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## Oh so very close!



### Ballot for airbase buyout fails by 120 votes

THE community buyout of Machrihanish airbase is at the mercy of the Scottish Government after the ballot failed to reach the necessary 50 per cent mark.

Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC) hopes that the worst winter in two decades and the resulting postal backlog will mitigate in its favour.

The postal ballot was called after minor errors in the summer vote, which was overwhelmingly in favour.

But on Friday night at the Burnet Building, under the watchful eyes of councillors Donald Kelly, Rory Colville and Alan Reid MP with honorary sheriff Irene O'Neill as returning officer, the vote failed.

Fifty per cent of papers, 2,909, had to be returned but only 2,789 came back.

The vote was 2,642 in favour, 144 against and three papers declared spoiled.

The vote showed 94.3 per cent in favour and only 5.17 against.

Ian Wardrop, MACC chairman, said: 'This has got to go before the Minister and Scottish Government the weather has been exceptional; there are mitigating circumstances.'

On Monday 244 ballot papers arrived in the post.

After watching the count, Alan Reid MP said: 'In view of the huge majority in favour of the buyout, I hope the Minister will use her discretion to approve the bid, even though the turnout was just under the 50 per cent required.'

• See letters page

### Cash for new grammar school

CHRISTMAS came a week early at Campbeltown Grammar School with the news there is Scottish Government cash for a new school.

Argyll and Bute Council's education spokeswoman Ellen Morton welcomed the news but said it was premature to give details. Council education officers are studying the announcement by Education secretary Michael Russell.

#### Finances

'We would very much expect a new school, not repairs. There is a lot of work to be done about the finances; where we will get the money from because the Scottish Government would not fund the entire project.'

'We want to explore the option of a joint campus and also explore what this news means to the consultation process for merging rural schools in South Kintyre,' she said.

Michael Russell, who is standing for the SNP in Argyll and Bute in the Scottish elections in May announced cash for Campbeltown and Broughton in Edinburgh, two of the last three

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# Keeping us all posted

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The Rotary Club of Campbeltown (top right) has once again been carrying on the tradition of the Scout Post for local cards and small parcels, as Kintyre no longer has any Scout groups.

## Flat out

At the Campbeltown Sorting Office the men and women of Royal Mail have been working flat out.

The snow that choked the central belt has caused an enormous backlog of post.

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this week a total of 14,000 extra delivery rounds are planned across the UK, weather permitting over the four evenings running up to Christmas.

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## John decides to call it a day

A presentation was made to John MacKenzie who has retired from active duties with Port Charlotte, Islay, Coastguard office after 36 years' service.

He was presented with a tide clock by Neil MacLellan who himself has 44 years of continuous service for the coastguard on Islay. Back Row left to right: Duncan McPhee, Donald Jones, Andrew Wood, Andrew Jones, Douglas Smith, Danny Mather. Front: Euan Fraser, Neil MacLellan, John MacKenzie, Duncan McGillivray, Alan Logan.

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Sandy McKendrick, far left, and Erin McNeill accept the cheques from Gareth Strang and Scott Morrison of Campbeltown Fire Station.

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## Firefighters donate to good causes

CASH raised at the community bonfire night organised by Campbeltown fire fighters and young fire fighters has been divided between two good causes.

The Fire Fighters' Charity and the Erin McNeill Burns Fund have each received £150.

### Burned

Erin, now aged 20, was badly burned in a house fire at the age of 18; she received 45 per cent burns, fell into a coma and at one time doctors were even considering amputation of her right arm and left forearm.

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are used to promote skin growth means that the brave young woman was able to bend her limbs and walk again.

Erin will take part in a 5k walk in New York next year to remember the fire fighters who died in the 9/11 disaster

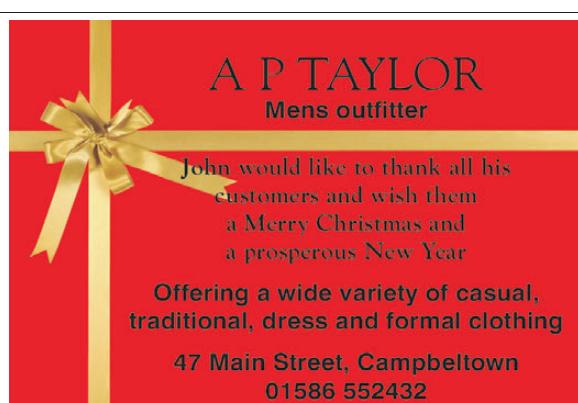
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## Fishing boat skipper trial delayed till May

A FISHING boat skipper charged with risking lives by leaving his wheelhouse unmanned has had his trial delayed until next year.

William Paterson, 49, allegedly went below decks while the *Avalon II* was moving close to shore at North Machrie Bay off the Isle of Arran.

But his case trial was adjourned because of the weather, despite his lawyer urging the court to proceed due to the distance Paterson had travelled.

Paterson, 49, of Carradale, Argyll, is accused of risking death or serious injury by failing to keep a proper lookout and placing the safety of the vessel in danger in July 2009.

He denies three charges under the Merchant

Shipping Act and will now face trial at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court in May.

Alan Oman, 68, also of Carradale, denied failing to ensure a proper lookout as owner of the vessel and also faces trial.

### Assured

The accused's lawyer, Christian Kane, said he had contacted prosecutors the week before to suggest adjourning the trial without the accused attending but was assured it would be going ahead.

Despite sailing for six hours from Carradale to Troon and then making their way to court, Paterson, Oman and a witness were sent home after Sheriff Brian Murphy agreed to a prosecution motion to adjourn because of weather difficulties.



IT'S amazing what you can do with a lawnmower! George McLellan was part of the Argyll and Bute Council team clearing the pavements in Campbeltown town centre. That's a SCAG mower you'll see on the grass come springtime, but it converts into a mini plough for winter use. 04\_c52pl01

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# Petition threatens fishing villages

THE INTRODUCTION of a three-mile mobile fishing exclusion zone around the isle of Arran will virtually kill the fishing industry in Loch Fyne and decimate the villages of Tarbert and Carradale, and Campbeltown, a community councillor has said.

Jenny Carlisle, chairwoman of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, made the statement in response to a call for all methods of mobile fishing, bottom trawling and dredging to be prohibited from the area within three miles of the Clyde shoreline.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST), together with static fishermen, sea an-

By EDEL KENEALY

glers and community councils, has launched an online petition in favour of the proposal.

The organisations believe this policy would give the Clyde a chance to recover from 25 years of trawling and dredging, ensuring a sustainable marine environment.

Kenny MacNab, owner of Flying Fish in Tarbert and former chairman of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, said if enforced the proposal would 'devastate' Argyll fishing in villages.

'Tarbert would be finished as a fishing village,' he said. 'The majority of fishermen

in Tarbert, about 80 per cent, are mobile fishermen. There are about 23 to 25 mobile vessels, family businesses that would go straight out of business.

#### Protect

'We, as much as anyone, want to protect the marine environment; we would be cutting our own throats if we didn't but the three-mile limit is not the answer. It discriminates against one sector in the fishing industry.'

Jenny, who was not speaking on behalf of the community council, added: 'There are 100 men employed locally, directly on the boats and approximately 300 shore workers employed locally processing, driving, ports, engineers, net makers and about a further 100 employed elsewhere in Scotland. I am

appalled that our neighbours on Arran, which does not have a fishing harbour, are even considering this threat to our economy and identity.

But chairman of COAST, Howard Wood, said mobile fishing has left the Clyde seabed 'a sandy, gravely desert.'

Asked what he would say to the fishermen and rural communities that are sustained by the fishing industry, Mr Wood said: 'Think about the future; think about your sons, about your grandchildren. Think about them and the future of the fishing industry. We are now down to two invertebrate species in the Clyde. For the past seven years there has been no fish, only prawns and scallops. How sad is that? Do we carry on like this until we have nothing left but jellyfish and toxic algal blooms?'



Fishing boats at Campbeltown Harbour. 04\_e52fsh01

## Fight to the bitter end to save village library

TARBERT and Skipness Community Council members have said they will fight to the bitter end to save their village library.

Jenny Carlile, chairwoman of the community council is writing to Argyll and Bute Council to oppose any plans to close Tarbert Library.

Ms Carlile said: 'It is not asking for much; the library opening hours here are already extremely limited, being only two days a week

for a total of 12 hours.'

'Tarbert is a village that does a lot for itself,' she added. 'Not a great deal is provided directly by the local authority; we have our own village hall and arts and leisure centre and we have made extensive improvements to Tarbert's waterfront.'

#### Concern

At a community council meeting on Thursday, December 9, residents expressed concern for library services such as the Rhyme Time

for children, access to books for the elderly and infirm, and the internet service.

Ms Carlile added: 'Our librarian is doing so much to encourage reading and having fun with books and it would be a great loss to Tarbert if she were to go.'

Tarbert Library and a mobile library were earmarked for closure by Argyll and Bute Council when it published the findings of its public service spending review.

An Argyll and Bute spokeswoman said: 'The proposed closure of Tarbert library would save roughly £11,000 a year. If it went ahead, our estates section would decide the most appropriate use of the building. All possibilities, including its sale, would be considered.'



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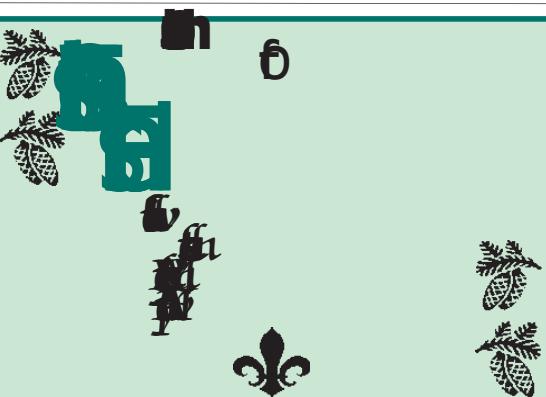
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# Weather hits Christmas at the grammar



Classes take along their boxes and each is filled, ready to send out to pensioners in Kintyre. 04\_c52cgs07



Siobhan McDonald and Laura Cameron. 04\_c52cgs02



Jacqueline Brown, Sara McDougall and Lindsey Semple. 04\_c52cgs04

## Cash for new grammar school

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poorest school buildings in Scotland.

'By replacing these outdated facilities we will ensure that another 1,500 pupils will benefit from state-of-the-art learning environments,' he said. 'The Government and the Scottish Futures Trust will now work with Edinburgh and Argyll and Bute councils to explore the best options for improving both schools.'

### Projects

The two school building projects will be supported via the new Non-Profit Distributing investment, in partnership with the Scottish Futures Trust. Further primary and secondary school projects will be announced in the New Year.

Alan Reid MP for Argyll and Bute said he welcomed the news: 'The school building is in a terrible state and this announcement is long overdue. It's not clear if the money will be enough for a new building. I certainly hope it will be because the school needs re-built, not simply patched up.'

Campbeltown Grammar Rector William Crossan said he was 'delighted' on Monday: 'I look forward to working with my colleagues in the council to develop the best possible options for Campbeltown Gram-

mar School in the light of this.'

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'It has been a long hard haul but at last there is light at the end of the tunnel.'

The council executive was invited down to visit the school themselves which they duly did, because we

were quite annoyed that CGS was missed off the original list of new schools; we were a class D (poor condition) and we weren't included.

'I just hope it doesn't take too long at decision level; it will still take four or five years to build.'



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BAD weather has really knocked about the Campbeltown Grammar School plans for Christmas.

Monday's concert was postponed until the New Year, as was the pupils' Christmas dance, and the annual boxes sent out to old folk have been delayed until the start of the New Year.

But the S6 pupils still organised the making up of the food boxes at the school on Monday.

The school had to be closed on Friday due to a number of circumstances brought about by the winter weather: the road to the school was in a very icy condition for vehicles and pedestrians, a number of staff were unable to get through and heavy snow was forecast for the afternoon.



Head boy and head girl Jamie Colville and Laura Cameron. 04\_c52cgs06



Robbie Dudley. 04\_c52cgs05

Mark Deans and Stephen McKenzie. 04\_c52cgs03

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# A wartime Christmas

CHRISTMAS 1944 should have been, like every Christmas, a time of peace on earth and goodwill towards men.

But the world was at war, which meant that many young men were far from home and family.

Towards the end of December the Germans had caught the Allies with their pants down in a surprise attack through the Belgian Ardennes. Sent south from Holland to join the party were the 53 (Welsh) Division including myself, Cpl Johnson, and our

*Tarbert man, Dan Johnson, recounts spending Christmas 1944 in an uninhabited chateau in Holland. Dan, who joined the British Army in 1942, aged 18, was part of the 53 (Welsh) Division when he, along with 'his Normandy pals' the 51 (Highland) Division were sent to Holland during the second world war.*

*Here, he shares his memories with our reporter, Jenny Sutherland.*

old Normandy pals 51 (Highland) Division.

So off we set on our new assignment, skidding and sliding over snow-covered roads.

We halted on Christmas Eve in a Belgian village and were allocated civvy billets. Since it was the festive season the lads of B Squadron headed for the local Café de la Paix, where the party was obviously getting into its stride.

#### Sparked

After a couple of hours the wireless sparked into life with a message from HQ.

Before it was decoded I had a premonition about its contents. Sure enough, the Squadron was to move 20 miles south, early next morning, Christmas Day, to take up a new position. Off I went to the café

turn for wireless watch to keep the 'link' open between Squadron and Regimental HQ. So there I sat on my lonesome feeling far from merry. To make matters worse, I could hear the sound of revelry emanating from the Café de la Paix, where the party was obviously getting into its stride.

To pass the news to the CO. My presence fell on the establishment like a pall. The hands of big Bill Stickland, the pianist, who had been bashing out the Army's timeless classic *Reilly's Daughter*, fumbled to a halt and the voices of the choristers died in their throats. I crept out, at that moment, probably the most hated man in the British Army.

Up early on Christmas morning and southward on icy roads. We halted at our allocated position, where we were to spend the night in an uninhabited chateau.

The evening meal, as Army tradition decreed,

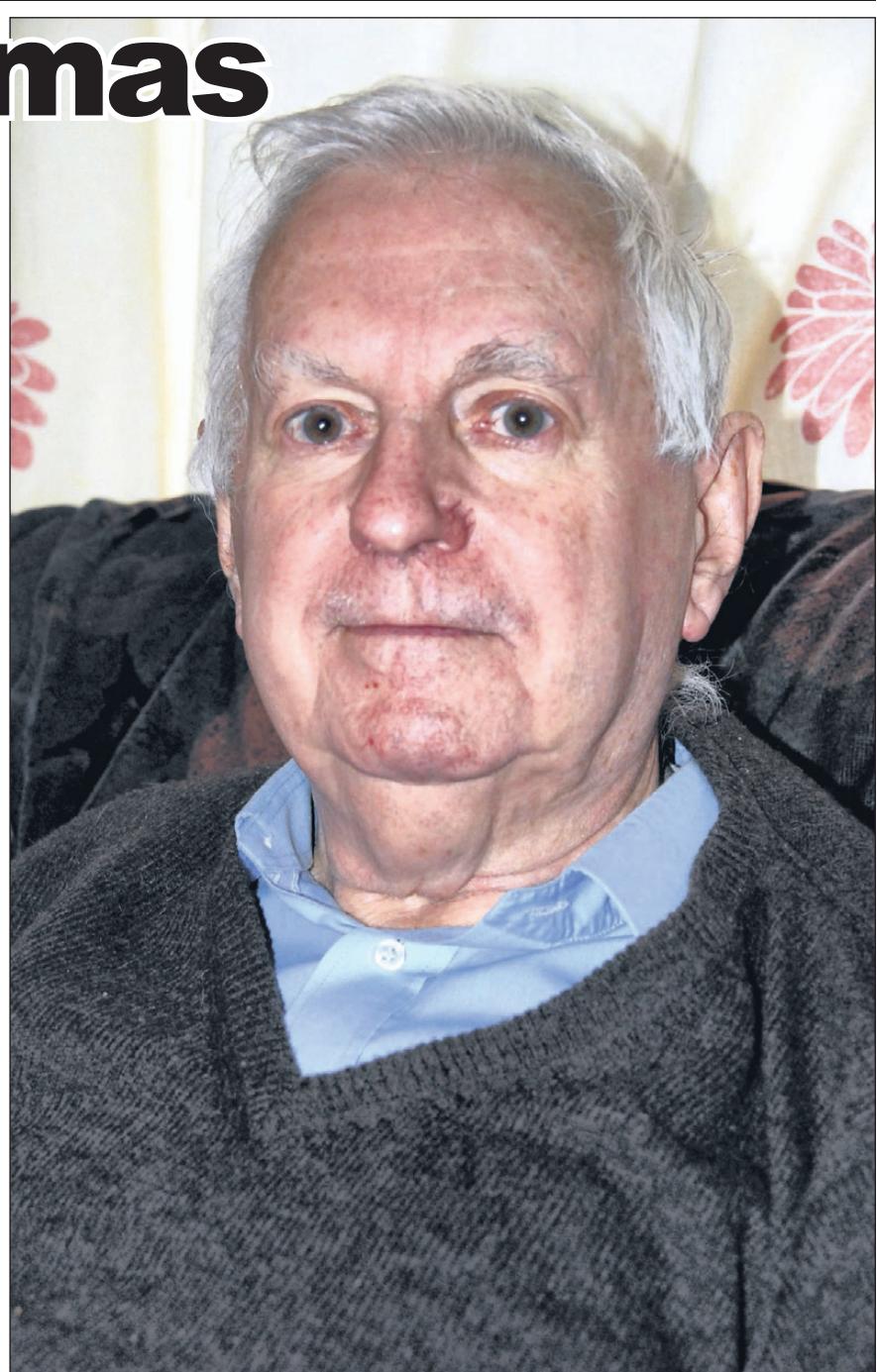
was served by the officers as we lined up with our mess tins. No turkey with all the trimmings and other festive fare.

Just tinned stew, steamed pudding and tea.

Someone had lit a fire and we saw out Christmas Day sitting around it and chatting. As I wrapped myself in a blanket and tried to sleep on the wooden floor, I couldn't help thinking of Tarbert and reflecting on the old adage: 'There's no place like home'.



A dashing young Dan in 1942.



Dan Johnson recounts a wartime Christmas.

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inaby; £60.00, Machrie Croft. Texel X: £79.50, £76.50 & £75.00, 6 Bayview; £75.00, Neriby; £70.50, Bayview; £69.50, Leorin & Neriby; £68.00, Gartloist; £67.00, Coull; £66.50, Coille; £65.50, Coull; £65.00, Balimartin; £62.00, Ardbeg; £61.50, Carrabus.

Cheviot X: £65.00, Coull Cross: £69.00, Coillabas; £66.00, Kepolls; £64.50, Ballinaby (Mrs Warren); £62.00, Eorrabus.

Blackface: £67.50, Kepolls & Kilchiaran; £64.50, Carn; £60.50, Duich & Ardbeg; £60.00, Ballinaby (Mrs Warren); £58.50, Kepolls, Kilchiaran & Ardbeg; £57.00, Coull; £56.00, Duich.

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Texel X: £58.50, Ardbeg & Dunlossit Estate.

Charollais X: £82.50, Craigens Cross: £74.50 & £65.50, Octofad; £65.00, Coull.

Blackface: £49.00, Coull; £45.50, Ardbeg; £45.00, Lossit. Top prices per kilo Lambs

Suffolk X: 187p, Coull; 169p, Octofad; 168p, Ballinaby & Coull; 167p, Machrie Croft.

Texel X: 177p, Carrabus; 173p, 6 Bayview; 168p, Coille & Coull; 167p, Coille; 166p, Carrabus & 6 Bayview.

Cheviot X: 169p, Kilbride; 165p, Coull; 162p, Ballychattrigan. Cross: 171p, Coille; 164p, Coull & Coillabas.

Blackface: 170p, Coull; 168p, Kintra; 166p, Dunlossit Estate & Coille; 165p & 163p, Kilchiaran; 162p, Duich; 161p, Coille & Kilchiaran; 160p, Ballinaby, Kilchiaran & Lossit.

## Dairy farmers give away fresh milk

DAIRY farmers were out in the streets of Glasgow and Edinburgh last Thursday giving away hundreds of pints of fresh milk to highlight the poor milk prices and supermarket profiteering.

The Great Christmas Free Milk Give-away was to show customers what they could be missing if supermarkets continue to pay Scotland's hard working dairy farmers a price that sits well below the cost of producing the milk on farm.

### Average Price

The average price that a Scottish dairy farmer currently receives for his milk is 25p per litre but it costs them 28p per litre to produce.

In comparison, supermarkets are making up to 18p per litre profit on a litre of milk and £3 per kilo profit on a block of Scottish cheddar!

Scottish dairy farmers believe that they are delivering their part of the deal, says NFU Scotland.

In return, supermarkets can easily deliver a

fairer share of the substantial profits they are making on milk, cheese and other dairy products back to the farmer without asking anyone to pay a penny more for their food.

# Good progress so far

'I want to see us pick up the pace in a difficult environment'

BILL Mustoe chairman of First Milk has written about his first year in office as chairman of the co-operative which represents all the dairy farms in Kintyre.

'This month gives me the chance to look back on my first full year as your chairman.'



**Bill Mustoe.**

'Let me start by answering the question I am constantly asked at member meetings, how will we maintain the current progress in the business?'

'I always reply that we have laid out a clear strategy and it is simply about continuing to follow that strategy. We are focused on driving returns for you. We will

achieve that by growing our brands, broadening our product and market mix, lowering our cost base and getting value from existing and new partnerships.'

'We have people from

the Board and Operations Board down working closely as an integrated team. My experience in business tells me that if you have a clear strategy and effective teamwork, it is not only possible to

achieve whatever you set your mind to, the speed at which you can deliver picks up with every passing month.'

'So my report card for First Milk in 2010 is

good progress made so far, but looking ahead to next year, I want to see us maintain this turnaround and pick up the pace in a difficult market environment.'

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## Those Were The Days

Campbeltown Courier  
Friday 22 December, 1995

### Where art thou Juliet

CAMPBELTOWN Scouts are desperately trying to deliver a Christmas card with virtually no details about whom it should go to.

The mystery card was recently left for the Scout Post to deliver simply a marked 'To Juliet From Santa'. A sum of money was placed inside the card. There are no clues about Juliet's surname or address.

Scout Leader said this was the only card the Scouts failed to deliver out of the 15,000 they were given locally.

### New gym opens in Dalintober

A DREAM became reality for the pupils of Dalintober Primary School with the official opening last week of their new combined gymnasium, dining room and kitchen.

Carrying out the ceremony was Regional Councillor George McMillan, himself a former pupil of the school.

He told the assembled pupils and guests that the school had an important place in his heart as he had attended Dalintober both as a primary pupil and then as a secondary student during the war.

The opening of the new building was, he said, a symbol of the commitment, which Strathclyde Regional Council had displayed towards Argyll and Bute. It was the latest of a number of projects carried out at the school including a complete refurbishment of the school, a new playground and a bus bay.

Strathclyde's Director of Education, Frank Pignatelli paid tribute to councillor McMillan's assiduous efforts on behalf of Kintyre, when he attended the school.

## Thought for the Week with Marilyn Sheddell



THE birth pangs of waiting are almost over, the time is drawing near, the midwife of the world is on her way to the manger and we wait to hear a baby crying.

If your life is like Bethlehem was - busy, cluttered, noisy, with nowhere to get away from the crowds, then stop awhile and find a quiet place - a place to be still, a place to pause, a place to wonder, a place to wait.

Stop and listen for a baby crying. Listen for the cry of life.

There is a place where God will find you, and you will find God.

This is the meeting place, the place of new birth, the place of new life.

Wait and listen for a baby crying.

The birth pangs are almost over; the time is drawing near; wait and listen for the angels singing.

We are waiting for God to come, we are waiting for a baby's cry; we are waiting for Heaven to come to earth.

Wait - it's almost time.

God has promised to meet us tonight, so wait and listen for a baby's cry.

There are wise men following a star, they are on a journey to find a child, they will meet the shepherds of the fields, who will lead them to the Shepherd of Life. They will have stars in their eyes.

We have an appointment in the stable, a meeting to attend, a baby to visit.

It's as if the world has stopped . . . as if time holds its breath, waiting for this baby's cry.

Come, and tip toe into the stable. Don't pussy foot around it.

You won't need money, for the gift in the manger is beyond price, but cost the world itself.

## A fact we can't avoid

Sir,  
I'd like to reassure your readers that the Argyll Rural Schools Network is entirely wrong when it accuses council officers of attempting to deceive both the council and residents via proposals to amalgamate primary schools. The council is committed to providing a quality education service within the constraints of a reducing budget and we have been open about our consultation and the reasons for it.

In this continued spirit of openness we have published a full outline of why we deemed the reports quoted by ARSN are valid and relevant to our proposals. It can be read in full on the council's website.

The council faces its biggest budget reduction for a generation. Savings of £11.4 million need to be found across all council services. It can no longer afford to continue operating schools which are at less than half capacity and which in the education of some children costing £30,000 per year, compared to only £3,000 per year for others in larger schools.

While some people do not agree with the proposals we cannot avoid the fact that the education service must change. The consultation gives everyone a genuine opportunity to share their ideas so together we can agree what these changes are.

**Cleland Sneddon,**

**Director of**

**Community**

**Services,**

**Argyll and Bute**

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**Airbase**

**thanks**

Sir,

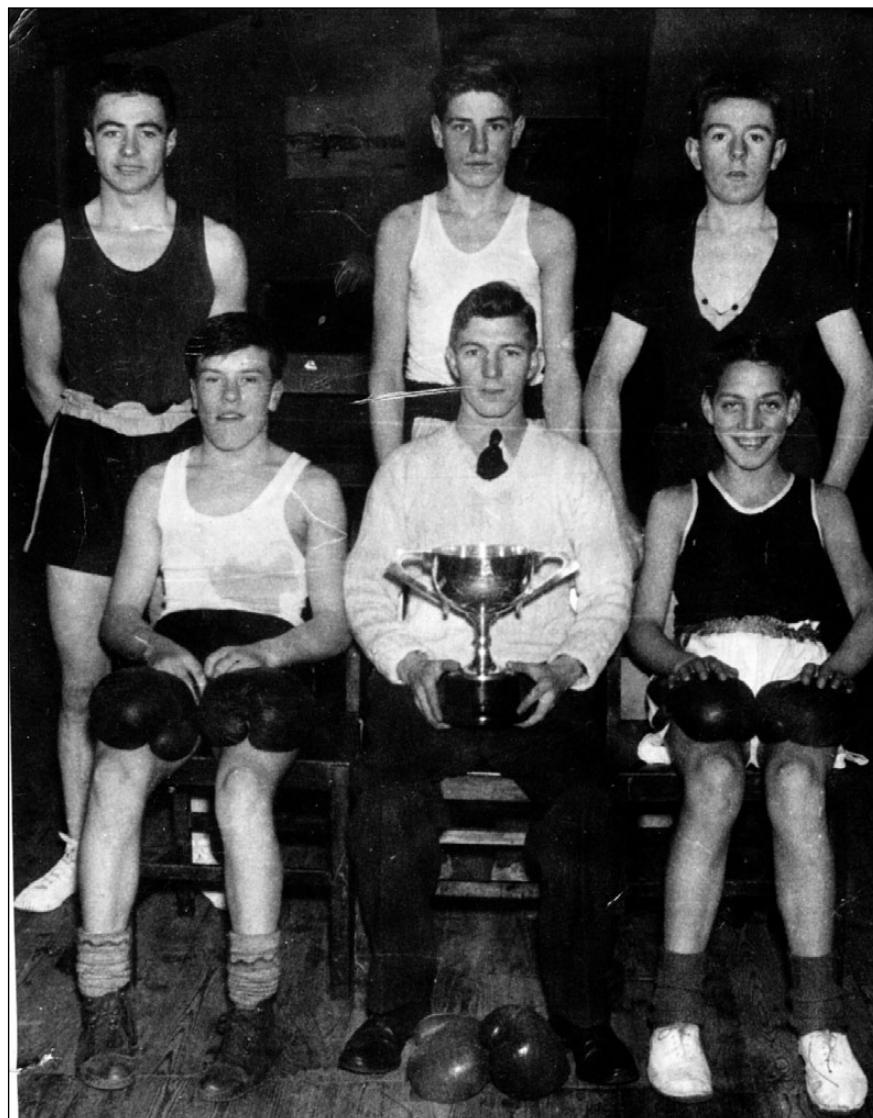
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## Down Memory Lane

John McGow kindly brought this photograph into *The Courier* office of the Campbeltown ATC boxing team of 1952, when they were the winners of the West of Scotland Cup. His brother, the late Willie McGow was the coach and trainer of the team. Back row: Archie McSporran, George McMillan, Ronnie McKinven. Front: Duncan McMaster, Willie McGow and Ian McMillan. We'd like to see more sporting photographs sent to us for Down Memory Lane, so please get searching those photograph albums!

## Letters to the Editor

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under the draft Scotland Bill, published earlier this week, cannot come quickly enough.

Given the scale of cuts now being imposed on Scotland's capital budget, the industry is crying out for additional sources of funding to prevent the first signs of recovery in the industry from shuddering to a halt.

Sadly, implementation of the Bill after the 2015 Scottish elections will come too late for these powers to be used to help fund one of the

largest and most expensive projects currently on the books – namely, the new Forth Crossing.

Over the next four years, this project will cost £2 billion of public money, funded entirely through traditional capital finance.

While the stimulus provided by this project is welcome, 100 per cent funding from the capital budget places an additional strain on capital funding for affordable housing and new schools, already facing

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cuts in the region of 20 per cent next year.

Whether by fast tracking the new borrowing powers under the draft Scotland Bill or by any other means available, additional private capital must be mobilised now to help spread the cost of the new Forth Crossing and put recovery of the Scottish construction industry on firmer foundations.

**Michael Levack,**  
**chief executive,**  
**Scottish Building**  
**Federation,**  
**Crichton House,**  
**Holyrood,**  
**Edinburgh.**

## Kilkivan poet's vision?

Sir,  
Perhaps the late James McMurphy, poet, of Kilkivan saw a vision or like portent when he wrote the last verse of his poem *Galdron's Bay* published in 1885:

*But, oh! A day is coming fast  
When these strong rocks shall melt away;  
And thy proud waters yet shall cease  
To flow in bonny Galdron's Bay.*

Or perhaps he fore-saw the coming of the proposed offshore wind farm.

**Catherine McIntyre,**  
**Glebe Street,**  
**Campbeltown.**

## Animal welfare appeal

Sir,  
Heartstrings is an animal welfare appeal which is currently attempting to raise funds around Scotland.

We would greatly appreciate if you would allow us to thank all who have helped during 2010.

We would sincerely like to thank everyone who supported the Heartstrings website during 2010 and a special thanks to everyone who managed to help Animal Welfare charities/shelters in and around Mid Argyll and Kintyre.

We wish you all a great Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

**Ronnie and Grace Sinclair,**  
**13 Dunnet Place,**  
**Thurso,**  
**Caithness.**

# Senior citizens' party

DALINTOBER and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association hosted its senior citizens' Christmas party at Broom Cottage, Campbeltown, last week.



Cathie Duncan and Santa. 04\_c51mill01



Roger Gillespie provided the music. 04\_c51mill02



Guests at the party. 04\_c51mill03



## Lovely grub!

Three-year-old Adam Lang of Campbeltown went along to the Salvation Army Christmas lunch at the town's Salvation Hall with his Granny Rene Thompson. Was the Christmas pud good? The pictures speak for themselves!

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

The final chapter of the Harry Potter film series begins as Harry, Ron and Hermione leave Hogwarts behind and set out to find and destroy the Horcruxes—the secret to Voldemort's power and immortality.



## Christmas shopping evening

LOCH Fyne Gallery, Tarbert, held a special Christmas shopping evening when a constant stream of customers, some regulars and some visitors attended.

Special offers were available for the night; 10 per cent and 20 per cent off art, gifts, books and other special lines were very popular.

Everyone was treated to choices of wine or soft drinks, topped up by the two hardworking 'drinks monitors' Janeann Reppke and Gordon McCaffery.

A food table of cheeses, biscuits and nibbles complemented the wine and was well received. All customers received a thank you gift. C52fyn1NO

## WEDDING



### Ralston - Graham

On Saturday 25th September, 2010 at the Lorne and Lowland Church Campbeltown Susan, only daughter of Tommy & Elaine, Dhurrie Farm, to Alister eldest son of Dougie & Jenny, Somerled.



## Care home carol concert

Members of the Kintyre Fiddlers, under the direction of Alex Irvine, gave a carol concert at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, and treated the residents to a selection of carols and Scottish music.

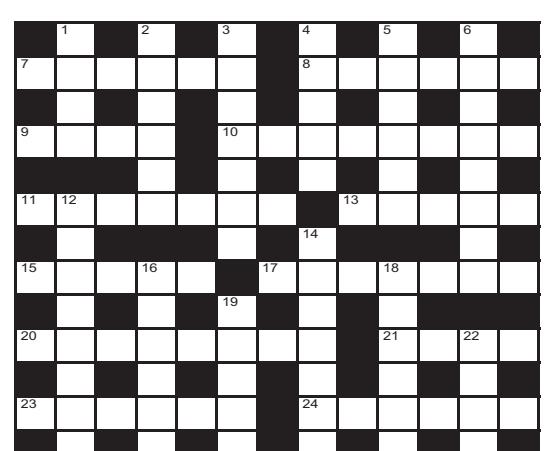
## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

### Across

- 7 Sounds like Santa's fastest transporter (6)
- 8 Put down again (6)
- 9 Make tuneful sound (4)
- 10 Drivers are dressed as ladies? (4,4)
- 11 After December (3,4)
- 13 The word before 11 (5)
- 15 Beginning of life (5)
- 17 Sparkle (7)
- 20 Roasting food (8)
- 21 Sent by post at Christmas (4)
- 23 Belong (6)
- 24 Liveliness (6)

### Down

- 1 One of three wise ones (4)
- 2 Hairy (6)
- 3 Slowly (7)
- 4 Used as sauce with turkey (5)
- 5 "...in Excelsis" (6)
- 6 Sweet but sounds like a savoury treat (5,3)
- 12 Revelation (8)
- 14 One who may mount an assault on Santa? (7)
- 16 Swinging embellishment (6)
- 18 Holy (6)
- 19 Flier (5)
- 22 From here to riches (4)



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Pipe band members from both Inveraray and District and Mid Argyll Pipe Bands performed. Pictured are - Alasdair, Ewan, Jamie, Scott and Chris. 06\_a52music05

## Curry Karaoke for cancer

MORE THAN eighty partygoers descended on the Drill Hall in Lochgilphead recently as McMillan Cancer Support's Curry Karaoke got underway.

Mid Argyll McMillan Cancer nurses, volunteers and caterers from the town's Stables Restaurant raised £1,220 for the cancer charity.

Staff parties from the NHS, Enable

and Argyll College were amongst those who made a £20 donation to McMillan Cancer Support attended the event.

### Thank

Organisers of the event would like to thank Alex Chlopuk, the Stables staff, businesses that donated prizes for the raffle and local ladies who made the table decorations.



Colette, Margaret, Carol, Libby, Kathleen and Norma popped the bubbly for their 80 party guests. 06\_a51mcmillan01

# Pupils rock into the festive season

LOCHGILPHEAD High School pupils entered into the festive spirit last Wednesday (December 15) as they staged their annual Christmas Concert.

A full house enjoyed contributions from the school's wind band, choir, Fusion dance group, the pipe band, rock bands and many soloists and ensembles.

A blend of traditional and rock music, there was

something to suit everyone's tastes.

A highlight of the evening was that of pupils Mairi Voinot on fiddle and Robbie McDougall on guitar, who have recently been short-listed in a Celtic Connections competition.

Music teacher, Fiona Simpson, said: 'There is a lot of talent in the High School, and this was evident at last week's concert.'



S4 pupils Ashley, Mairi and Robbie, along with S6 pupil, Kai, performed at last week's concert. 06\_a52music01



Some of the Lochgilphead High School Choir: Kirsti, Helen, Rachel, Lindsay and Ailidh. 06\_a52music04

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Fusion Dance Troupe. Pictured are three of the dancers from the group: Patvejaja, Jodie and Eilidh. 06\_a52music03



From left: Callum (S5), head boy Iain, and Newman (S4) entertained the audience as part of a band. 06\_a52music02

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#### SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS

- Ref No: 10/01864/LIB  
Applicant: Mr Colin Burgess  
Proposal: Renewal of bay window in the west elevation and internal alterations  
Site Address: Carradale House Carradale Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6QO  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Carradale
- Ref No: 10/02072/LIB  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs N Dixon  
Proposal: Erection of conservatory  
Site Address: Pennymore House Furnace Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XN  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray
- Ref No: 10/02073/ADV  
Applicant: Ardfern Yacht Centre  
Proposal: Erection of 5 non-illuminated wall mounted sign boards  
Site Address: Harbour Masters Office Garval Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6TR  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert

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- Ref No: 10/01493/PPP  
Applicant: Dennis Rye  
Proposal: Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works  
Site address: Land South West Of Low Clachaig Muasdale Argyll And Bute  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office, Tayinloan
- Ref No: 10/01494/PPP  
Applicant: David De Yong  
Proposal: Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse  
Site Address: Land East Of Low Clachaig Muasdale Argyll And Bute  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan
- Ref No: 10/02071/PP  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs N Dixon  
Proposal: Erection of conservatory  
Site Address: Pennymore House Furnace Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XN  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray

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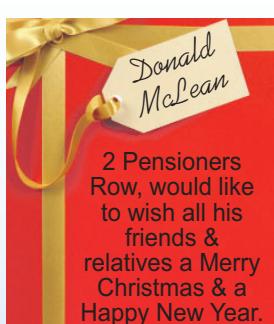
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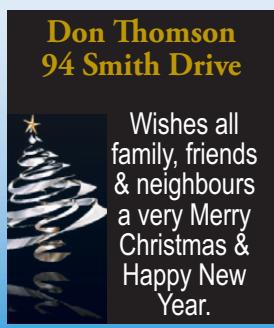
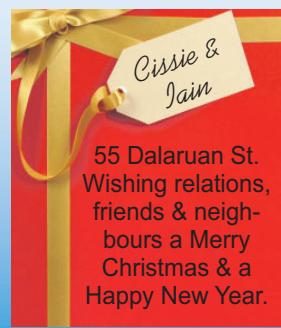
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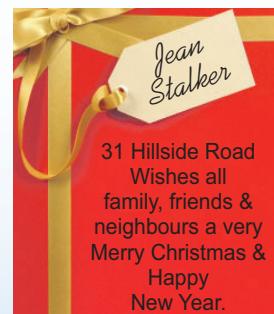
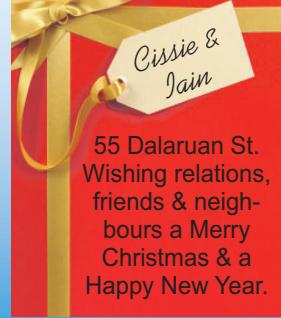
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## TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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

### BIRTHS



### BYERS

Chris and Emma (née O'Hanlon) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Mark David, on December 15, 2010 at Wishaw General Hospital.

**DUNCAN** – Roddy and Francesca are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Liliana, born in Edinburgh, on November 30, 2010. Another granddaughter for Gordon and Helen.

**LITSTER** - Stewart and Norma are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Emma Laura, on December 17, 2010. A little sister for Ashley, tenth grandchild for Jimmy and the late Laura Litster, Lochgilphead and third grandchild for Norman and Fiona MacKinnon, Laphroaig, Islay. Thanks to midwifery staff at both Paisley Maternity and Lochgilphead.

### DEATHS

**BRODIE** – Peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, on December 20, 2010, Lionel Ralston Sinclair Brodie, in his 94th year, formerly of Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Larkin, much loved father of Margaret, Samuel and the late Elizabeth and a loving and much loved grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Thursday, December 23 at 12.00 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 Auchinlee Care Home.

**CLELAND** – Peacefully at his home, Spion Kop, Whitehouse, Argyll, Walter Campbell Cleland, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Marion, adored father of Susan and Isobel, dear father-in-law of Phil. Loving grandfather of Robert, Alexander, Michael and David, dear brother of Rita and brother-in-law of Gordon. A well-loved uncle, cousin and friend. Funeral service was held at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on Wednesday, December 22, 2010. "Home is the sailor, home from the sea, and the hunter home from the hill".

**MCKERRAL** – Peacefully at Perth Royal Infirmary on Sunday, December 19, 2010, Christine (née Riddell), aged 76, formerly of Campbeltown, dear wife of the late Thomas McKerral, dearly loved mum of Catherine, John, Janie, David, Thomas, Georgine and Annjanet and a much loved granny, great granny and sister. Funeral private.

**WATSON** – Peacefully at Vale of Leven Hospital on December 17, 2010, Margaret (née McMurtie), beloved wife of Jack, loving mother of David and grandmother of Rebecca. Funeral service at Rosneath St Modan's Church on Thursday, December 23 at 10.00am, followed by interment at Kilkerran Cemetery, Campbeltown at 2.00pm.

**WILKIN** – Peacefully at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on December 20, 2010, John Alan Wilkin, in his 72nd year, 16b Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of Agnes McKinven (Nancy), much loved father of Andrew, Kathryn and Alan, father-in-law of Duncan and Vivienne, much loved and loving grandfather of Lindsay, Morven, Gordon, Ross, Alice and Saul and doting Papa Tin of Aimee and Naimh. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church on Friday, December 24 at 11.00am, 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 Campbeltown Hospital.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MCDOUGALL** – Mhairi would like to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends, for cards, telephone calls, visits and flowers received in her sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Fatah and staff at Lorne and Islands Hospital, Oban, also staff at Tarbert Medical Practice, especially nurse Sarah Nearns, also appreciated were Margaret Sinclair for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, and Tarbert Hotel for an excellent purvey. The collection at church raised a splendid amount of £650.

**POCOCK** – Marion and John would like to thank all the staff at the Kintyre Care Centre for their care and understanding in looking after Ivy over the last three years. Also thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for efficient funeral arrangements.

### IN MEMORIAMS

**DUFFY** – In memory of Craig, a dear pal and fellow fisherman, taken too soon.

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**Friday 24th December**  
Ford 11.30pm Christmas Eve Watch night Service

**Saturday 25th December 2010**

Bellanoch Church 11am  
Christmas Day Family Service

**Sunday 26th December 2010**

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**Sunday, 26th December**

Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.  
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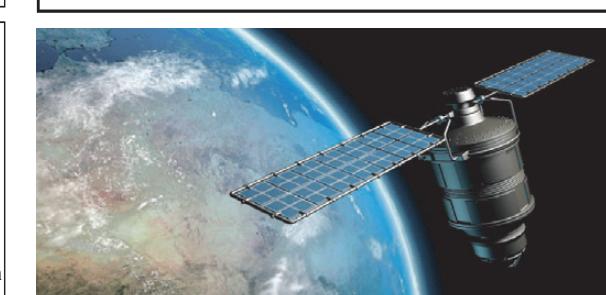
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# Impressive performances at Indoor athletics

THE MID Argyll Athletic Club hosted their annual indoor competition last Sunday in Lochgilphead Joint Campus.

There were several impressive performances throughout the three hours of intense action and one of the stars was Chloe Fairman from Bridgend, now a pupil at Lochgilphead primary, who was the Under-11 champion winning seven out of eight events.

In the same age group



Freya Corner, a Lochgilphead High School pupil from Inveraray, takes part in the shot putt competition.

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runner-up Holly Smith from Tayvallich gained the age standard in winning the javelin. Another Tayvallich girl, Kirsty Aitchison, gained the standard in the vertical jump as did Erin Downie from Lochgilphead in the speed bounce, sharing first place with Chloe.

Emma Curtis from Lochgilphead was the Under-Nine champion thanks to wins in five events and she also made the age standard in four events including a score of 68 in the speed bounce.

Two other Lochgilphead girls, Jodie Robertson and Megan Danson, excelled in gaining the standard in both the long and triple jumps.

#### All-round

Freya Corner from Inveraray won the Under-13 age group with an all-round display but had to work hard to get the better of Olivia Kerr from Ardrishaig. Freya won six events and bet-

tered the Argyll standard in the high jump clearing 1.33metres just below the long-standing Argyll Age record. She also made the standard in



**Record breaker:**  
**Donald Ferguson from Glassary Primary School concentrates hard for the high jump.** 06\_a51athletics15

the standing long jump and vertical jump. Olivia won the triple jump and speed bounce and exceeded the standard in that event as well as the high jump and standing long jump.

Tayvallich girls won the two older age groups

with Rosie Burrell the Under-15 champion and Hannah Baer winning the Under-17 category.

Competition for Under-Sevens was introduced for the first time and resulted in Imogen Brock from Castleton winning the girls contest and Kyle Danson, Lochgilphead, the boys contest.

The boys Under-Nine champion was Imogen's older brother William Brock who won both the running events, the standing long jump and vertical jump, where he bettered the age standard.

William also threw beyond the standard in the javelin to finish just behind Shaun Doy from Ardrishaig Primary. Shaun exceeded the standard, as well as setting the standard in the speed bounce.

Rhys Casci, Ardrishaig Primary, was third overall in this age group thanks to a fine win in the high jump. Eight-year-old Rhys gained

standards in four events – high jump, standing long jump, three-lap race and speed bounce.

Donald Ferguson from Glassary School was the Under-11 champion winning five out of eight events and he achieved something no other competitor managed to do on the day. Donald broke the Argyll record for his age group in the javelin throwing 21.25metres replacing the previous record of 21metres held by Ben Millar from Lochgilphead.

#### Exceeding

In the same age group Rowan Aitchison from Tayvallich was runner-up to Donald thanks to wins in the three-lap race, standing long and triple jumps also gaining the age standard in both jumping events. The younger Joseph Harper from Kilmartin was third overall exceeding the age standard in the long jump and javelin.

Connor Bruce, Lochgilphead, won the Under-13s contest. Finlay Ferguson, Kilmichael, was Under-15 winner and Toby Corner from Inveraray was the Under-17s champion.



**Shaun Doy from Ardrishaig Primary School sets the standard in the speed bounce.** 06\_a51athletics04

letes from the country village made up almost a third of the total entries.

Successful athletes from the various competitions held throughout Argyll will be invited to compete in the Argyll Final in Atlantis Leisure, Oban in February 2011.

**WIN  
£600  
JACKPOT**

To allow for the Christmas holidays the Spot the Ball competition will run for the next 2 weeks. The deadline for entries is 4pm on Tuesday 4th January 2011.

**WEEK 1 OF 2**

**Spot the  
BALL  
Competition**



#### All you have to do

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**LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...**



This week's nearest the ball winners who each receive £25 are:  
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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 4pm on Tuesday 4th January 2011.

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## Campbeltown boys doing the town proud

CAMPBELTOWN lads Stuart MacBrayne, Lee Allen and Donald McCallum are doing Mid Argyll and Kintyre proud playing against Glasgow and District Youth Football League B Division teams.

The Lochgilphead SC, SYFA-affiliated based Under 16's youth team includes players from Tarbert, Ardrishaig,

Campbeltown and Lochgilphead.

They have set their league alight winning their last four games after a slow start and currently sit second top of the league. Lee is an accomplished defender, Stuart an attacking midfielder with five goals to his name and Donald a skillful attacker who struck four

goals in a recent match against Port Glasgow.

Sponsorship is invaluable for sport to prosper in a rural environment and Campbeltown company Peter McKerral & Co Ltd stepped up to the mark with our thanks purchasing new home strips for the team as seen in the picture of the three Campbeltown lads.



Campbeltown lads Stuart MacBrayne, Lee Allen and Donald McCallum.

## Dunaverty ladies golf

THE ladies of Dunaverty Golf Club played their December Medal on Saturday, December 11.

Heather Dryden took full advantage of the milder conditions and returned an excellent 65, which included a birdie at the 8th hole.

Despite rapping in a couple of birdies of her own, Mairi MacMillan, on 68, didn't catch Heather.

Heather Dryden, 84 - 19 = 65; SSS 65, CSS 65.

## Wee Toon darts

CAMPBELTOWN and District Darts League, week eight results:

Fiddlers 10 White Hart 0; Argyll A 6 Southend 4; Burnside 10 Commercial 0; Kinloch 7 Argyll B 3; Hunting Lodge 6 Ailsa 4.

Junior scored 180 for Argyll A, Natalie Goddard scored 168 for the Ailsa, and there were high finishes from Gregor MacGregor 119, Martin Coffield 115 and Kenny Docherty 105.



Lorna McFadyen, Donald Stewart, Cathie Tavendale and Jamie McGougan.

## Lorna and Jamie make it a double

THE Walter Tavendale mixed doubles was held in the Wee Toon Bar.

The winners were Lorna McFadyen and

Jamie McGougan for the second year in a row.

The runners-up were Walter's granddaughter

Sammy Jo and Mikie.

More than £200 was raised which the Tavendale family will donate to a charity.

## Fiona donates £603 to MS Society



FIONA Irwin of Campbeltown presented Joan Grady with a cheque for £603 at Aqualibrium last week, thanks to the kind-hearted friends who sponsored her to run the Dublin Marathon; Joan was collecting the cash on behalf of the Kintyre and District Multiple Sclerosis Group.

Fiona's time was 3 hours 56 minutes

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## Lorenzo heads to Australia with youth squad

WHILST most of us are wrapping up in scarves, hats and gloves, one Mid Argyll teenager is packing his shorts and sunglasses to head off to sunnier climates.

Bellanoch sailor, Lorenzo Chiavarini, has been selected by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) as one of three top sailors to take part in the Laser Radial National Youth Squad.

The three boys, who are the top three under 17s laser sailors in the UK, travel to Sydney next week for three weeks to take part in the Tailored Support programme over Christmas and New Year.

### Compete

Accompanied by RYA head coach, James Gray, the teenagers will compete in two events: The Australian Laser National Championships and the Australian Youth Sailing Championships.

But hopefully it won't be all work and no play for 16-year-old Lorenzo as the team hopes to fit in some sightseeing and maybe even an Ashes cricket match.



Lorenzo Chiavarini from Bellanoch is heading to Australia to train in sunnier climates.

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## Christmas shoot at Tarbert

TARBERT Gun Club recently held their Christmas shoot at the Barmore Shooting ground near Tarbert with 42 competitors all trying to win their Christmas dinner.

As is the norm all names went into a hat and pairs were drawn for the competition.

As luck would have it all the pairings were very even.

Top shots of the day were John Weir and Andrew MacDonald closely followed by Brian Thompson and Shaun Johnson with Malcolm Holder and Bob McColl on the same score in tie of second place. Also taking home a turkey were third placed Archie MacGill and Andy Wilson.

The club would like to wish everyone festive greetings over the holiday period.



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