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# Detectives hunt for possible fire-raiser

## Police are considering links between the two fires

DETECTIVES are hunting for a possible fire-raiser after two fires in Campbeltown early on Tuesday morning.

There were fires in the living accommodation

above the Kinloch Bar on Saddell Street and a flat nearby on Lady Mary Row, which Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service investigators and detectives are now examining

and believe to be suspicious.

Detective Sergeant Watkin Lees said: 'The police are prepared to consider links between the two fires, given that



The Kinloch Bar and (inset) damage to the upper floors

they appear to have started at around the same time.'

A woman, her four young children, her adult son and another man escaped from the upper floors of the Kinloch Bar around 4.30am, suffering from smoke inhalation and were taken to hospital in Campbeltown.

The two men remained in hospital on Tuesday afternoon as a precaution.

Extensive fire and smoke damage was caused to the building.

On Lady Mary Row the fire appears to have started at around the

same time but smouldered undetected.

'The fire at Lady Mary Row did not cause extensive burn damage but did cause extreme smoke damage to a room. No one was in these premises at the time and no one was injured,' DS Lees added.

He said that police would be conducting door-to-door inquiries and he would also like to hear from anyone who was in the area at 4am.

More than 15 fire fighters tackled the blaze in the rooms above the bar. Mhairi Mcallister, her 22-year-old son Kyle

and her four younger children and another man escaped from the building suffering from the effects of smoke.

Shaun Stevens, Mhairi's former husband, spoke to *The Courier* on Tuesday morning as he made his way from Somerset back to Campbeltown after hearing the news.

He said: 'I got a call early this morning, and I'm on my way back. Mhairi and her four younger children and our son Kyle all got out safely. I'm still not sure of all the details yet. I'm just glad they're all safe.'

## Skykon fear as parent goes under

NEW Year and new worries for Skykon, after its parent company filed for the Danish equivalent of going into administration in the UK, just days before Christmas.

Danish newspaper *Fyens Stiftstidende* and the country's financial news agency Børsen reported the news last week.

More than 100 jobs are at stake at the wind turbine tower factory on the former air base at Machrihanish and a new multimillion-pound extension due to open next month stands paralysed; it was to take the number employed there up to 300.

Jim Mather MSP for Argyll and Bute told *The Courier*: 'Our officials don't think this necessarily means immediate administration at Campbeltown.'

'They are in touch with Scottish Development International (SDI) and Skykon, checking the position, and immediate actions and options.'

'Clearly, we will stay closely involved and be seeking the best possible outcome as we have done in the past.'

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The flat at Lady Mary Row

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## Campbeltown Sheriff Court

# Fisherman jailed for 40 months

'This was a violent, vicious attack on two men who were trying to keep the peace'

A FISHERMAN who stabbed two strangers on Islay was sentenced to 40 months in prison.

Kevin Shields, aged 21, whose address was given as Barlinnie Prison, was told he was very fortunate that no-one was killed after he ferociously attacked and permanently disfigured the islanders.

Shields and two colleagues arrived on Islay in the early evening of

November 21, Procurator Fiscal Depute Rebecka Hoskins told Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Shields attended a party in a public house at Port Ellen but the atmosphere turned sour after he demanded a knife to sort out an argument.

One man spoke to Shields telling him that arguments on Islay were not sorted out with violence.

Another man, described as a peacemaker, then walked Shields back to his boat, whereupon he turned to go home. At the same time another man came down to the pier at Port Ellen to speak with Shields about his behaviour.

Shields approached the second man with a filleting knife and attacked him with a three-inch blade.

He slashed the man's

face from his ear through to the bottom lip. He immediately fell to the ground.

Shields then turned his attention to the first man. He ran towards him – and slashed him in the face. The man fell to the ground. Shields continued to stab him on the back causing five wounds.

At that point another man then ran to the scene and kicked the knife out of Shields' hand before throwing it in to the sea.

Defence lawyer Christian Kane said Shields admitted the charges of assaulting two men – striking them on the head to their severe injury and permanent disfigurement. He added: 'He knows there is no excuse. He is thankful that he never killed anyone.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'This was a violent, vicious attack on two men who were trying to keep the peace. It was completely unprovoked.'

'Your victims were trying to keep you out of trouble and you stabbed them for their concern and care. You shattered this peaceful, and in the most part, law abiding community.'



## Enjoy your retirement, Margaret

Margaret Innes of Campbeltown, has retired from her job as a day centre officer at The Woodlands, Campbeltown, after 22 years service. The centre members and staff took her out to Café Bluebell for a Christmas lunch and presented her with farewell gifts. 04\_c52wood01

## Prison for attacking police officers

A MAN grieving over the death of his mother who admitted attacking police officers has been sent to prison for 14 months.

Iain MacIntosh, 40, of 23 Westfield Road, Kilmarnock, was described in court as a 'drunk' who was unable to control himself.

Procurator fiscal depute Rebecka Hoskins said MacIntosh was called to his family home on October 10 after his mother died unexpectedly. When he arrived from Kilmarnock he became violent and his father called the police.

MacIntosh admitted his threatening behaviour at The Ingle, Carradale, and resisting arrest by assaulting two police officers, he also admitted spitting in the face of one of the officers.

The following month, on November 11, also at The Ingle, Carradale, he admitted kicking a police officer, assaulting four police officers and threatening violence to police officers and their families.

Defence agent Sandy Mitchell said: 'These matters all took place while McIntosh was drunk and grieving. These acts were not premeditated but when he was in a greatly weakened state. He lost control of himself.'

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC sentenced MacIntosh to 14 months in prison.

## 'Hooky £20 note'

A 'HOOKY note' landed an Alexandra man with a £100 fine.

Alexander Cameron, aged 45, of 116 George Street admitted trying to pass off a fake £20 note at a bakery in Campbeltown on June 10.

Defending, Christian Kane said the forgery, 'commonly known as a hooky note,' had been received in exchange for two £10 notes from a friend. He said Cameron was unaware that they were fakes.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC fined Cameron at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

## £100 fine for cocaine possession

A UNIVERSITY student who admitted being in possession of cocaine was fined £100 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Gareth Croll, aged 18,

of 116 Thistle Street, Glasgow, said he regretted having the Class A drug in his possession at Campbeltown Police Station on March 7.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC told Croll never to appear in her court again.

Croll was also fined £200 after admitting threatening a nurse at Campbeltown Hospital on May 30 and he was admonished of committing a breach of the peace in a police vehicle on the same date.

## Assaulted police officer

A CAMPBELTOWN man who assaulted a police officer has been told to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

When he does come back to Campbeltown Sheriff Court, next December, he was told he should expect to pay a fine.

David McKenzie, aged 34, of Flat 36B Meadowburn Place, admitted kicking the officer on July 3. McKenzie came to the attention of the police while they were investigating another matter.

Defence agent Mike Creegan said McKenzie became aggressive when police tried to remove a gold chain before putting him into custody cells at Campbeltown Police Station. McKenzie was drunk at he time and lashed out.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC said: 'Your record is a strange one. You have had no offending behaviour since 1997, and now here you are before me for the third time in a matter of months.'

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# Dawn of a new ferry service Passenger route to Ballycastle will be launched in the summer

NEXT summer will see a ferry service return between Campbeltown and Ballycastle, thanks to Campbeltown-based Kintyre Express.

The passenger-only new service will run on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from May 27 to September 26.

There is no government subsidy for the route; the original plans to reinstate a passenger and vehicle ferry have fallen foul of the cut backs in public spending.

This is despite massive local pressure to reinstate and the fact that in February 2008 both the Northern Irish and Scottish first ministers signed an agreement over providing a ferry service.

Kintyre Express is part of the West Coast Motors stable of companies.

### Running

Managing director Colin Craig said: 'We have been running Kintyre Express between Campbeltown and Troon as a

private charter vessel, mainly for the golf tourism market.

'We have enjoyed a busy summer operating between Troon and Campbeltown; the route has been very popular and we have built up our contacts and experience.

'From that we have looked at the possibility of operating between Campbeltown and Ballycastle.

'Given the increasing doubt over whether the service was going to be

reinstated we had to make a decision to go for it or not and get the marketing in place to do the service justice when it begins next summer.'

### Delivery

Mr Craig said a new boat is on order and due for delivery at the end of March. It will be another Redbay Stormforce 11 metre RIB with fully enclosed heated cabin, to seat 12 passengers. The firm will be taking on two extra members of staff plus relief crew and skippers.



Kintyre Express will buy a second Redbay Stormforce RIB

## Skykon parent company goes under

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'In doing that we will be pointing to the importance of the plant, personnel and location not only in terms of fulfilling current orders but also in fulfilling and maintaining Scotland's long term renewable energy potential.'

A spokesman for Highlands and Islands Enterprise told *The Courier* before the Christmas break: 'Skykon Campbeltown is currently not in administration. The Scottish Government, SDI and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) have been in close contact with Skykon concerning the financial difficulties affecting the whole group. The Campbeltown facility has an important role to play in ensuring that Scotland continues to lead the development of clean, green tech-

nologies and building a low carbon economy. Today's news is very disappointing and SDI, the Scottish Government and HIE's immediate priority is to secure the future of the Campbeltown facility as a whole. Along with our partners we are urgently looking at all options to determine how best to move forward.'

There is interest in the Argyll factory; Better Capital UK, a fund that provides investment capital for the acquisition and operational turnaround of underperforming businesses has been to Skykon.

Speaking from the factory, John Walton from Better Capital UK told *The Courier* on Thursday December 23: 'We've been to see the situation and we're not in any current negotiations to rescue or acquire.'

# What's on in 2011

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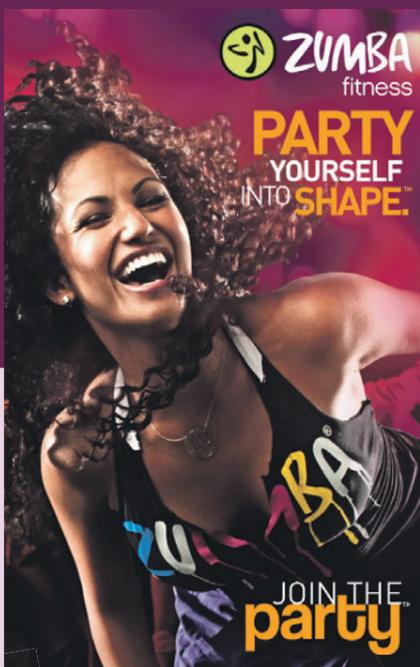
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	1745-1830hrs	Toning	Complete Body Toning Class
	1745-1830hrs	Men's Thump Class	Boxing/Kickboxing Combo
	1830-1915hrs	Spin Cycle	Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class
TUE	0830-0915hrs	Over 60's AquaFit	Gentle Water Based Aerobics
	1000-1045hrs	GP Referral	Rehabilitation Class
	1745-1830hrs	Thump Boxing	Boxing/Kickboxing Combo
	1745-1830hrs	Zumba	Latin Inspired Dance Fitness Party
	1800-1845hrs	JNR Activities	Pool Based Fun and Games
	1900-1945hrs	AquaFit	Water Based Aqua Aerobics
	1930-2015hrs	Spin Cycle	Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class
WED	1130-1215hrs	Super Sixties	Exercise to Music Class
	1245-1315hrs	Spin Cycle Blitz	Aerobic Indoor Cycling Class
	1300-1345hrs	AquaFit	Water Based Aerobics
	1545-1630hrs	SHOKK Race P4-7	Fun Indoor Cycling & Games
	1745-1845hrs	Combat/Strength Class	Combined Martial Arts & Strength Class
	1900-1945hrs	Boot Camp	10 Week Block to Kick Start 2011
THU	0830-0915hrs	AquaFit	Water Based Aerobics
	1300-1330hrs	Zumba Cardio Party	Latin Inspired Dance Fitness Party
	1900-1945hrs	Core Fitness	Fat Burning, Core Strengthening Class
FRI	0715-0800hrs	Spin	Aerobic Indoor Cycling
	1100-1130hrs	Outdoor 5K Run	Build to Running a 5k or Further
	1300-1345hrs	GP Referral	Rehabilitation Class
	1815-1900hrs	Circuits	Gym Based Circuit Class
	1900-1945hrs	AquaFit	Water based Aerobics
SAT	1015-1100hrs	SHOKK Race P4-7	Fun indoor cycling & games
	1100-1145hrs	Spin Cycle	Aerobic indoor cycling class
SUN	1100-1145hrs	Spin Cycle	Aerobic indoor cycling class
	1215-1300hrs	AquaFit	Water based Aerobics



# Festive fun round Kintyre



## Carradale Primary Christmas Concert

Carradale Primary School held a very successful Concert. Nursery To Primary Seven all took part in A Little Nativity. Nursery to Primary Four took part in Santa's Lost His Hat and Primary Five to Seven performed Cinderella and Rockafella. The school Christmas lunch was also well attended by pupils and the wider community. Pupils donated grocery items and 15 hampers were distributed to the elderly residents of the village. Approximately £430 was raised for school funds from both these events.



## Lorne and Lowland Nativity Play

The children and young people who took part in the Nativity Play at Lorne and Lowland Parish Church.



## Glenbarr pupils have an Out of this World Christmas

Pupils at Glenbarr presented an Out of This World Christmas to a packed hall. They also performed the nativity Little Angel Gets her Wings. The event included a bring and buy sale and the £523 was raised.

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## Southend Nativity Play

In the Southend Pre-Fives Nativity Play Mary was played by Emma Barbour and Joseph by Daniel Semple.

# Sound of Kintyre hit by flood of burst pipes



SOUND of Kintyre has been inundated with burst water pipes.

The £6 million needed to fix the estate's water and sewerage supply has hit home with a vengeance.

The water was pouring into homes; many of them empty holiday homes as pipes burst.

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'People who weren't here did not realise that we were getting some of the coldest weather in the country; you would have to go back to the 60s to see weather this bad.'

The Ministry of Defence currently provides the homes with free water and sewerage service, until the legal problem behind their properties is sorted out.

The company which



Councillor Rory Colville

'People who weren't here did not realise that we were getting some of the coldest weather in the country'

redeveloped and sold the old RAF housing was responsible for the

utilities but it was dissolved; the Ministry of Defence stepped in and said it would continue to provide the service, free.

But the MoD has now subcontracted water and sewerage for all its UK bases out to Thames Water which in turn, when needs arise, sub contracts to local contractors and Scottish Water.

Andrew Hemmings, of the Sound of Kintyre Residents Association, said: 'The water supply went over Christmas; it has been coming back on in the afternoons for a while which is helpful and Scottish Water delivered packs of bottled water.'

One of the major burdens facing whoever buys the Machrihanish Airbase is fixing the

supply and the sewerage; estimates say it will cost £6 million.

At present sewerage is removed by tanker from the base's old works and taken away for treatment.

Scottish Water is working in conjunction with sub-contractors for the water supply to the Machrihanish area to be restored.

Councillor Colville was told that there have been multiple bursts in the area over the last few days, 25 of which have been in private properties, many closed for the holiday period, so have therefore been more difficult to detect and repair.

These are affecting the levels of water in the main tanks that supply the whole area.

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## Those Were The Days

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### Will the Keil Hotel re-open?

ONCE the largest hotel in Kintyre, the Keil Hotel at Southend had the finest outlook in the peninsula, across the sea to Ireland, but today its outlook is bleak and its windows boarded. The hotel is shut down and in receivership.

The fear is that the five-storey building could become a white elephant in view of its condition and the uncertain economic climate for hotels.

The flat roofed 1930s Art Deco building stands out dramatically like a white cliff on its rock perch at the southern tip of Kintyre with spectacular views of the Antrim coast.

The hotel closed in the autumn and at the same time the owners applied for planning permission to convert the 35 bedrooms into 20 self catering holiday flats in a bid to survive a shift in holiday trends. The cost of the conversion and restoration was estimated at £400,000.

### Lifelines stolen

LIFELINES were stolen from three lifebuoys on Campbeltown Harbour on the night of December 18 and 19. Two weeks previously a lifebuoy and line went missing from Dalintober pier.

The harbour master, William MacDonald, said 'If someone is unfortunate enough to fall in the water, the chance of getting him out with just a lifebuoy without a line on it are not too good.'

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT was many years ago that I stood on Scottish soil and shook hands with my friend and colleague who had his feet planted firmly on English ground.

We did not have extraordinarily long arms, but were of course on each side of Hadrian's Wall – the boundary that marks the border between our two countries.

We were enjoying some good fun and banter about the differences while also enjoying our friendship.

As I wander the shores of this beautiful peninsula, I often wonder where the border is between sea and shore or between land and sky.

Unlike Hadrian's Wall, the boundary is not clearly defined and can in fact, change before our eyes.

There are many different types of boundaries, some clearly defined like walls or fences, while some are not so easy to distinguish like the sea on the shore.

What of the boundary we will experience at midnight tonight? We will cross the boundary of time. We will cross into another day, another week, another month, another year, another decade.

Unlike crossing Hadrian's Wall or the sea and the shore, we have absolutely no choice about crossing this boundary tonight.

In Roman mythology Janus is the god of gates and doors, endings and beginnings, and from whom we name January, our month which opens the door to the New Year.

Janus is depicted as having two heads—one looking to the past, while the other looks to the future.

I expect we will all look back on all that has happened in the year just gone – the joys, the tears and all emotions in between and we will look, maybe with a little apprehension, at the year ahead and wonder what it will bring. But still we have to cross the boundary.

Maybe there will be stars out tonight, and there will be a bright one to guide us on our way. Wishing you all a peaceful 2011.

## A message from the Provost

Sir,

This time of year is especially important for me as it gives me time to look back on the old year at what has gone before as well as looking forward to the new year that lies ahead of us.

As ever, 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 we especially remember them at Christmastime.

As 2010 draws to a close, I wish for all of us the patience to treasure our memories and to live every minute of the present to the full. As the new year dawns my heartfelt wish is that everyone in Argyll and Bute enjoys a joyous, peaceful and prosperous 2011.

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

## Opportunity for Argyll and Bute Council

Sir,

As a New Year approaches I believe Argyll and Bute Council has a tremendous opportunity to explore with the Scottish Government and the local community the potential of creating in Campbeltown a teaching facility to rival the best in Scotland.

Three years ago I asked Councillor Ellen Morton the current education spokeswoman to visit the school and see at first hand why the school building was rated as one of the poorest in Scotland.

Since then to the



## Down Memory Lane

The year of 2010 has marked the anniversary of the Guiding movement and we have asked for people to send us their photographic memories of being a Guide. Here is Darlene Russell of Southend, whom many people will know as the commercial manager at Argyll College. Darlene earned her Queen's Guide Award when she was a member of the 102nd Glasgow Guides, Sherbrooke, St Gilbert's Church, Pollockshields. Darlene also gained her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

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present day I have consistently argued for the completion of the Outline Business Case for Campbeltown Schools so that the Council would be ready for such an occasion as has now arisen.

However in the present financial situation with the council having suffered the worst financial settlement from the Scottish Government of any

Council in Scotland and a budget deficit of more than £15 million staring us in the face, securing the Council's share of the Capital funding will be no easy task.

Can I assure your readers I will do all in my power to deliver a successful outcome as a result of the Scottish Government's in principle approval of this project and look forward to

reaching an agreement of the conditions and timescales involved?

**Councillor  
Rory Colville  
South Kintyre**

**Jim Mather  
MSP writes**

Sir,  
This has been a challenging year, with the world still gripped in the uncertainties and dif-

ficulties that were the result of the financial crisis: many of them manifested locally. That financial crisis was a direct result of the failure by many Western Governments, including the UK Government, to regulate our banks and protect taxpayers from the resultant catastrophe.

And now to a marked extent we are all paying the price for that failure of stewardship: job uncertainty, businesses under pressure, incomes flat and falling, pension values reduced, property-values down and even a weakening in our currency that we all now feel at the petrol pump.

It is therefore good to be entering a New Year, with an opportunity to look forward and learn from past experience.

For my part, it is a salutary lesson in not trusting others to manage our financial wellbeing.

It is also an opportunity to learn not only from what successful small countries, like Norway and Finland did in good times and bad but also from those small countries that made serious mistakes such as Ireland and Iceland.

Scotland now has the opportunity to plot a course that will allow us to converge on those higher performing economies and create a more cohesive society - but first we have to handle cuts from the current Lib Dem Tory Coalition that are too fast and too deep and which can create division in spite of John Swinney's best efforts to achieve efficiencies and soften the blow.

Therefore I go into the New Year working hard to make sure that the area's tourism continues to grow and that this combines to create a wider new economic beginning that justifies continuing investment.

**Jim Mather MSP  
Argyll and Bute**

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# Home from home for MacAllister clan man

## Lorne toured with Madonna as part of her band in the World Reinvention tour

By Ruth McClean

IT WAS home from home for a Campbeltown man when he was came across a Clan MacAllister tent whilst at a Highland games in America.

Lorne Cousin, who is now on the 'A' list of the Western United State Pipe Band Association in the States, came across the tent, whilst wearing his Clan MacAllister kilt.

The MacAllisters are a Kintyre Clan, with the Clan seat at Glenbarr Abbey.

The late Angus MacAllister, and Jean MacAllister, who still lives in the Abbey, were very involved in the clan and were great ambassadors for it, and Kintyre in general in the States.

The family kindly bought the kilts in MacAllister of Glenbarr tartan for the very successful Kintyre District Pipe Band of the 1980s, the kilt of which Lorne was wearing that day.

### Very nice

Lorne said the people in the clan tent were very nice and they remembered Angus and Jean as well as the tartan he was wearing too.

Lorne's success across the pond continues, and

this year he achieved the highest ever pass mark for the Western United State Pipe Band Association's exam to become an approved judge, achieving a mark of 95 per cent.

Since then Lorne, who

Grade One Pipe Band Contests to the recent Eastern United States Championships Grade one contest.

'It was a privilege to listen to and adjudicate such great bands as the Triumph Street Dowco

Lorne said the biggest accolade for him so far was to be asked to judge at the Pipe Major Angus MacDonald Memorial solo piping competition in San Diego.

### Foremost

Pipe Major Angus Macdonald was one of the foremost pipers of his generation and visited Campbeltown on numerous occasions including as a guest of Kintyre Piping Society, also with the John MacFadyen Memorial Trust Lecture Tour, which Lorne remembers attending as a 10-year-old boy in the Town Hall, and because he was very close friends with his tutor the late Pipe Major Tony Wilson, with whom he served in the Scots Guards.

'It was therefore a great honour to be asked to judge such a prestigious competition, not only because of whom he was as a piper but also because of the high regard which Tony held him in,' said Lorne, who began playing the bagpipes at the age of six.

### Fortunate

'I was fortunate to have met him on a few occasions and like Tony, he was a larger



Lorne with one of his pupils, Dane Chambers, overall champion for the Western United States Region. C53pip5NO

toured with Madonna as part of her band in World Reinvention Tour of 2004, has been invited to judge solo bagpipe and pipe band competitions across the US ranging from the Pleasanton Scottish Festival, which is attended by more than 50,000 people.

Here he judged the solo events and the

Pipe Band, Alberta Caledonia Pipe Band, Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band, all from Canada, and the LA Scots, Oran Mor and City of Washington, all of the USA,' said Lorne.

'I have also judged at such far-flung places as Texas in the south to the Alaska Highland Games in the north.'



Lorne during the judging of the Pipe Major Angus Memorial Competition, San Diego, California.



Lorne judging at Pleasanton Highland Games, California.

than life character, full of music, as well as being as being the consummate Guardsman. They are both a loss to the World of piping.' Lorne's success doesn't stop there. As well as being on the list of approved adjudicators he is now an approved

instructor and has a number of promising pupils in California.

### Champion

One of his pupils Dane Chambers has been declared overall champion in his grade this year for the Western United States.

'I also tutor three pipe

bands in California. I was very fortunate to receive first class tuition and, I believe that it is my duty to pass it on to the next generation. I remind them frequently that they are being taught in the Argyllshire School of Piping!' said Lorne.



Lorne, left, also judged at the Pipe Major Angus Memorial Competition, San Diego, California.



Judging at Alaska Highland Games.

## Kintyre Piping Society's Diamond Jubilee

KINTYRE Piping Society has unveiled its diary for 2011, its diamond jubilee year.

On January 22 Inveraray and District Grade One Pipe Band will be in concert at the Victoria Hall, with a dance afterwards.

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will be in

concert at the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown on February 19.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Kintyre Piping Society and it will hold an anniversary dinner and recital in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown on March 5.

The junior piping championship, which attracts young talent from across Scotland and the UK, will be held on Saturday April 16 at Castlehill School and on September 17 the famous Springbank Invitational will see the cream of the world's pipers competing in Campbeltown.

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# Festive time at MS Centre

LOCHGILPHEAD MS Centre's Tuesday Coffee Morning was buzzing earlier this month with everyone in high Christmas spirits and enjoying the festive home baking.

The MS Centre staff would like to thank all 15 volunteers who take a turn every five weeks to bake and serve at their popular coffee morning; their dedication and support is very much appreciated.

Thanks also to all the regulars who faithfully turn

up each week, whatever the weather, to support the MS Centre and enjoy the delicious teas and home-baking.

### Welcoming

The Christmas Coffee morning, held on Tuesday December 14, was the last one of 2010 and staff and volunteers look forward to welcoming our regulars back to the first coffee morning of 2011, which takes place on Tuesday January 11.



MS Centre Coffee Morning Volunteers: Christine Morris, Flo Muir, Ishbel MacArthur at the last event of the year.



## Christmas lights raffle draw

The Argyllshire Advertiser office was the location for the Lochgilphead Christmas Lights raffle draw last Monday (December 20). Citizen of the Year, Jenny Campbell, drew the raffle, overseen by committee member, Jimmy Litster. The draw of the raffle was due to take place at the Christmas Lights switch-on but had to be postponed because of the chilly weather. The lucky winners were Mr Raptor from Campbeltown, £25; Elenor MacKenzie from Lochgilphead, £50 and £250 was won by 'DT' of Lochgilphead. 06\_a52xmas01



## Showstoppers at Minard

All the stars of Minard Primary School presented a hilarious, colourful and glittering performance of the musical *Cinders* to many parents, families and members of the community, who were simply delighted with their evening's entertainment, describing the performances as 'brilliant', 'excellent' and 'up to the usual Minard Primary high standard'. Well done, again, Minard Primary! RGM

### WEDDING



## Howell – Casey

Kirsteen Howell to Alastair Casey, June 26, 2010 at the Highland Parish Church, Campbeltown. A lovely day.

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# Christmas fun and frolics



## Nativity Play performed by Dalintober Pre fives

Dalintober Pre Five Unit Afternoon Group dressed and ready to perform their Nativity Play for their parents.



## Badden Farm Nursery Nativity Play

The Pre-school children from Badden Farm Nursery were invited to perform their songs from their nativity play at Lochgilphead Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival. The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and sang beautifully. Jennifer Campbell, proprietress of the nursery, would like to thank the parish very much for their kind invitation.



## Castlehill Nativity Play

Mary, Joseph, the Three Kings and Shepherds who starred in the Castlehill Primary School, Campbeltown, Nativity play on Thursday last week. 04\_c52cas01



## Christmas at Drumlemble

At Drumlemble Primary School's Christmas concert P1-3 performed The Little Nativity, P4-6 performed Gnome Alone and P5-7 performed The Wizard of Oz as well as the school choir and a variety of musical performances.

Jocelyn Richard gave a Christmas present of £501 to the school after she was sponsored to run the Dublin marathon in aid of Drumlemble Primary School Fund.



## Santa pays a visit to the Morning Group

The Morning Group of children from Dalintober Pre Five Unit enjoyed a visit from Santa at their party.

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## Southend's Christmas Scrooge

THE children of Southend Primary School gave two performances of their production of *Scrooge* and had a sell-out. Pictured are Aaron Chambers as Bob Cratchit and Murray Barbour as Scrooge.

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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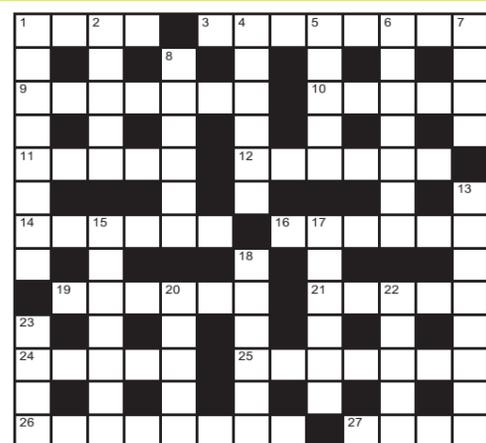
## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

### Across

- 1 Horse game (4)
- 3 Antipathy (8)
- 9 Plunder (7)
- 10 Large deer (5)
- 11 Female relation (5)
- 12 Store in a pit (6)
- 14 Absorbed (6)
- 16 Moggy plant (6)
- 19 Dumbfounded (6)
- 21 Crane (5)
- 24 Loved one (5)
- 25 Thrown, one erupts (7)
- 26 Careless (8)
- 27 Probabilities (4)

### Down

- 1 Having excessive suspicion (8)
- 2 Stab (5)
- 4 Printer type (3-3)
- 5 Occasions (5)
- 6 Larger than normal (7)
- 7 Always (4)
- 8 Inn (6)
- 13 Clean (8)
- 15 Drums (7)
- 17 Confused (6)
- 18 Slowly (6)
- 20 Point where x and y are zero (1-4)
- 22 Food (5)
- 23 Wading bird (4)



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# Mather in Mexico

## Argyll's MSP and minister at climate change conference

JIM Mather, MSP for Argyll and Bute was amongst the UK delegation at the UN Climate Change Conference in Cancun.

The event was the 16th Conference of the Parties and the sixth Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

Mr Mather was there in his capacity as Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism.

We asked Mr Mather to tell us about his trip and, as Scotland's energy minister, what we took to Cancun and brought home afterwards.



Jim Mather was part of the UK delegation to the Climate Change Conference in Cancun Mexico.

## Mull of Kintyre estate sold

CARSKIEY Estate, which includes the iconic Mull of Kintyre, has been sold.

Andrew Smith, partner with agents Strutt and Parker, Edinburgh, confirmed that an offer is now in the process of being accepted by the sellers and the matter is now in the hands of lawyers to conclude missives.

He declined to name the buyer or the final price for the estate, which was sold as whole, but it went on the market with an asking price of £2.95 million.

And for that price came 7,362 acres, nine miles of coastline, nine houses and cottages and an Edwardian house once described as 'a wonder of Edwardian design and engineering representing a high point in craftsmanship and building construction it would be impossible to replicate today'.

Carskies Estate has an in-hand beef and sheep farm based on a quality suckler cow beef herd, a low ground flock of ewes and a hill flock.

Marion Brown, whose family were selling the estate said: 'There was an amazing response from the media when we put Carskies on the market in October, and the huge amount of interest from potential buyers took both us and the selling agents by surprise.'

'Interest in Carskies has brought a large number of viewers to Campbeltown and Kintyre for the first time. Without exception, all of the visitors have commented on the beauty of this part of the world and the warm welcome they received from the local community. Many of them intend to return for a longer stay.'

'Organizing so many viewings in a very short space of time has been a major operation for David Soudan and the staff at Carskies. We are also grateful to local businesses for providing accommodation, transport and other support.'

'After nearly half a century here the time has come for my family to hand on Carskies, and we are very pleased that there has been so much positive interest. We have been looking for a new owner who is keen both to take on the estate and to further develop the farming business - and who will appreciate just what a special place Carskies is. We hope we have found a buyer for Carskies who will love it as much as we have and look forward to working with them in the New Year to ensure a smooth handover.'

Scotland is rightly seen internationally as a leader in the transition to a low carbon future and seizing the opportunities from tackling climate change is one of the main messages I took to Cancun.

The drive to cut emissions is driving new thinking; new technologies and new investment in Scotland, and can do so around the world.

I was part of the UK

delegation and I worked to identify ways to help developing countries adapt to climate impacts, a position which supports our overall approach to international development and our desire to see developing countries build a low carbon economy suited to their own strengths.

### Support

A major focus of the talks was how to support the developing world in

the low carbon transition and providing the \$100 billion financial support through a Green Fund agreed at Cancun. Scotland helped shape that agenda.

I signed an agreement with the Maldives Environment Minister for Scotland's expertise to map out their marine energy potential and I launched a project for Scotland to develop a toolkit for regulatory

systems that will be applied to carbon capture and storage systems around the world.

### Fact-finding

I met the Inter American Development Bank who will make a fact-finding visit to Scotland next year.

There was real and sustained interest in Cancun in Scotland's progress on green energy and climate change issues.

While we require further

work before a final binding commitment can be signed, Cancun was a clear sign that the vast majority of the world's developed and developing countries want a long-term solution.

I was pleased to play my part in that.

And rest assured, a great number of people now know they'll receive a warm welcome at any time of the year in Argyll and Bute.'

## Christmas lights appeal

ONE WEEK after the success of the Tarbert Christmas lights switch on organisers have launched an appeal for volunteers to help with next year's event.

And as Iris Kerr is stepping down from her role as chair woman of the Tarbert Christmas Lights Committee a new leader is needed.

Iris said: 'We are looking for people to come on board for 2011 and continue the good work

that has already started.

'I would like to thank everyone for their support and help over the years especially the children for their beautiful Christmas lights designs.'

Iris also thanked contributors to the 2010 event including Alex McPhee, Tarbert Hotel, Tarbert Primary School Choir, Tarbert Youth Group, Sheena Ferguson, local police officers and council staff.



Staff at the Tarbert branch, Bank of Scotland, Emma, Scott & Morna Shaw have been selling raffle tickets to win Morna's specially baked Christmas cake. The tasty treat raised a lot of interest with £500 raised for the Tarbert Christmas Lights Committee. Sheila Macintyre was the lucky winner. a52cake01no



Some of the pupils who achieved these results, with head teacher, Catriona Hood, and pupils who sit exams in 2011 who aspire to maintain this high standard.

## Tarbert Academy ranked 27th in Scotland

THE END of term brought an even greater sense of celebration than usual in Tarbert Academy.

### Published

When the list of the top 50 state schools in Scotland was published, Tarbert Academy was ranked number 27.

The 'top 50' is compiled on the basis

of academic attainment at Higher level. Head teacher, Catriona Hood, said she was delighted to see the school's hard work recognised.

She added: 'We are privileged to work with such good pupils. Our pupils, in turn, have good teachers and this combination works well for us all.'

# Campbeltown Sea Cadets jump to it

## A summer sea voyage and an impressive inspection report in 2010

During the School summer holidays cadets from Campbeltown unit joined the training ship *TS John Jerwood* part of the Sea Cadets Corps offshore fleet. Cadets embarked at Kyle of Lochalsh for a weeklong voyage round Skye and the Inner Hebrides. During the voyage cadets saw a variety of marine wildlife including basking sharks. Cadets learn deck-work, engineering and navigation which eventually can lead to a watch leader qualification which one Campbeltown cadet gained on this voyage. This trip was so enjoyable more joined the ship at Weymouth for a voyage, which may take them to the Channel Islands and France.

Cadet Kyle Barrie (right) on watch keeping duties.



Commander Mark Buchan-Steele, RN, inspected Campbeltown Sea Cadets in September as part of their annual Royal Navy Inspection. Commander Buchan-Steele was very impressed by the cadets and especially their displays, which were entirely run by the cadets themselves. He has recommended Campbeltown Sea cadets for an efficiency pennant for the second year running. It was even more impressive given that the cadets had only three weeks to prepare for this event. With Commander Buchan-Steele is Ordinary Cadet Ewen MacArthur. Cadets Kyle Barrie and James Arbuckle can be seen in the background.



Sea Cadets paraded their Queens Colour at Lorne and Lowland church as part of their Trafalgar church parade. The service was lead by the unit's chaplain, lay preacher Jim Campbell and cadets played a full part in the running of the service at this annual event.

## Good turnout for prizegiving

ON Monday December 20, despite weather conditions, which saw other organisations having to cancel events Campbeltown Sea cadets, enjoyed a good turnout for the annual prize giving.

Prizes were awarded for best junior cadet, attendance, seamanship, Quartermaster's Challenge, best sports person, 1st Lieutenant's quail, and the Cadets' Cadet award.

Unfortunately the CO's Shield and Best Cadet awards were unable to be presented in person as the recipients were unable to attend because of the weather.

The unit used the occasion to wind up a very successful year's training and received a message from Captain Mark Windsor RN, Captain



of the Sea Cadet Corps to inform them that for the second year running they had received an efficiency pennant for the quality of training provided.

Campbeltown Sea Cadets will resume in the

Cadet Hall, Hazelburn at 6.45pm on January 10. New recruits between the ages of 10 and 18 years of age are welcomed, as are any adults who would like to volunteer some time to help young people.



Campbeltown Sea cadets meet on Monday evenings at 6.45 pm in the Cadet Hall at Hazelburn and welcome young people between the ages of 10 and 18. Adults who wish to become helpers are also very welcome.



Cadet Iain Cameron plotting the ship's position.

A group of cadets engaged in deckwork.



Gary MacAuley represented Highland District at the Northern Area Swimming Championship in October. He brought back four medals: two bronze, one silver and a gold for the over-16 boys' freestyle. It is now hoped that Gary will go on to represent Northern Area in the UK championship.



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The preparation of an Environmental Statement in connection with an application for consent under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, to create 378.27ha of new native woodland and associated open ground through planting and natural regeneration on the Isle of Ulva was advertised in this newspaper on 30 September 2010 in accordance with Paragraph 13 of these Regulations.

The Forestry Commission has now considered the application and the information provided in the Environmental Statement and has decided to accept the proposals to afforest the area subject to the conditions held therein.

A copy of the decision, conditions and the main reasons and considerations on which the decision has been based can be obtained from: Forestry Commission Scotland, Perth and Argyll Conservancy Office, Algo Business Centre, Glenearn Road, Perth PH2 0NJ.

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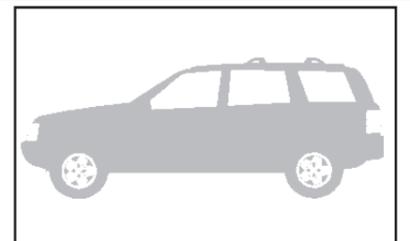
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**SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS**

- **Ref No: 10/01893/PP**  
Applicant: Ms Luanna McHugh  
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Site Address: 20 Main Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AF  
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
- **Ref No: 10/02114/PP**  
Applicant: S And D Hotels Ltd  
Proposal: Alterations to hotel frontage including repainting, installation of downlight fittings, replacement doors, windows and rainwater goods and installation of roof domes to rear flat roof  
Site Address: Anchor Hotel Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UB  
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Proposal: Installation of replacement windows  
Site Address: 5, 7, 9 And 11 Lochend Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6DL  
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
- **Ref No: 10/02093/PP**  
Applicant: Mr D Livingstone  
Proposal: Change of use from garden room/workshop to self catering accommodation  
Site Address: The Bungalow Stewarton Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6PG  
Location of Plans: Burnet Building St John St Campbeltown
- **Ref No: 10/02112/PP**  
Applicant: M And K MacLeod Ltd  
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Take notice that the above Authority in terms of the powers conferred upon them by Section 161 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 has confirmed the above Tree Preservation Order which took effect on 2nd July 2010, modified at page 4 within the description to the extent of "(a) excluding from protection within this Order, all coniferous specimens; (b) excluding from protection within this Order, all specimens growing within 8 metres of the existing dwellings/garages and (c) excluding from protection within this Order, all saplings, irrespective of species less than 100 mm in diameter".

A Certified Copy of the said Tree Preservation Order and map, as confirmed, have been deposited at Argyll and Bute Council's Development Services Office at 67/69 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll and may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 28 days from the date of this advertisement.

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.' (Luke 2:14).

DEATHS

COLLINS - Peacefully at the Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilhead on December 26, 2010. Peter Collins in his 90th year of 31 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, loving husband of the late Winnie and much loved father of Winnie, Stuart, Peter and Jean. A much respected grandfather and dear brother of Chrissie and Michael. A good neighbour, friend and former work colleague to many. Funeral service will be held in St Margaret's Church, Lochgilhead on Thursday, December 30, 2010 at 11am thereafter to Achnabreac cemetery. All friends are respectfully invited to attend.

McMILLAN - Peacefully at home, 'Sunadale', Pulpit Road, Oban, on Friday, December 24, 2010, aged 66 years, George Burnet, beloved husband of Janis, much loved dad to Mhairi and Morven, father-in-law to Kenny and Iain and dear papa to Alexander and Callum.

IN MEMORIAM

MARTIN - In ever loving memory of my dear mum and granny, Jean, who passed away December 29, 2001.

All we wish for once more Before we lower the light We could only kiss you on the cheek And say we love you... Goodnight.

- Your ever-loving daughter and granddaughter, Isabel and Kerry.

SCOTT - Treasured memories of a loving mother and grandmother Euphemia Johnson who died on December 21, 1963 and her eldest granddaughter Alexis Witherspoon who died on November 15, 2009. Forever in our thoughts.

- Catherine, Janette, Walter and families.

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Sunday 2nd January 2011 UNITED NEW YEAR SERVICE Following the Journey of the Wise Men Lochfyneside Church (Minard) 10.30 am Tea to follow Ceud mìle fàilte agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur All Welcome Rev. Roddy MacLeod

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Sunday 2nd January 2011 Glassary 11.30am Rev Cliff Acklam All are welcome SC002121

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SC002493 Sunday 2nd January 2011 11.15am Morning Worship Rev Catriona Hood Creche (0-3yrs): Church Rev Michael J Lind Everyone always welcome

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## Zumba comes to Kintyre

ZUMBA, the Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie burning, dance fitness-party has come to Campbeltown.

Instructor Fiona Irwin is seen here at one of the two taster sessions, which showed Zumba is going to be a great success. You can join the party at the Victoria Hall on Tuesdays, 5.45pm to 6.30pm or on Tuesdays 1pm to 1.30pm.

A new fitness class programme begins at Aqualibrium on Monday January 10 and there will also be Boot Camp, a 10-week Block to kick start 2011 beginning on January 12. See advertisement in this paper for full details.

## Swimming lessons begin

SWIMMING lessons begin again at Aqualibrium in January.

Starting January 8 there is a 10-week block of lessons every Saturday for all levels and five week blocks on Monday and Tuesday; these all come with free child and accompany adult swim passes

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There is also an early bird promotion of booking three blocks and getting the third half price. Adult improvers are on Wednesdays in blocks of five or 10 lessons and private lessons are also available, so get in the swim for the New Year.

# Year of amalgamation

## Alex McKinven takes a look back over an eventful year for Campbeltown Pupils AFC

IT'S been quite a year to look back on. Campbeltown Pupils and Campbeltown Boys amalgamate for the good of football in the town, and, after years of campaigning there is a glimmer of light at the end of the 3G tunnel.

However; the race is not run yet; but if we go forward with a single ambition there are signs of better things to come.

McFadyen Contractors agreed to continue as the club's main sponsor, and, we are very grateful of the on-going support we receive from Archie and Billy. Thanks also to Mr Sproat of Buildbase, Kintyreinfo.com, Scotbet, Howdens Ltd, The Feathers Inn, Argyll Bowling Club and the Mull of Kintyre Music Festival.

For the first time running two sides in the Scottish Amateur Foot-

ball League, the club has played 16 games to date, winning nine and losing seven, the year ending without a single draw to either the first or second elevens.

After a blistering start from both squads the early season form surprisingly fell away. A quick look at the record book shows the first eleven with a better away record than it has at home. A 3-2 opening day win over Centre FC at East Kilbride was followed by an emphatic 5-1 triumph against Kings Park at Kintyre Park. Three in a row was to follow with Busby the latest victim. A narrow 2-1 victory at Clarkston moved the Kintyre side to the top of the league, a 100 per cent record and things were looking very good.

Who could have predicted a turn around?

Three home defeats later and joy was replaced by despair. Postal United inflicted the first reversal, an experienced side that came and conquered by 3-0 at Kintyre Park. More of the same followed when Rolls Royce emerged victorious by 3-1, a two goal salvo in the last ten minutes separating the evenly matched sides.

### Setback

A further setback followed against Glencastle Sparta, a 3-2 home defeat against a no more than average side. Definitely the low point of the season so far!

Six games played. Three wins and three defeats!

The 'B' side followed a similar pattern to the seniors, winning their first two matches convincingly by 6-0 and 3-0 against Millerston Thistle and Strathaven respectively.

Defeat then followed against title favourites Alba Thistle at Paisley, this, before a landslide 11-1 win put the youngsters back on track against Hamilton FP. Next up was West Coast Thistle, a close-fought match at Kintyre Park with the team from Largs edging the game by 3-1.

Form was again up and down, with defeat at Strathaven being quickly redressed by another win against Hamilton, this time away from home at the Palace Grounds.

Seven games played. Four wins and three defeats!

Both sides have reached round two of their respective league cup competitions. In the Jimmy Marshall Trophy, the 1st XI defeated Port OBU by 4-0 and, in the Coronation Cup the 'B' team won 3-1 against Shawlands.

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## Darts

WEEK nine results: Ailsa 1 Fiddlers 9; Argyll B 4 Hunting Lodge 6; Commercial 1 Kinloch 9; Southend 2 Burnside 8; White Hart P Argyll A

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Training takes place every Sunday from 11am to 1pm; meet at the Meadows Pavilion.

#### Positive

Recently meetings have been taking place and have been very positive, covering everything for all concerned to be able to move things forward for the club.

Kintyre RFC has now been constitutionally reformed concentrating on secondary and youth rugby development, mainly the under 14, 16 and 18 age groups.

Kids rugby is first on the agenda and it is the aim of all involved to give local children a fun and safe environment to try the sport and develop to their full potential.

You never know there may be a future star of the next rugby world cup! All those that have an interest in the sport and parents of children that would be keen to get



Above and below, left and right; Sunday morning training at The Meadows.

involved are urged to attend. The more opportunities for kids to get out and about exercising the better, the club believes.

The club is always looking to increase the number of players and volunteers involved.

#### Affiliated

The members have obtained rugby-training equipment and are now affiliated to Scottish Rugby Union. All coaches and committee members disclosed both with Argyll and Bute

Council and through Kintyre RFC, via Scottish Rugby; a club child protection policy is in place and the club has run a local Rugby Ready adult and youth course.

by themselves! Therefore any Kintyre residents with an interest in rugby are being asked to get involved!

#### Involved

Adults and children, parents and players from nine to 99 can get involved. It's up to the local sports community to make this the best it can be and develop these young men. Sport, and especially rugby, has a role in positive character development, confidence, leadership and good community values.

Kintyre RFC strives to promote these values throughout the club.

If you'd like to get involved, contact Kintyre RFC's chairman, John Forster on 810488 or his mobile, 07764456588 or by email, johnforster1@btinternet.com for playing and volunteering.

John said: 'Our committee meets every second Wednesday at 7pm in the Argyll Hotel, Main Street, Campbeltown. Feel free to turn up and online you can visit our facebook page under Campbel-



Back: Tony Anthony, Conner Lang, Scott Anderson. Front: Stuart Willis, Jim Galbraith, Jordan Galbraith. Kintyre RFC U16 competed in the recent SRU Challenge Cup scoring seven tries over three games and were narrowly beaten by eventual winners Mull by four tries to three.



#### Activities

The club also aims to become members of Argyll and Bute RFC and engage with the activities of the group and join the Argyll and Bute development Group.

These points will strengthen the club and move rugby forward for the future. But they don't happen

town Kintyre RFC. The club also hopes that local businesses will give them support through sponsorship.

If your business would like to help please contact David Windram, Youth Convener on 554437 or Tracy Lang, Secretary on 551325 or by email, ewantracy@yahoo.co.uk



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