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YOUR 2010 CAMPBELTOWN COURIER CALENDAR

New system for hospital accident and emergency

CHANGES have taken place at Campbeltown Hospital's A&E department and patients can expect to see some differences in the way they will be seen.

The Manchester triage system has been brought in; a five-point scale used

by hospitals across the UK and Europe.

People are also being encouraged to call their GP or

NHS 24 in the first instance if they have minor ailments.

'Manchester triage system uses a recognised decision

making process which ensures

that patients are seen on priority of need rather than on a first-come-first-served basis.'

said Donnie Cameron, clinical services manager at the hospital, and that people will be referred to other appropriate specialities where necessary.

On arrival at Accident and Emergency the department nurses now assess each patient and put them into the following colour-coded categories:

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● life-threatening condition and seen immediately.

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Don't chuck out your TV

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The council has recently seen a significant increase in the amount of electrical items being recycled many of them are analogue TVs. Most television sets can be converted using a digital set-top box, available from about £20.

Grammar delivers Christmas cheer

ONCE again this year the pupils of Campbeltown Grammar School will be giving hampers to elderly members of the community across Kintyre.

The organisation falls to the two years of sixth form pupils at the school; each reception class contributes by holding fund-raising events or gives donations to help finance the parcels.

The younger pupils decorate cardboard boxes with Christmas wrapping paper and a hamper 'assembly line' is set up in the school canteen.

Welcome larger staples including tea bags, coffee, tinned fruit, vegetables and meat and jam, oatcakes and biscuits are all lined up on tables to be filled as a pupil carrying a box walks through.

The boxes have a value of around £15 and include locally produce cheese from the Inverloch Cheese Company, which sells the goods at cost only to the school.

The boxes are given a final decoration and delivered not just in the town but also from Caradale down to Southend. In all 120 hampers are given to older members of the community who have been nominated by pupils.



Lorna Armour, Catherine Armour, Debbie Brown, Fiona Cook and Alice Crossan with cheese from the Inverloch Cheese Company on Kirk Street. 0_c52par03



George Good, Greg Bannatyne, Calum MacEachen, William Cowan, Liam Renton and front, Jack Finn. 0_c52par04



The sixth form pupils who worked so hard packing and delivery hampers. 0_c52par07



First year pupils who took part in the hamper filling. 0_c52par06



Mhairi Hendrie. 0_c52par05



Head boy and girl George Good and Alice Crossan. 0_c52par02



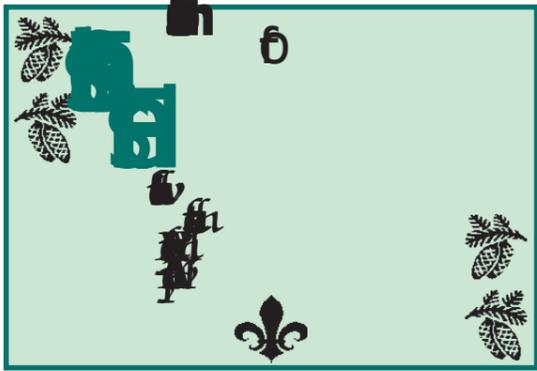
The school canteen was stacked with groceries to be packed into hampers. 0_c52par01

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New system for hospital accident and emergency

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Mr Cameron explained: 'It should be noted that the department anticipates seeing all patients sooner than the maximum permitted times.

And he added: 'All patients will be assessed for pain and if required be given pain killers before being asked to wait.'

Alongside the Manchester triage system an appointment system has been introduced in order to reduce waiting times for those patients who are

returning to the department for a dressing change, removal of sutures or other procedures.

Appointments can be booked through the A&E reception.

'It should be noted however that should a patient requiring immediate or very urgent care be brought into the department there may, very occasionally, be delay.

The nurses working in the Accident and Emergency Department have been training for the changes

for the past few months. 'NHS Highland expects that these changes will make real and beneficial changes to the treatment of our patients and the hospital will continue to monitor the changes to make sure we provide high quality care and treatment,' said Mr Cameron, who said people with minor ailments should, in the first instance contact their GP and if the surgery is closed or they are too ill to wait until it reopens, contact NHS24 on 08454 24 24 24.

Campbeltown skipper lost in Med tragedy

'An exemplary ship's captain'

THE captain of a livestock carrying cargo ship which foundered in storms in the Mediterranean on Thursday night was from Campbeltown.

John Milloy was captain of the Panamanian-registered *Danny F II*, which left Montevideo on November 29 with a cargo of tens of thousands of sheep and cattle on board, bound for Tartous, north of Tripoli, Lebanon.

The ship capsized in heavy seas about 11 nautical miles off Tripoli after sending a distress signal at 3.55pm local time (1355 GMT) on Thursday December 17.

The ship's operator, Agencia Schandy, have

said that she had a crew of 76 and six passengers - four Uruguayans, one Brazilian and an Australian.

Former captain of the *Danny F II*, Richard Avenin, who was in command of the vessel until he retired, paid tribute to Mr Milloy saying: 'I knew the master of the *Danny F II* and many of the crew on board at the time.

'The Master leaves a widow and two young sons.

'He was an exemplary ships captain, very professional and liked and respected by all who sailed with him and will be sorely missed.

'He probably perished

ensuring all his crew disembarked the sinking vessel.'

Three UN peacekeeping vessels, Lebanese army boats and British military helicopters based in Cyprus were involved in the search and rescue operation. Reports of the number of people who were rescued have been confused but at least 38 have been saved.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said two Britons were on board the ship. The 202 metre long vessel was built in 1975, and launched as *Don Carlos*, a car transporter; she was renamed *Danny F II* and rebuilt as a livestock transporter in 1994.



Constables Alasdair MacLaren, left, and Richard Kay with Councillor Rory Colville. 04_c52rpu01

Councillor goes on patrol

MEMBERS of Argyll and Bute Council have been invited to meet up with police officers from the road policing team this festive season to get a deeper understanding of the role they play.

Inspector Hugh O'Neil who heads the team issued the invitation for councillors across the council area to meet up with officers taking part in the festive safety campaign.

This includes stopping drivers and checking cars as well as breath testing not just in the evenings but also the

morning after. 'We have stopped some drivers in the mornings and they still have alcohol in their system, albeit within the legal limit - and this has come as a shock to them,' said Constable Alasdair MacLaren who was on patrol with Constable Richard Kay when they met with Councillor Rory Colville early on Sunday morning in Campbeltown.

Valuable Advice
Councillor Colville said: 'I was stopped myself about three weeks ago and while I wasn't given a ticket I did get

some very valuable advice regarding a front disc which I had no way of realising was suspect.'

Careless driving

A MAN has been reported for careless driving after a road accident on December 16 at 11.45am on the Southend road.

Information wanted

POLICE are appealing for any information after a house window was smashed in Carradale on December 16.

Close door vandalised

A CLOSE door was vandalised on Main Street in the early hours on Saturday.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Campbeltown Police Station.

Breach

IN SEPARATE incidents on December 18, two men were arrested for breaching the peace at 1am and 1.30am in Campbeltown.

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Christmas activities in Kintyre



Children from Glenbarr Primary School performed their Christmas play *Shine Star Shine* to parents, family and friends last week. 04_c52na01



Santa paid a visit to Campbeltown Toy Library at the new Campbeltown Nursery building last week where the tots enjoyed their Christmas party organised by helpers, including Iain Martin. 04_c52toy01



Wee three kings: Aaron McAlister, Daniel Johnston and Matt Megson in the Castlehill Primary School Christmas play. 04_c52cas01



The pre-five unit and primary one to three children performed *Whoops-a-daisy Angel* and primary four to seven children performed *Hansel and Gretel* at their Christmas Nativity recently. The children also performed a variety of songs from their Homecoming project and some played musical instruments they have been learning.



CHILDREN performed in front of their parents at Castlehill Primary's Christmas Craft Fayre and Concert. Parents and friends packed out the gym hall helping to raise £1,514. This will be divided between Mary's Meals and school funds.



The tots in the Dalintober Pre-Fives class told the nativity story at their Christmas play. 04_c52dal01



MORE than 20 children took part in the Christmas play 'A Victorian Christmas Party' in Tayinloan Village Hall with a supper held afterwards for family and friends that turned up to show their support.

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With a little help from my friends

Fiona Blake more than tripled the amount of cash she intended to raise to help fight breast cancer

FIONA Blake set out to complete a Breakthrough £1,000 Challenge for the new Scottish Research Centre in Edinburgh but, as usual, Campbeltownians excelled themselves and tripled the amount required.

'This has allowed me to nominate not only the late Dawn Marie Jenkins, my daughter, but also the late Leonora Sugarman, both of whom lost their fight with breast cancer and Margaret E McMillan who is a survivor. Thank you all so much from the bottom of my

heart,' said Fiona. The women's names will be honoured at the centre.

The money will help the Breakthrough Research Unit in Edinburgh improve how women with the disease will be treated in the future.

Impact

The scientists have developed a computer model that will help predict a patient's response to the drug Herceptin and as such has a huge potential impact on the treatment of women in Scotland and around the world.

Fiona held a packed-out fundraiser at the town's Masonic Lodge this month.

'It would not have happened without the help and support of my family and friends and Dawn's friends,' she said. 'My grateful thanks go to Mary, Joyce, Betty, Margaret, Wendy, Jane, Michelle and Karen. To Annie and Frank for putting up with me over the past weeks and Stephen and Elaine for coming such a long way to support me. I am lost for words.'



A family photograph, back row: Elaine Blake, Frank Blake, Stephen Blake. Front Row: Annie Grumoli, Fiona Blake. 04_c51can01



Serving Pink Champagne: Wendy Beasley, Michelle McPhee and Jane Hill. 04_c51can02



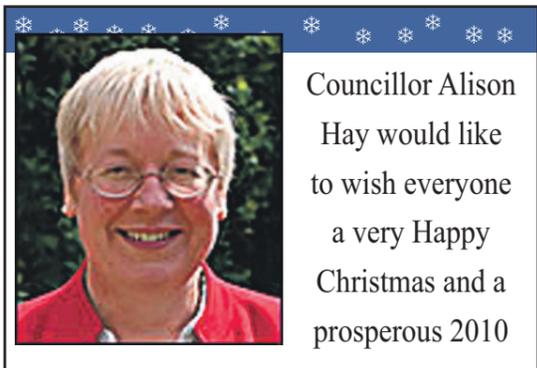
Margaret Rankin, Betty McLellan, Mary Young and Joyce Gardiner - the Helping Committee. 04_c51can06



Prize Bingo girls who helped raise cash and friends. 04_c51can05



Annie Grumoli and Rita Lawson. 04_c51can07



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The 'Aquafit Girls' from Aqualibrium went along to give their support. 04_c51can09



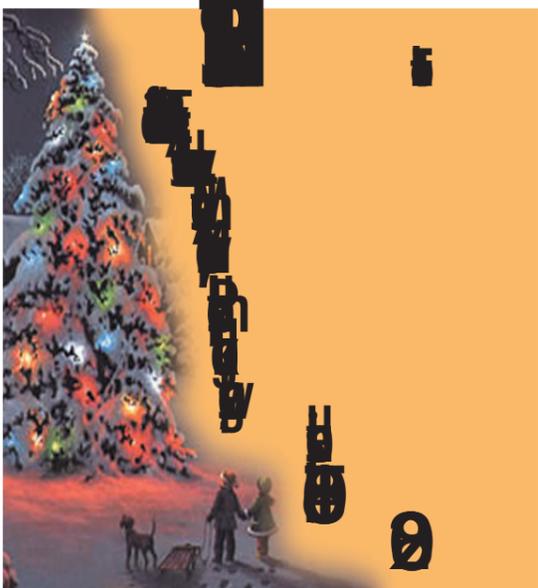
Members Tesco staff went along for their Christmas night out. 04_c51can10



The 'Class of '71' Committee were on their Christmas Night Out. 04_c51can11



Fiona Blake and Betty McLellan with a Thank You Wall listing the names of all the people who supported Fiona's fund-raising venture. 04_c51can16



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Man jailed for knife assault

A 36-YEAR-old man was sentenced to four-and-a-half years in jail when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Richard John Wilson aged 36, pleaded guilty to assaulting a man and causing him severe injury and permanent disfigurement by repeatedly punching him and striking him on the head with a knife on September 1 this year at Flat 9, 26 Main Street, Campbeltown.

Sheriff Mungo Bovey backdated the sentence to September 2, when Wilson, whose address was given in court as a prisoner of HMP Greenock, was taken into custody.

Heated debate on new flats for Tarbert

A PROPOSAL for three blocks of flats in Tarbert was the subject of heated debate at last week's Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

Neil and Ileene Duncan have applied for planning permission to build a total of 15 flats on the site of Tarbert Garage on Barmore Road. They told the meeting they wanted to ease the pressure on housing in the village.

'When Hamilton Bros left the site, we felt affordable housing was the best use for it,' said Neil Duncan. 'In the last three or four weeks, we have been approached by a number of people who

run businesses in Tarbert and they are absolutely desperate to get more one and two bedroom houses. Their crews are having to stay down in Glasgow.'

But he acknowledged the proposals could be controversial: 'There's always going to be someone who will take umbrage round here.'

Concerns
Members of the public and community councillors were in favour of building houses on the site, but concerns were expressed on the urban style of the buildings, road safety and the scale of the development.

Michael Watts, neighbour of the site, said: 'We

welcome houses, but I'm alarmed by the sheer number. There's so much space in Scotland, we shouldn't crowd people in like that, it's indecent.'

Councillor John McAlpine also had his doubts about the number of houses. He urged the Duncans: 'Please stop doing something here which is going to destroy the village. Fifteen houses here is an absolutely nonsense.'

Nevertheless, few could deny that this development would provide much needed homes. Ian MacIntyre, who sits on the community council, summed up the dilemma: 'We need affordable houses - how can we object? I agree it's not the ideal site.'

In the end the council decide not to take a position but to carry the issue over to its next meeting before responding to planners.



The competition prize giving at Lochgilphead with some of the winners.

Ciara wins GRAB Trust competition

A TRIAL flight in an aeroplane and vouchers for Sealife Adventures were just some of the prizes on offer for a logo competition.

The Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute (GRAB) Trust set a competition to design a new logo and the winning design was created by Ciara MacMillan of Islay High School.

The winning design was picked from over 200 entries with some exceptionally generous donations of prizes from local businesses.

Ciara won a trial flight in a small aeroplane courtesy of Mary Turner, GRAB Trust director.

Second prize went to Megan Dunlop-Nelson of Lochgilphead Joint Campus who won a trip for an adult and child on the Loch Lomond Sea Plane Experience; third prize was £50

worth of vouchers for Sealife Adventures towards a boat trip courtesy of David Ainsley of Sealife Adventures won by Chantelle Cameron of Campbeltown Grammar; Sophie Evans-Steele of Lochgilphead Joint Campus, took fourth prize winning a trip on the *PS Waverley* for two adults and two children courtesy of Waverley Excursions Ltd.

Jane Dodd of Scottish Natural Heritage, Helen McNeill from the Scottish Association for Marine Science and Louise Robertson of Argyll and Bute Beach Forum judged the competition.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the work of the Argyll and Bute Beach Forum or in joining, contact Louise Robertson louise.robertson@argyll-bute.gov.uk or phone 01546 604226.

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John Smith bows out as Kintyre NFUS president

'We must not shirk our responsibility to ask the most searching questions'

JOHN Smith has presided over some interesting times during his two years as president of the Kintyre branch of the National Farmers Union of Scotland.

As well as a new creamery he and his fellow farmers have had to face erratic weather patterns, volatile prices for produce, stubbornly high input costs, Blue Tongue Virus sheep EID, water testing, river basin management, CAP

health checks and future planning for single farm payment.

All this along with new apprenticeships, new entrant schemes, SRDP and LFA payments.

Prospect

Mr Smith said: 'The prospect of a new creamery has seen the requirement to work closely with the local community as well as our milk buyers, First Milk.'

And after the demise of Dairy Farmers of Britain

he said: 'We must not shirk our responsibility to ask the most searching questions.'

He added: 'We have to respect and work with the Agricultural Forum, Kintyre Initiative Working Group, SNH and everyone's favourite, SEPA.'

Crash-coursed

'At the regional board level, Mr Smith said the NFUS lost Lisa Webb to Borders region but gained Lucy Sumison a former FWAG em-

ployee who knows Argyll well and she has been crash-coursed on the more intensive farming systems of Bute and Kintyre, which is going to be crucial, particularly with the ongoing SFP debate and she is doing a sterling job.'

Taking over from John Smith is Dougie MacCormick of Mains Farm, Carradale, and David Barbour of Aucharua, Southend, will fill the vice president's post.



Morna Paterson, former NFUS branch secretary for Kintyre who was honoured for 15 years work with the branch with Allan Bowie, of Anstruther, vice president NFUS Scotland; John Smith, retiring president; Dougie MacCormick, newly elected president and John Semple, vice chairman of Argyll and the Islands regional board of NFUS Scotland. 04_nfu02

In his closing comments Mr Smith said: 'I would truly like to thank

you all for your support achieve a sustainable, over the past two years secure future for the and hopefully we can farmers of Kintyre.'

Islay finishes lamb sale season on a high

UNITED Auctions held their last sheep sale of the season at Islay Auction Mart on Monday December 14 when 2987 head of all classes were sold.

This was undoubtedly the dearest trade for the year at Islay Auction Mart. The majority of lambs on offer were second and third draws held over from the earlier part of the season which sold to £74.50 for Suffolk Crosses from Messers Wood, Octofad, consignment of almost 500 head. Messers Johnstone, Balaclava, sold in side fed Texel cross lambs to £71.00. Feeding Ewes from Mr Hope, 7 Claddach sold to £86.50.

Topping the prices per kilo was Ms Warren, Coull when their outstanding offering of Suffolk Cross Lambs destined for further finishing sold to 187 pence and this was closely followed by Mr Findlay, Kilbride, when his

consignment of Cheviot Crosses sold to 183 pence.

Blackface Lambs sold to £64.50 per head from Messers MacLellan, Kilchiaran, consignment of almost 400 head whilst Dunlossit Farms led the top call per kilo for Blackfaces at 174 pence.

Principal lots and prices Top prices per head SuffolkX: £74.50, £69.50, £68.50 & £68.00 - Octofad: £67.50 - Kilchiaran: £67.00 - Balimartin: £66.50 - Ballinaby (Mrs Warren): £66.00 - Octofad: £65.50 - Coull & Octofad: £65.00 - Octofad & Paic A Chlassan: £64.00 - Coille: £63.50 - Ardbeg & Duich: £62.50 - Octofad, Kilchiaran &

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Cheviot: £55.00 - Kilbride Cross: £65.00 - Coille: £61.50 - Coull: £61.00 - Coillabus: £58.50 - Cruach (Brown): £56.00 - Carrabus: £55.00 - Coillabus & Dunlossit Estate. Blackface: £64.50

- Kilchiaran: £61.50 - Duich: £60.00 - Kilchiaran: £59.00 - Carn: £57.50 - Ballinaby (Mrs Warren): £56.50 - Kilchiaran.

Ewes TexelX: £86.50 - 7 Claddach: £76.50 & £68.50 - Balaclava: £65.50 - Kilmeny Cheviot: £53.50 - Tormisdale Croft

Cross: £63.50 - Lossit: £62.50 - Paic A Chlassan: £61.50 - Octofad: £57.50 - Paic A Chlassan & Gartness. Blackface: £54.50 - Lossit

Top prices per kilo SuffolkX: 187p - Coull: 184p - Ardtalla Estate: 182p - Octofad: 181p - Balimartin: 179p - Octofad & Paic A Chlassan: 178p, 176p & 174p -

Octofad: 174p - Duich: 173p - Gartbreck & Coille: 171p - Ballinaby (Mrs Warren), Paic A Chlassan & Machrie Croft.

TexelX: 180p - Gartloist, Duich & Gartness: 179p - Lossit & Dunlossit Estate: 177p - Mulindry: 176p - Coull & Duich: 174p - Ardbeg & Balaclava: 172p - Carrabus, Ardbeg & Balaclava.

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Show AGM in January

THE AGM of Kintyre Agricultural Society will be held at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown on January 6.

Full copies of the accounts can be seen on the night or by contacting the society's secretary, John Armour of High Tiffregus.



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Tablers plan Hogmanay get-together

KINTYRE round table is planning to revive a Campbeltown custom to see the New Year in.

About 20 years ago the cross in the Main Street was a favourite place to congregate for the traditional ringing of the bells and the boats in the harbour added to the celebratory clamour marking midnight.

The cross has since been moved to the seafront but the Round Table want to retain the traditional meeting place outside the town hall and in front of the Argyll hotel.

And they hope to get a big turn out to help spread the Hogmanay spirit round the town.

Teaches launch petition attack

LOCAL teachers are taking their campaign for a pay review to the parents of pupils as part of planned escalations which will lead to more strikes next month if their demands are not met.

The parents are being asked to sign a petition which will go to the Prime Minister in support of the pay renew. Another petition from the teachers themselves will be sent to the Euro Parliament which has previously been involved in Scottish teachers' salary reviews.

Mrs Elizabeth Mactaggart secretary of the biggest teaching union, the Educational Institute of Scotland, for Argyll and Bute, said this week that more industrial action would come following one-day strikes on two occasions at the end of last term.

Dalintober community boost plan

URGENT measures are needed to combat the 'alarming deprivation' of the Dalintober/Milknowe area of Campbeltown.

The Ceannloch Community Assosiation, which has been formed to fight for better facilities in the area has outlined a wide-ranging need for the area.

It is now setting out on a programme of action and events which could mean a brighter future in 1985 than has looked possible throughout 1984.

The group wants help from the local community and local authorities.

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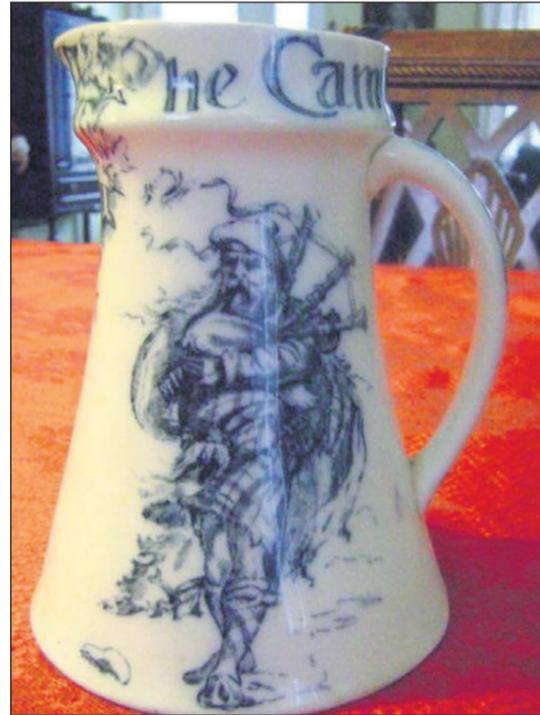
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Antique roadshow

Sir,

I wonder if any of your readers can help me discover the history of a beautiful old jug I have in my collection?

I have been collecting jugs for almost 20 years and 10 years ago I went to an antique sale and saw the most unique jug I had ever seen.

I fell in love with it immediately and knew I had to add it to my collection. The jug is from approximately 1700 to 1800; it is in mint condition other than a small chip on the lip of the cup and some glazing cracks in the interior.

There is a large picture of a piper on the front and some greenery pictures. Along the top rim of the jug it says 'The Campbells are Comin'.

There are two visible marks on the base of the jug but I really need some help finding out what they are.

One large mark is in green looks like the Campbell's Crest and the other mark is a 'C'.

The jug stands 19cm high, 10cm at the mouth, and 16cm at the base.

I am looking to see if anyone has any information on this jug, or knows of another. I have been contacting many members of Campbell organisations and clans.

And I am trying to get in touch with the museum or the Duke of Argyll at Inveraray Castle, or Sir Isla Campbell at Cra-ae, to see if they have an interest in the piece for their collection.

If anyone has any information on this piece or

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has seen one, or knows of another I would love any assistance learning more about this piece of history. You can contact me at liannesps@hotmail.com.

Lianne Graymar,
8181 Main Street,
Liste, Ontario,
Canada

Christmas message from the provost

Sir,

Christmas is an exciting time in our calendar. It is the time for family and friends for sharing in celebration and festivity as well as an opportunity to reflect on the old year and our hopes for the future. It is a time for children, excited by the promise of presents, and the magic of the season and for all of us, Christmas is a time to look forward to being with those who we hold dear.

This year I would like to thank those in our community who work to improve the quality of life for so many, not just in this festive season but throughout the year, many of them volunteers, they are the unsung heroes of many communities and it seems fitting that we especially remember them at Christmastime.

As the old year draws

to a close give us the patience to treasure our memories and to live every minute of the present to the full, ready to embrace the New Year with energy and enthusiasm.



**Councillor
William Petrie**

The year 2009 was an exciting one in Argyll and Bute when we welcomed relatives and friends old and new back to our shores in the year of Homecoming. We have much to look forward to in 2010 and as the New Year dawns my heartfelt wish is that everyone in Argyll and Bute enjoys a joyous, peaceful and prosperous 2010.

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

Santa's Grotto

Sir,

Having just returned to St Andrews after a long weekend in Campbeltown I wanted to write

and say how impressed I was with our visit to Santa's Grotto in the White Hart on Saturday.

The amount of time and work put into it by some local mums was amazing and my three children really enjoyed meeting Santa.

Well done to all those involved and I hope that plenty of money was raised for their cause.

**Kate Brennan,
9 Priory Garden,
St Andrews,**

Help solve my mystery

Sir,

I have traced my family tree back to Campbeltown but I have come to a standstill with something I cannot solve.

I'd like to tell my story as I know some of your readers may be able to help.

My grandfather was born in Well Close, Longrow, Campbeltown, in 1889, his name was John Christie McConnachy (McConnachie). He was one of five brothers and one sister to Daniel Christie McConnachy and Susan Ross McClean Moffat, she died in 1895 and Daniel remarried and had two further children.

Daniel's father was Alexander Walker and his mother was Catherine McConnachy. As far as

I can tell the Christie name was inserted in between the first and surname of the family (not hyphenated) and at some date the McConnachy surname, for some reason was dropped, leaving my ancestors as Christie.

If anyone can throw some light onto this mystery I would be very grateful.

**John Christie,
11 Clayton Hall Road
Cross Hills, Skipton,
North Yorkshire
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Email: jchristie@mypostoffice.co.uk**

Message from Alan Reid MP

Sir,

I wish all your readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At the end of the first decade of the Millennium this is a time for reflecting on the years that have past and looking forward to the future.

My thoughts are with those families who have lost a loved one serving our country and those who will spend Christmas apart from a family member who is serving in Afghanistan.

Looking back, this is a decade in which terrorism has afflicted so many. We remember, in particular, the 9/11 attack on New York in 2001 and the 7/7 attack on London in 2005, as well as the foiled attack on Glasgow Airport.

I firmly believe that the sacrifices of our troops in Afghanistan have prevented further terrorist attacks on our country, and hope for a peaceful decade to come and that our troops will soon be able to come home.

I look forward with hope towards a world free of terrorism, one which will soon come out of recession and one in which we will tackle the threat of climate change. Kintyre will have a major role to play in this through the expansion of the Welcon factory at Machrihanish.

A Merry Christmas and a happy a prosperous New Year to all readers.

**Alan Reid MP
for Argyll and Bute**



Winter Wonderland at Glenbarr Abbey

The event raised £850 for Mairi Semple Fund

FOR TWO Sundays every December Glenbarr Abbey is turned into a winter wonderland and opened to the public.

Teas, coffees and soup lunches are provided by the Mairi Semple Fund for Cancer Relief and Research during the open days.

This year the charity has raised £4,700 and been given donations of £6,020; the fund raising comes from a 200 club, a coffee evening in Tayin-

loan in August, a coffee morning in Campbeltown in October and a ceilidh in November.

This year the Glenbarr event raised £850 for the fund.

The fund is giving out £960 a month to offer relief in Campbeltown and the Mairi Semple Fund would like to thank everybody for their loyal support; it is the generosity shown by the public of Kintyre that makes the fund function.



Members of the Mairi Semple Fund with Lady Macalister, left to right: Margaret Sinclair, Ken Bryce, Sheena McFarlane, Jane McCallum, Cynthia Butler, and front: Enid Williams, Margaret Semple, Marion War-nock and Jeanne Macalister. 0_c52abb05



Tucking into the Mairi Semple teas: Fiona Borland, Katie Borland, John McGlynn, James Borland, Nancie McGlynn and Katherine Macpherson. 0_c52abb03



The Abbey was busy on both Sundays it was open to the public. 0_c52abb07



Music was provided by Roger Gillespie, Ian McAlister, Gus McAlister and Sandy Watson. 0_c52abb04



Annette Anderson and Jill Denton. 0_c52abb09



Lady Glenbarr decorates the abbey throughout for Christmas. 0_c52abb02



Wee Hollie Sinclair with the hundreds of teddy bears on display. 0_c52abb10



Eileen MacDonald, Sonny Scott and Hollie Sinclair were just some of the youngsters who enjoyed the day. 0_c52abb08



Five-year-old Connor McMurchy was spell-bound by the toy train set running around the dining room floor at the abbey. 0_c52abb01



The Christmas tree and roaring log fire is always a favourite spot with the visitors. 0_c52abb06

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

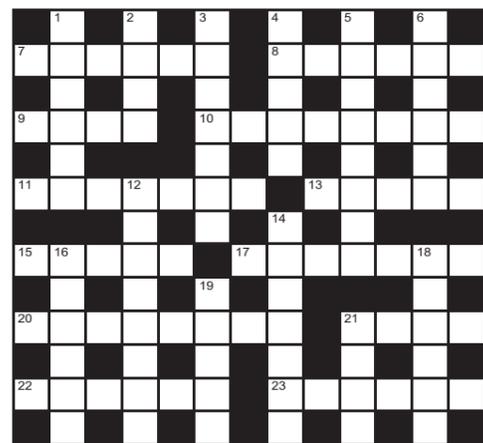
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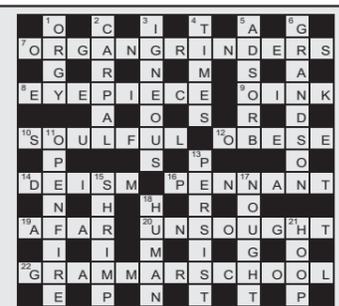
- 7 Santa's wagon (6)
- 8 They're atop of trees (6)
- 9 After-dinner drink (4)
- 10 Seasonal pastry treat (5,3)
- 11 Canadian city or a cervid (3,4)
- 13 Female fox pulling santa? (5)
- 15 Liquid over lunch (5)
- 17 Unhappy event (7)
- 20 13 across is one (8)
- 21 Hanker for the tree? (4)
- 22 Christmas season (6)
- 23 Three strikes to get Christmas bird (6)

Down

- 1 Bay (6)
- 2 Present knack? (4)
- 3 Santa's way in (7)
- 4 Scrawny (5)
- 5 On the same wave length (8)
- 6 Floodgate (6)
- 12 Theology (8)
- 14 Apportion (7)
- 16 Go over work again (2-4)
- 18 Mary's ride (6)
- 19 A little tipsy (5)
- 21 Chipper (4)



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Scotland's glass launch for Ardrishaig author

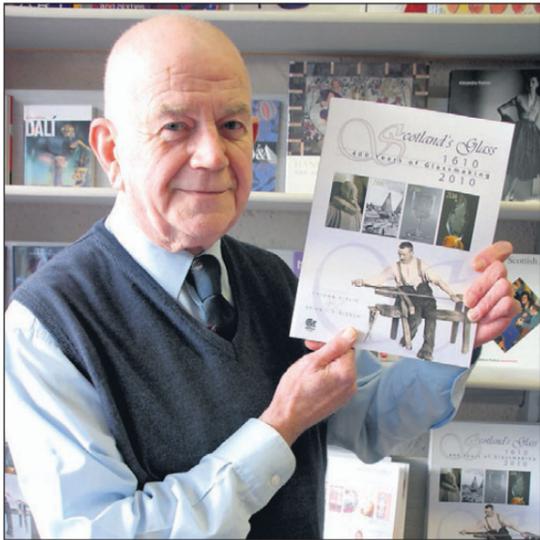
NEXT year will see the 400th anniversary of glass making in Scotland and to celebrate, an Ardrishaig author has launched a book tracing the complete history of the subject.

Brian Blench co-wrote *Scotland's Glass - 400 years of glassmaking, 1610-2010*, along with Shiona Airlie, daughter of a celebrated glass maker, and sometime director of the National Glass Centre in Sunderland.

Brian was on hand last Saturday in Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead, to sign copies of the book, which includes more than 100 examples of glass made or decorated throughout in Scotland from public and private collections throughout the country.

Keeper of Decorative Art at Glasgow Museums, Brian was also the founder of the Scottish Glass Society, and from 1986-1992, he was the chairman of the International Council of Museums committee for glass collections.

The book is available to buy in Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead.



Brian Blench from Ardrishaig with his new book, *Scotland's Glass - 400 years of glassmaking, 1610-2010*, which is available in Argyll Book Centre. 06_a52gls01



The Corran Singers performed carols and poems in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead. 06_a51sing01

Corran singers celebrate with traditional carols

THE Corran Singers held their annual 'Carols for Everyone' concert in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilphead.

As well as the chance to join in with familiar carols, the choir performed some less well-known arrangements including an Old Basque composition Gabriel's Message and a Polish song

Infant Holy. Also included in the lively programme were poems and prose recited by members of the choir.

Thanked

Conductor Sheila McCallum thanked everyone for coming on such a frosty day and pointed out it was the choir's 29th Christmas performance in a row.

Mthunzi Ceilidh to brighten up January

APRIL may be the cruelest month but January has to be the dreiciest - which is why the Mthunzi and Lilanda Initiative (M.A.L.I.) is presenting a concert and ceilidh at The Argyll in Lochgilphead on January 8.

Ken Campbell's Ideal Band, Maggie MacInnes and Billy Park have all offered to do a concert for M.A.L.I. After the performance there will be a buffet and fam-

ily ceilidh to lower the cholesterol after all the festivities.

A major name of the Scottish folk scene, singer-composer Ken has got together with cellist and singer Seylan Baxter and multi instrumentalist Gavin Pateron for the re-formed Ideal Band, which has a CD out now.

Ken, whose ancestors

lived in Slockavullin, has written a song especially for Mid Argyll and the Band will debut it in January 8.

Maggie MacInnes, of course, is one of Scotland's top Gaelic singers and clarsach players. She has also generously agreed to appear along with her husband, the percussionist Billy Park.

A musical theme for Inveraray history society

LAST month saw another successful evening for the Inveraray Historical Society.

This time it was the annual Musical Evening which proved very entertaining.

Pipe Major Robert Stuart came along with four young pipers from the Inveraray Novices Band. Selina Keppie played the practice chanter, Kimberley Campbell and Grant MacLaren played the pipes as did Pipe Sergeant Cameron Underwood.

These young people were a great credit to their band and were greatly appreciated by the History Society members present.

After the pipers left to return to their lessons at Inveraray Primary

School guests were entertained regally by Alasdair Chrystal who sang a selection of Scottish tunes while accompanying himself on his guitar.



Inveraray Novice Pipe Band Pipe Sergeant Cameron Underwood entertains the historical society.

Also entertaining us was Allan MacIntosh who played his accordion. Between Allan and Alasdair the remainder of the evening was very enjoyable and was concluded by tea and biscuits. All in all a great musical evening.

The next History Society meeting, in the Nicholl Hall, Inveraray, will be on January 5, 2010 when the speaker will be Dr Alastair MacFadyen, who will speak on 'An Introduction to Genealogy'.



Alasdair Chrystal sang a selection of Scottish tunes whilst playing the guitar.



Hamper win for Kian

Little Kian MacDonald was the lucky winner of the Lochgilphead Primary School PTA Luxury Christmas Hamper. The PTA is currently raising money for new playground equipment - the HOPE (Healthy Outdoor Play Equipment) fund stands at a healthy £4,372.

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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS

- **Ref No: 09/01364/LIB**
Applicant: Colin Craig and Susan Craig
Proposal: Removal of front porch
Site Address: Markland, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, Argyll and Bute, PA28 6JL
Location of Plans: Council Office Burnet Bld John St C'town
- **Ref No: 09/01649/PP**
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Miller
Proposal: Amendments to planning consent 06/00663/DET - Revised access and visibility splays, new boundary wall and revised curtilage around house.
Site Address: Laurall Bank, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute, PA29 6TT
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
- **Ref No: 09/01800/LIB**
Applicant: Mr Sukanta Debnath
Proposal: Erection of signage
Site Address: 1 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8LZ
Location of Plans: Council Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 09/01801/ADV**
Applicant: Mr Sukanta Debnath
Proposal: Erection of signage
Site Address: 1 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll and Bute, PA31 8LZ
Location of Plans: Council Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 09/01812/PP**
Applicant: Calnan Scott Design RBS
Proposal: Change of use of ground floor of existing guest house (Class 7) to mixed use as cafe/retail (Class 1 and 3)
Site Address: Struan House, Harbour Street, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute, PA29 6UD
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

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Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning Services: 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 15/01/2010

- **Ref No: 09/01725/PP**
Applicant: Kem Pugh
Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse
Site Address: Plot 8, Craobh Haven, Argyll and Bute
Location of Plans: Council Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 09/01726/PP**
Applicant: Mr Ian Taylor
Proposal: Change of Use from Agricultural Land to domestic outside tennis court and erection of gym building, workshop and log store.
Site Address: Rosehill Farm, Glenbarr, Tarbert, Argyll and Bute, PA29 6UT
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
- **Ref No: 09/01832/PP**
Applicant: M and K Macleod
Proposal: Improvements to existing field access
Site Address: Access opposite Achnabreach, Road End, Badden, Lochgilphead
Location of Plans: Council Office, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
- **Ref No: 09/01689/PP**
Applicant: Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust
Proposal: Erection of wind turbine and formation of access road
Site Address: Achamore Farm, Isle of Gigha, Argyll and Bute PA41 7AD
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Gigha

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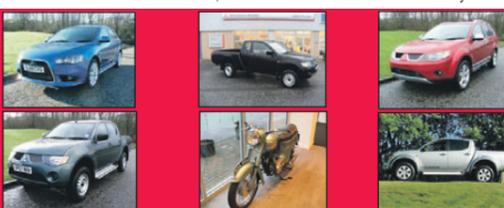
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Whoever believes in the Son (Jesus) has eternal life ...' (John 3:36).

ENGAGEMENTS

HAYCOCK - LANGAN - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on December 20, 2009, of Fiona, daughter of Charles and Joan, Lochgilphead to Scott, son of Donnie and Rose, Fort William.



MACLEAN - MURRAY

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement on December 12, 2009 of Jonathan MacLean, son of Calum and Cathy, Clachan and Hayley Murray, daughter of Don and Fiona, Tarbert.

GOLDEN WEDDING

McINTYRE - BROWN - On December 24, 1959, John to Catherine, Caladhna-Sithe, Glebe Street, Campbeltown.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, on December 17, 2009, in her 82nd year, Isabel Katherine Campbell (née MacCallum) of Burnside, Silvercraigs, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of Duncan, dearly loved mother of Neil and Catherine, much loved mother-in-law of Mary and Donnie and treasured granny to Amy, Neil, Jamie and Naomi. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Free Church on Monday, December 21, 2009, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

CAMPBELL - On December 19, 2009, suddenly but peacefully, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, with her family by her side, Marion MacLeod McKenzie, aged 70 years, beloved wife of Archie, much loved mother of Moira, Fionnaigh and Christine, dearly loved sister of Donald, Betty and Brian. Dear mother-in-law of Lachie, Adrian and Johnny, and a cherished grandmother and great grandmother. Much loved and will be truly missed, now the brightest star in the sky. Funeral service was held at Tarbert Parish Church, on December 23, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

McKINVEN - Suddenly at home, 1 Castlehill Mansions, Campbeltown, on December 21, 2009, Isobel Taylor Souden, in her 69th year, dearly beloved wife of Ivor McKinven, much loved mother of Jacqueline, Cameron and Janice and a loving granny of Murray, Zara, Grant and Grace.

Service in Southend Parish Church, on Thursday, December 24, 2009 at 12 noon. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiral collection will be held in aid of the Robin House Children's Hospice, Balloch.

WILSON - Suddenly, in Glasgow, on December 17, 2009, Andrew Wilson, in his 81st year, 2 Castlepark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Isla Grant, dearly loved father of Alyson, father-in-law of Stephen, loving papa of Anna and Rory and brother of Robert.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACARTHUR - Mhairi, Catriona and David would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy received after their sad bereavement. Sincere thanks to Rev P Burroughs for comforting visits before and after and to Rev M Lind for a comforting service and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for dignified and helpful services. Special thanks to all at Kintyre Care Home for the excellent care and love shown to Dad and which Mum is still receiving and especially for the support received by us all over the last few weeks. Thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and contributed to the retiring collection of £265.86 for the RNLI and Kintyre Care Home.

MARTIN - The family of the late Mary P Martin would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and phone calls received after the sudden loss of their much loved and treasured mum, granny, great gran, mother-in-law and aunt. Thanks to Drs Leask and Villalba, ambulance boys, all staff at Accident and Emergency and Acute Ward at Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks to Rev Michael J Lind for a comforting and moving service and for the compassion shown to us. Thanks also to Mr Alasdair Blair and staff for all the help and efficient funeral arrangements, Ardshiel Hotel for excellent catering and to everyone who attended the church and graveside. It was a great comfort to us all. The retiring collection, to be shared between Kintyre Cancer Concern Group and the Sunshine Room at Campbeltown Hospital, amounted to £506.21. The family has also donated £100 to Robin House.

SHEPHERD - Ian, Edna and families wish to thank all friends for visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and kindnesses following the death of their father, Mr Jack Shepherd. Special thanks to Dr Leask, Dougie, Mary, Moira, Izzy and Lillian and thank you to the other services involved. Thank you to Agnes Stewart for sensitive words, James and Efric for

personal memories, Julius Weeks for wonderful organ music and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for thoughtful and efficient funeral arrangements. Finally thanks to those who paid their respects in church and at the graveside. The sum of £343.06 is to be shared equally between Alzheimer's Scotland and Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.

IN MEMORIAM

GILLESPIE - In loving memory of our dear father and papa, William, passed over on December 27, 1980. Loved and remembered always.

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PHILIPS - Isa, December 24, 2008. Well Mum it's been a year Still hurts as we shed a tear

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THOMSON - Treasured memories of our mother (Lizzie), who died December 25, 2003. Forever in our hearts.

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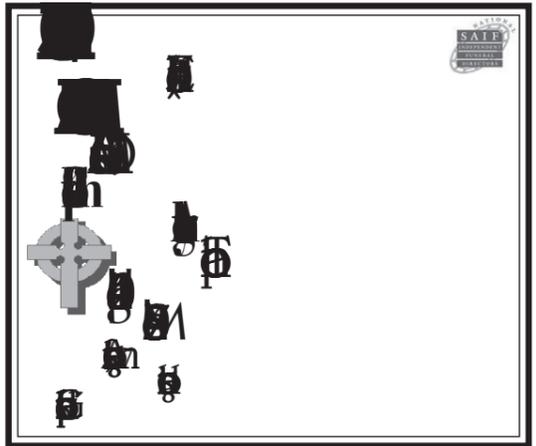
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Weather disrupts Pupils' season

Campbeltown club gears up for 90th anniversary dinner

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils' 90th anniversary season has so far been blighted by inclement weather, a stop start campaign that has produced a bag of mixed results.

Now sponsored by McFadyen Contractors, the club returned early to pre-season training in preparation for a visit of the Scottish Amateur Football Association International Select side to celebrate the Pupils' long years of involvement with the beautiful game.

The match was a wonderful advert for amateur football, with the

local favourites almost securing the shock result of the season. Holding a one-goal advantage at half time from a goal scored by Paul Grumoli, the home side eventually succumbed to a narrow 2-1 defeat against the best amateur players in the country.

New campaign

A fine 3-2 pre-season victory against Port Glasgow Hibs was then followed by a comfortable 3-0 win against the newly promoted Tarbert, an almost perfect introduction to the start of the new campaign.

Surprisingly, the club then made a stuttering

start to the league campaign with a 4-2 away defeat to Duncanrigg. This was followed by a smashing match against Centre FC; a game which shared in a hard-fought 3-3 draw.

Luck seemed to desert the home side when Eaglesham claimed its first-ever win in Campbeltown with a narrow 1-0 result.

However, football proved how fickle it could be when the Pupils then travelled to Glasgow Green to record an excellent victory over Kings Park by 3-1.

The league campaign is very much in its infancy

and, the club looks forward to consolidating its position in the months to come.

A run in the West of Scotland Cup looked on the cards when the club received a first-round bye.

A second round 2-1 victory against Sir Alex Ferguson's first club Harmony Row gave credence to the Pupils' hopes, this, before a visit to the synthetic surface at Ibrox for a 3rd tie against Rosehill Star.

Artificial grass

The Pupils first-ever experience on artificial grass proved a good one, a thumping 6-2 victory



Campbeltown Pupils team of 1919-20. This is the first-ever Pupils squad taken at Limecraigs Cricket Club in 1919. The Reverend Bruce B Blackwood who was top class amateur footballer in his younger days (middle row, third from right) is shown. Back row, left to right: C Brown, J McMillan, J McMillan, R Stewart, L McKechnie, T McCallum, M Henderson, H Mustarde, A McLeod. Middle, left to right: C Quigley, C Henderson, Rev CDA McEachran, Rev BB Blackwood, J Boyce, T McPherson. Front, left to right: J McDonald, H Smith, L Mustarde.

putting the Kintyre club into the 4th round draw.

However, interest in the West Cup ended in defeat to Premier Division Castlemilk, a high scoring, but closely fought match on the home club's artificial G4 surface.

With interest in the West Cup now over, the Pupils can concentrate on the league campaign, a busy time ahead with 12 matches still remaining.

The club has also still to play Carlton YMCA at home in Jimmy Mar-

shall Trophy.

The Pupils' 90th anniversary season will be celebrated with a dinner dance in late Spring. A date and venue has still to be announced, so ex-players and friends please watch this space.

Week 2 of 2



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Spot the BALL Competition



All you have to do
We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. 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 by 12noon on Monday 28th December You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules
No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.

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.

In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.

The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time. Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any persons otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

To allow for the Christmas Holidays, Spot the Ball will run for 2 weeks - entries must be in by 12noon on Monday 28th December

I enclose £1 (note) for 10 crosses (tick box) The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 10, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules. How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Ten crosses may be put on this coupon for £1. Crosses must not overlap

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Address _____
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All weather pitch meeting

A MEETING to discuss the ongoing saga of an all weather pitch for Campbeltown will be arranged by Councillor John Semple in January 2010.

An online petition can be found at the campaign website at www.abandonpitch.com. Please show your support by logging on and signing the petition.

Sports hall athletics

LOCHGILPHEAD'S area sports hall athletics competition will take place on Saturday January 16, 2010.

The competition is one of four similar area events promoted by Mid Argyll Athletic Club this winter and supported by all the athletic clubs in Argyll.

The Argyll Sports Hall program includes local competitions in Campbeltown, Oban, Lochgilphead and Tobermory leading to an Argyll Final at Atlantis Leisure in Oban on Saturday February 20 next year.

Darts

THE Campbeltown and District Darts League held a mixed triples competition in the Wee Toon Bar on Monday December 21.

The winners were Charlie Robertson, Leanne Powell and Kenny Docherty and the runners up were Robert Allan, Katie and Jimmy Umpherson. Jamie McGougan scored 180.

A total of £126 was raised on the night and will be donated to a local charity.

Thanks to Peter for use of the venue and donating the prizes.

Boys score with coffee

CAMPBELTOWN Boys Football Club held a coffee morning at the town hall on Saturday.

The players swapped the pitch for the kitchen and were pouring coffee and waiting on tables.



Archie Johnston, Mark McCormick, Andrew Henderson. 04_c52boy03



Lyle Gillespie, John McCallum, David McGeachy, Craig Robertson. 04_c52boy01

Machrihanish ladies pitch and chip

MACHRIHANISH pro Ken Campbell ran a pitching and chipping clinic for the ladies section on Saturday.

Despite the horrible weather 20 ladies attended the 30-minute session followed by Christmas treats which were served in the ladies' clubhouse.

A total of £129 was raised on the day which will go towards the pink night which takes place during the summer.



Cathie Armour, Catherine MacKay, Margaret Smith, Douglas Kerr and Jen Taylor. 04_52mac02



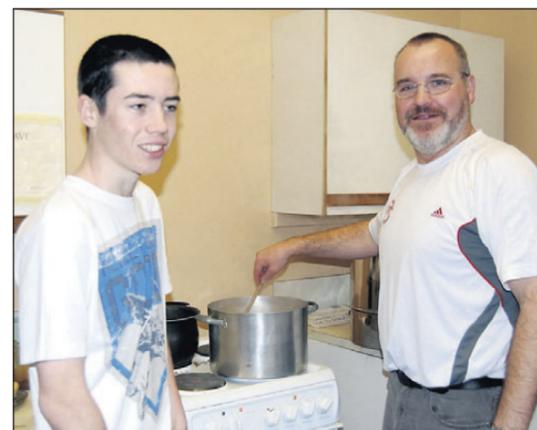
Maggie Young, Ann Cousin, Pat Mordey and Nancy Bruce with Ken Campbell. 04_c52mac01

Dunes features in golf mags

MACHRIHANISH Dunes has featured in different magazines over the last few weeks.

As well as the Global Journal of Golf Design and Development, the course was also featured in the 2010 travel planner for Golf Styles.

Photographs and a review will be featured in the Great Escapes of UK courses in National Club Golfer next month.



Glen McMurphy and Peter McCallum. 04_c52boy05



Brendan Wilson. 04_c52boy04



Calum Houston. 04_c52boy02

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