey (7)
11. 1988 novel by Anthony Burgess (3,3,4)
13. See 4.
14. Brittle metalloid element, symbol: Si (7)
16. Treelike plant such as Musa sapientum with hanging clusters of edible fruit (6)
17. 'Lorna —', novel by R.D. Blackmore (5)
20. A member of a South American Indian people whose great empire centred on Peru (4)

QUICK CLUES DOWN
1. Extra (10)
2. Incline (5)
3. Prophet (4)
4. Visual (6)
5. Example (8)
6. Acrobat (7)
11. Stupidity (10)
13. Harmony (8)
14. Jersey (7)
16. Essence (6)
17. Piece of turf (5)
20. Almost (4)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - Across: 1 Skagerrak; 8 Two; 9 Firestarter; 11 Coconut; 12 Dance; 13 Champs; 15 Advent; 17 Alder; 18 Tambour; 20 Eric Liddell; 22 Ear; 23 Singapore.
Down: 2 Koi; 3 Essen; 4 Road To; 5 Katydid; 6 Strangelove; 7 Collector; 10 Richard Gere; 11 Cockatiel; 14 Perkins; 16 Stalin; 19 Medea; 21 Lur.
QUICK - Across: 1 Consensus; 8 Own; 9 Crestfallen; 11 Dweller; 12 Align; 13; Return; 15 Serene; 17 Class; 18 Average; 20 Intelligent; 22 Opt; 23 Endlessly.
Down: 2 Oar; 3 Extol; 4 Stairs; 5 Salvage; 6 Considerate; 7 Insincere ; 10 Eventuality; 11 Direction; 14 Rosette; 16 Pallid; 19 Exile; 21 Nil.

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The Forestry Commissioners may decide either to grant consent subject to the standard conditions required by Regulation 18 of the EIA Regulations, or subject to such further conditions as they see fit or refuse consent.

A copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the proposals in more detail is available for inspection during normal opening hours at:

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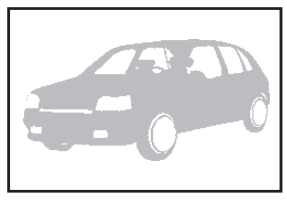

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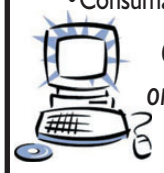

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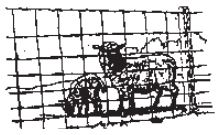

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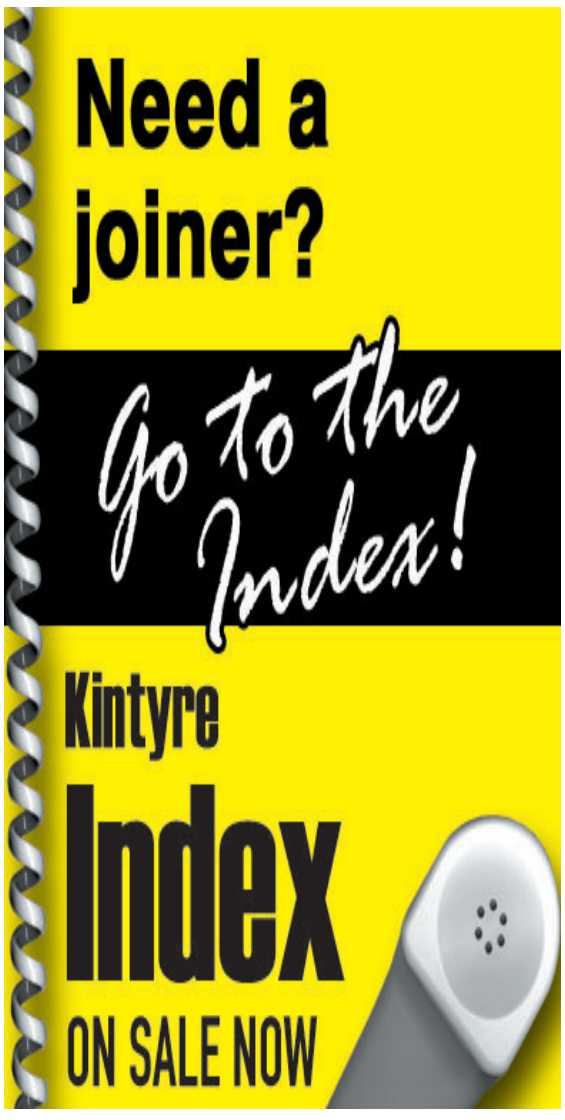

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'WHOEVER BELIEVES IN THE SON (JESUS) HAS ETERNAL LIFE …'
(JOHN 3:36).

ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN - RAE - Both families take pleasure in announcing the engagement of Keith and Jenny.

SILVER WEDDINGS

ARNOLD - BLACK - On December 23, 1983, at Lorne Street Church by the Rev J W Hood, James to Kirsteen. Present address Pembrokeshire, Wales.

RUBY WEDDINGS

DONEGAN - CAMPBELL - At The Manse, on December 27, 1968, by Rev J McCormack, James to Catherine. Present address 2 Glenburn Court, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

DUNNETT - Peacefully at Borders General Hospital, Melrose, on Sunday December 21, 2008, Isabella (Bella), née Forbes MacKay, of Millar House, Melrose, beloved mother of Alister, Kingsley, Frank and Stephen, Gina, Polly, Ariel, numerous grandchildren and great-grandmother of Tom and Ruairidh. Funeral service at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Saturday December 27, 2008, at 10.20am to which all friends are respectfully invited. A memorial service date to be announced later.

GRAHAM - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on December 19, 2008, Donald Anderson Graham, in his 89th year, Dunaverty, Woodland Drive, Campbeltown, dearly loved and loving husband of Sheena, a much loved dad and a very special grandpa.

MUNRO - John. Peacefully at the Western Imfirmary, Glasgow, on December 18, 2008, John (formerly of Campbeltown Shipyard), beloved husband of the late Jean (née Munn), loving dad of Evelyn, Maureen and Iain. Service was held at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar, on Tuesday, December 23, 2008, at 2.30pm.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS

MACFARLANE - Anne and the family of the late Alasdair MacFarlane, would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all staff at Tarbert Surgery and Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead for kind care and attention. Thanks also to the many kind offers of conveyance which were greatly appreciated, to Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, Coach House Inn, Cardross, for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at Cardross Crematorium.

IN MEMORIAMS

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.
Love and remembered always.
- Mum and family at home and away.

MACFARLANE - In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret, passed away on December 26, 2007.
I think about you every day
With so much love and pride
I miss you so
And wish that you
Were still here by my side.

THOMSON - In loving memory of our dear mother, Lizzie, who died December 25, 2003.
Loved and remembered every day.
- Family at home and Corby.

THOMSON - Lizzie.
Gone but not forgotten.
- Love Carole Anne.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday Services

10.a.m ... Breaking of Bread

10.45 a.m. ..... Coffee

11.15.a.m ..... All Age Service

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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686

Sunday 28th December
11:15 a.m.
All age Morning worship
(Creche)
Rev. Philip Burroughs

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Christ Church Lochgilphead
9am ..... Eucharist
11am ..... Morning Service

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"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

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

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Highland Parish Church

Saturday 27th December 2008
2.00pm
"A Service for Remembering"
in Church,
followed by tea in Kirk St Hall
Sunday 28th December
11.15am
Seasonal Worship
crèche at church (0yrs – 3yrs)
Rev Michael J Lind
Everyone very welcome

THE SALVATION ARMY

Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services

10.30am and 6.30pm.

Major Dolores Thomson

St. Kiaran's Scottish Episcopal Church

Argyll St. Campbeltown
St Kiaran Episcopal Church: Campbeltown
Scottish Charity No SC023277
Sunday 28th December 2008
First Sunday after Christmas
10.45 am Christian Aid Carol Service
Details of services are on the Church door
Enquiries
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The Scottish Episcopal Church is a Province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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Morning worship
Sunday 28th December 2008
Tayvallich Church 11.30am
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Wednesday 24th December
Watchnight Services
Kilberry Church 7.30pm
Tarbert Church 11.30pm
Sunday 28th December 2008
Tarbert Church 11.30am
Kilberry Church 2pm
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12 noon
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Sunday services
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GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Wednesday 24th December 2008
Glassary 11.30pm
Christmas Eve Watchnight Service
Preacher Tom McKay
All most welcome
Sunday 28th December 2008
Glassary 10am
Preacher Chris Thornhill
All most welcome
Please note services in 2009 will commence at 11.30am and will be conducted by Locum Minister Rev Alistair Dunlop.

LOCHGILPHEAD AND LOCHFYNESIDE FREE CHURCH

New years day Service
Free church Hall 12
Start 2009 with thanksgiving all welcome

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 28 December 2008
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham MacLean
All Welcome
"Come and see"

CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR

(Church of Scotland)
Scottish Charity Number SC016097
Sunday 28th December 2008
End of Year Service
(with carols)
LOCHFYNESIDE CHURCH (Minard)
10.30 am
(Tea to follow)
Rev. Roddy MacLeod
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ALL WELCOME

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World of Golf for Machrihanish boys

THREE teenagers from Machrihanish Golf Club have been chosen by Argyll and Bute Golf Union for golf tutorial sessions in Glasgow.

The six-week course will see Graeme McKillop, aged 13, Andrew Wallace, 11 and Neils Anderson, also 11, having a video session to begin with and develop their technique over the course.

The boys were selected for their age and handicap a few weeks ago and have been attending the sessions in Anniesland, Glasgow and are really enjoying it so far.

Graeme McKillop. c51mac03

Andrew Wallace. c51mac05

Neils Anderson. c51mac04

Sports Hall Athletics

Results from Argyll Sports Hall Athletics from November 30:

Under 9 Boys – 1 Kyle MacIndeor, Dalintober, 22; 2 Ryan MacLachlan, Dalintober, 21; 3 John MacKinnon, Southend, 13.5, 4 Declan Wilson, Castlehill, 9; 5 Jamie McKerrall, Castlehill, 7.5.

Under 9 Girls – 1 Eilidh Anderson, Dalintober, 20; 2 Emma Lazarus, Dalintober, 16.5; 3 Jenny Semple, Dalintober, 11.5; 4 Lucy Thomson, Dalintober, 8.5; 5 Jenna Lamont, Castlehill, 7.5.

Under 11 Boys – 1 Sam Ferguson, Castlehill, 25.5; 2 Ross Sloey, Castlehill, 14; 3 Steffan Cox, Dalintober, 10; 4 Ryan Deans, Castlehill, 8; 5 Cameron Wylie, Castlehill, 5.

Under 11 Girls – 1 Louise McIntyre, Southend, 24; 2 Nicole McKinlay, Dalintober, 17.5; 3 Claire Anderson, Castlehill, 11; 4 Isla MacKinnon, Castlehill, 5.5; 5 Maria Cairns, Drumlemble, 4 Michelle Paterson, Drumlemble, 4 Ashleigh Connor, Castlehill, 4 Eilish Cameron, Castlehill, 4.

Under 13 Boys – 1 Ryan McConnachie, Grammar, 29; 2 Darren Connelly, Grammar, 18; 3 Mark MacKinnon, Southend, 12; 4 David Connelly, Castlehill, 9; 5 Cameron Ronald, Grammar, 8.

Under 13 Girls – 1 Rachael O'May, Grammar, 30; 2 Kate Cameron, Grammar, 19.5; 3 Mairi Barbour, Southend, 19; 4 Anna Colville, Dalintober, 7.5, 5 Emily Kerr, Castlehill, 2.

Under 15 Boys – 1 Clayne MacCallum, Grammar, 27; 2 Gregor MacFadyen, Grammar, 13; 3 Alan Lazarus, Grammar, 12; 4 Andrew McKellar, Grammar, 10; 5 Craig Lamont, Grammar, 8.5; 6 Lewis MacFadyen, Grammar, 6.5.

Under 15 Girls – 1 Nicola Paterson, Grammar, 26, Ruth Semple, Grammar, 26; 3 Kathryn Howell, Grammar, 11; 4 Nicole Anderson, Grammar, 10.5, 5 Donna McMillan, Grammar, 6.5.

Under 17 Boys – 1 Christopher Thomson, Grammar, 27.5; 2 Gareth Croll, Grammar, 18; 3 Ross Ferguson, Grammar, 17.5; 4 Gary Turner, Grammar, 17.

All the athletes listed above qualify for the Argyll Final to be held at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday, January 24 2009 starting at 1pm with registration from 12noon. Entry fee is £1 per athlete.

Pool competition

A POOL competition in memory of Gordon McMillan is being held in the Commercial Inn on Burnside Square on Sunday.

Organisers are asking those who are planning to take part to have entries and their money in by Saturday December 27 by 5pm.

The cost is £2 per entry and the money raised with go to the local fire brigade.

Charity darts

THE Kilbrannan Bar will be holding a charity darts evening on December 29 with all proceedings going towards Campbeltown Sea Cadets.

Competitors should enrol before the competition starts at 8pm.

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS SPOT THE BALL WILL RUN FOR 2 WEEKS - THIS IS THE SECOND WEEK
Entries to be in by Monday 29th December 12noon

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Spot the BALL Competition

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To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball.

Entry will be void if crosses overlap. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.

If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE.

You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

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The company's decision will be final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.

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Santa visits young footballers

SANTA paid a visit to Victoria Hall to see the kids from the Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association. Campbeltown United would like to thank McEachran and Robertson, Nugent Joiners, Livingstone and McEachran, Alastair Blair, McNair and Son and Archie Smith for their contributions towards the clubs over the past year. c52utd01

Machrihanish Golf Club junior prizegiving

JUNIOR members at Machrihanish Golf Club turned out in force on Friday evening for their prize-giving.

A new cup was put forward this year in memory of Neil McKerral.

Medal prizes were presented by Douglas McKerral and the Neil McKerral Juvenile Championship Cup along with the other main prizes were presented by Marjorie Leighton.

Results as follows: Juvenile Handicap Championship, the Neil McKerral Juvenile Championship Cup: winner N McAlister, runner up A Glendinning.

Junior Handicap Championship: winner A Wallace, runner up R Deans.

Junior Scratch Championship: winner G McKillop, runner up N Andersen.

Junior Winter League 2007/2008: winner G McKillop, runner up William McKinnon.

N McAlister took home the Neil Juvenile Championship Cup which was presented by Marjorie Leighton. c52mac01

Juvenile Winter League 2007/2008: winner C Cowie, runner up B Cowie.

Medal winners 2007/2008: May 25 G McKillop; June 1 G McKillop, June 15 A Wallace, June 22 A Wallace, June 29 G McKillop; July 6 W McKinnon, July 20 R Deans, July 27 A Wallace; August 3 W McKinnon, August 10 G McKillop, August 17 W McKinnon, August 24 G McKillop; September 7 G McKillop, September 14 G McKillop, September 21 R Deans, September 28 G McKillop; October 5 G McKillop.

Medal results: April 13 winner J Anderson, runner up A Glendinning; April 20 winner D McSporran, runner up M Graham; April 27 winner G Westerman, runner up B Cowie; May 11 winner M Graham, runner up D McSporran; May 18 winner M Graham, runner up A Glendinning; May 25 winner A Glendinning, runner up D McSporran; June 1 winner C Cowie, runner up M Graham, June 8 winner M Graham, runner up C Cowie; June 15 winner, C McSporran, runner up M Graham; June 22 winner M Graham, runner up N McAlister; June 29 winner M Graham, runner up N McAlister; July 6 winner R Sloey, runner up M Graham; July 20 winner A Glendinning, runner up M Graham; August 3 winner C Cowie, runner up M Graham; August 9 winner N McAlister, runner up M Graham; August 10 winner B Cowie, runner up C Cowie; August 17 winner C Cowie, runner up C McSporran, August 24 winner C Cowie, runner up C Wylie.

More photos in next week's *Courier*

Calling Junior Golf Clubs

THE Scottish Golf Union and Scotland's junior programme club golf are on the lookout for this year's top Junior club of the year.

And the winner will receive £1,000 for their junior programme and two places at a European Tour pro-am alongside a leading professional golfer.

The Awards, which were launched for the first time last year, are once again sponsored by Dunfermline Building Society as part of their £100,000 investment into Scottish golf.

Winners of the 2008 Dunfermline Building Society Junior Club of the Year Awards will be presented at the Scottish Golf Dinner in March and following the success of the awards in their first year, club golf project manager Torquil McInroy is looking forward to this year's entries.

Mr McInroy said: 'More than 50 clubs put themselves forward last year and the standard of entries was exceptionally high.'

This year's winners will also receive two places at a leading European Tour event pro-am whilst all clubs entering will be rewarded with a pair of adult tickets for next summer's Scottish Open at Loch Lomond.

Entries close on Friday February 13. Forms will be mailed to clubs this week whilst electronic forms will be available to download and complete on both the SGU and clubgolf websites.

Graeme McKillop, Andrew Wallace and Neils Anderson were selected by Argyll and Bute Golf Union to attend tutorial sessions.
Full details on page 15.

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