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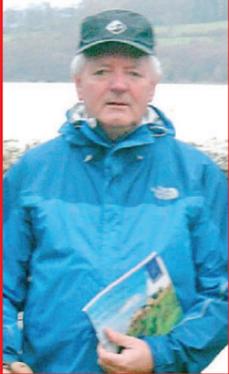
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Johnston Heating proposals

THE ADMINISTRATOR responsible for resolving the future of Lochgilphead-based Johnston Heating Engineers Ltd has announced his proposals for the future of the company.

Johnston Heating Engineers Ltd was placed in administration in November, owing its creditors £31,097.41. A director's loan of £105,826 is also outstanding.

In a letter sent to all of the company's creditors on December 31, David Brown of D Brown and Co Chartered Accountants said: 'In terms of the Insolvency Act 1986 as amended by the Enterprise Act 2002 I now enclose my proposals for achieving the purpose of the administration, which is to achieve a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up without first being in administration.'

The letter advises that a meeting of all creditors will be held at 2.15pm today

Administrator reveals plan for Lochgilphead firm

(Friday January 13) in the administrator's Glasgow office. Those attending will be asked to consider the administrator's proposals and elect a committee.

Creditors have until May 6 to submit a claim, although Mr Brown is still unsure how much of the debt will be recoverable.

'I am not yet able to confirm the extent to which the outstanding debts will be collectable,' said Mr Brown in the letter to creditors.

'Until this becomes clear, dividend prospects must remain doubtful. As previously advised, creditors should lodge their claims with me before May 6 2006 to ensure they are eligible for any dividend.'

In the administrator's proposals, creditors are warned that 'the level of recovery of the debts is doubtful and there is a possibility that no dividends will be payable'.

Johnston Heating Engineers Ltd has an office on Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, and showroom at Kilmory Industrial Estate, which has been open since 2004. Mr Brown's statement values the company's net property at £35,000.

Aside from the director's loan, the largest single outstanding debt is to the Inland Revenue, which is owed £26,559.

We were unable to contact the company's owner Alan Johnston as *The Argyllshire Advertiser* went to press.

Restricted patient missing from hospital

POLICE were searching on Tuesday (January 10) for a restricted patient who absconded from Argyll and Bute Hospital in Lochgilphead.

Nicholas John Conner (32) failed to return to the hospital after a visit to his family in Helensburgh on Sunday evening. He is described as being five feet 10 inches tall and of heavy

build. He has greying hair, a pale complexion and blue eyes. At the time he left his family's home, he was wearing a navy blue tracksuit with white piping and white trainers.

He is not considered to be an immediate risk to the public, but it is important that he is returned to the hospital as soon as possible.

Sgt David Armstrong of

Strathclyde Police said: 'We are searching for Mr Conner, and have been in contact with his friends and associates. We don't think he is dangerous, but he should be returned to the hospital for his own safety.'

If anyone sees Mr Conner, they should contact Lochgilphead Police Station as soon as possible on 01546 702200.



Tree-mendous work

Forestry Commission apprentice Laura Green prepares to use her chainsaw skills at Ormaig, near Kilmartin. Laura is one of the commission's seven apprentices based in its office at Whitegates, Lochgilphead. Describing the scheme, for which the commission will begin seeking new trainees in the coming weeks, Laura said: 'I wanted to work somewhere beautiful and also get all the training I need to work in forestry in the future. There is lots of good training, I've enjoyed it. I would definitely recommend the scheme to anyone who is considering a career in forestry.' For more details on the scheme and what it can offer apprentices, turn to page three.

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One year ban for van thefts

A YOUNG man from Lochgilphead was disqualified from driving for one year and fined a total of £400 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week after he admitted taking two vehicles without the consent of the owner.

The court heard that on February 5 last year, Thomas Robert Johnstone, aged 20, of 71 Highbank Park, went to a yard belonging to a local business in Tarbert.

Some of the vehicles in the yard were unlocked and the keys were left inside for the drivers so Johnstone decided to take one of the vehicles and drive to Campbeltown.

At about 5.37am he realised that the vehicle was running low on fuel and he did not have enough to get home to Lochgilphead so he returned to the yard in Tarbert and left the vehicle before driving off in another one to Lochgilphead.

At 9am a worker went to the yard and saw that the first vehicle had been moved and was leaking oil. He did not immediately notice that the second vehicle was missing. A review of the yard's CCTV footage showed Johnstone carrying out the offences.

In a separate incident, Johnstone was also fined a £600 when he pled guilty to assaulting a police officer and

another man, whose identity is unknown. He was fined an additional £200 because these offences occurred whilst on bail.

The court heard that at 1.55am on September 18 last year, officers on foot patrol in Tarbert noticed Johnstone fighting with another man in Harbour Street.

The other man appeared to be backing off but Johnstone was continuing to punch and kick him. Officers arrested Johnstone but as they did so he lashed out and kicked one of the officers on the chest. The other man left before details could be taken.

Defence agent David Watt said: 'This is probably one of the silliest jaunts I've ever heard before the court. He was absolutely dead sober, there was not a drop of drink involved. He took the vans to get home. He was cold because he only had a tee-shirt on.'

Talking about the second incident, Mr Watt said Johnstone accepted his behaviour was out of order.

He said Johnstone is a fisherman on a boat which fishes out of Carradale and is regarded by his employer as an enthusiastic worker.

Meeting to determine Robber's Den future

MID ARGYLL's residents are being offered a last chance to save Robber's Den in Ardrishaig.

The first meeting to reform the community group, Friends of Robber's Den, (FORD) will be held tomorrow (Saturday January 14) in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

Kirsten Robb of the Dalriada Project said: 'I hope everyone who cares about Robber's Den will turn out for tomorrow's meeting.'

'If people want to enjoy this special place in the future and to make it better

for everyone, this is our last chance.'

This beautiful wooded glen was kindly gifted to the community by Duncan Macarthur and another section is leased from John Campbell.

Argyll and Bute Countryside Trust looked after the land and many people in Ardrishaig including pupils from the primary school and the original Friends of Robber's Den group helped to improve the paths, bridges and woodland.

Now the Argyll and Bute Countryside Trust is finish-

ing up and would rather the land stays with the people of Ardrishaig than fall to the Crown.

Friends of Robber's Den still has a bank account but needs people from the community to reform the group.

Support

Kirsten added: 'The For-estry Commission, the Dalriada Project and the Community Woodlands Association will be there for support if people want to reform FORD. Money will be available to improve Robber's Den but only if the local community owns it.'

Brenda Elias, a former FORD volunteer, said: 'The area is well used by children at the moment and has many nice memories for people who still live in or visit Ardrishaig. I would urge the people of Ardrishaig to come along on January 14 so we can set up FORD with a fresh, new committee.'

'If Robber's Den falls to the Crown, no money will be spent on it, the paths and

bridges built by FORD will not be maintained. Some of the problems that have started to appear - motorbikes, vandalism and fly tipping - will continue and might get worse as it gets more neglected.'

Tomorrow's meeting takes place in Ardrishaig Public Hall between 4pm and 5pm. There will also be a guided 'winter wonderland' walk of Robber's Den, leaving at 2pm from Linnet Court. Please note, residents only parking at Linnet Court and Glenfyne Park, public parking available on Ardrishaig sea front.

For more information, please call Kirsten Robb on 07748798947.

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Toddling for charity



Mid Argyll ELFs recently took part in Forester's Big Toddle for Barnardo's.

The children toddled round Barnluasgan Loch and raised £120 for disadvantaged children under five through sponsorship from friends and family. All of the children, parents and carers from the pre-school, playgroup and baby and toddler groups had a great time.

Council faces grim financial year

ARGYLL and Bute Council is facing as grim a new year as the rest of Scotland's local authorities, with pressures over extra services and equal pay hanging over it.

But council leader Councillor Allan Macaskill hopes that there will be no need for the percentage increase in council tax to reach double figures, as predicted in some national press. He hopes that any increase will be less than the five per cent predicted at last year's budget - but it could involve more savings across council services.

All local authorities across Scotland are facing massive bills to pay for the cost of equal pay claims and the extra services which the Scottish Executive keeps demanding that councils provide but local authorities claim they are not receiving sufficient funding for.

These include free care for the elderly, free travel for the elderly across Scotland, which is due to come into being from the beginning of April, extra teaching assistants and more.

'The executive is supposed to be funding them but when you look at the figures it never hits 100 per cent,' said Councillor Macaskill.

He said Argyll and Bute, like many other local authorities hoped to pay for equal pay settlements, currently being negotiated locally with unions, from surpluses built up by the council.

'I hope there is enough money in the surpluses to pay for equal pay. I hope that we can settle for what we can afford out of the surpluses,' he said.

But failing that there will either be a rise in council tax or savings.

'My way forward has always been to keep the council tax to as low a rise as possible,' he said.

The council has been making savings since it became a unitary authority because it has long argued there is a mismatch in the amount of

funding it should receive and the local government finance formula allows it to receive.

Councillor Macaskill also pointed out that Argyll and Bute did not receive adequate Special Islands Needs Allowance to provide services to its 25 island compared to other island authorities. The council has just started the process of setting its revenue budget for 2006-2007.

Royal birthday party

IN HONOUR of The Queen's 80th birthday next year, Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh will host a reception and luncheon at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday April 19, for people who will be celebrating their 80th birthday or April 21, 2006.

All those living in Argyll and Bute who were born on April 21, 1926 and would like to have a chance of lunching with The Queen should in the first instance write to the Lieutenant

Clerk who is George Seaton Bank of Scotland Buildings Station Road, Oban, Argyll PA34 4LN. (Telephone: 01631 563014) with the copy of their birth certificate by January 16. Selection will be by ballot.

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Commission seeks local apprentices



The Forestry Commission's current apprentices take a break from a hard day's work. From left: Dean Campbell, Ross Telfer, Chris Robertson, Murray Livingston and Laura Green. a02for02

MID ARGYLL's young men and women have been urged to apply to an apprenticeship scheme to help them begin a career in forestry.

The Forestry Commission's Lochgilphead office is to advertise the scheme in the next few weeks, with organisers hoping that the positions can be filled locally.

Those who successfully apply for the two-year apprenticeship scheme will be trained to NVQ level three and given full training in operating the machines used in the forestry industry. Ian Wilson, who runs the harvesting apprenticeship scheme, said: 'The apprenticeship scheme has grown to be a mainstream part of the organisation over the last year. We've received funding from Argyll and the Islands Enterprise to provide training for machine operators, as there is a shortage of qualified youngsters coming

through. We're looking for six people aged between 17 and 23, who will be with the Forestry Commission for two years. It's an intensive course.'

Mr Wilson said: 'We're looking for local men and women, as finding accommodation for people who are new to the area can be difficult. Locals are more likely to stay in the area.'

Management

Besides the harvesting apprentices, the Forestry Commission will also be recruiting three forest management trainees. From its current crop of four forestry management apprentices, three have secured full-time positions, two of them with the Forestry Commission itself. Andy Bunton, who manages the forestry management scheme, said: 'The apprentices will be given the chance to learn the job, we evaluate them and can train them up to a high standard.'

To pass the NVQ certifi-

cate, apprentices must pass 12 units during the two-year course. Ian said: 'There is a lot of paperwork, but most of the course is very hands-on. But apprentices have to be prepared to work on their notes and projects at home.'

'The only real requirements applicants need are a driving licence and Standard Grades in maths and English, as there is a lot of calibration, measuring and surveying involved.'

Ross Telfer from Tayvallich joined the Forestry Commission as an apprentice in July last year. He said: 'The scheme appealed to me as it offered a job in the local area with good prospects. It's a great scheme if you want to work in this area, there is a good level of training and you're learning on the job and getting a wage at the same time, so you're not left with college debts.'

For more on the Forestry Commission's apprenticeships, call 01546 602518.

Argyll church issues challenge

NEW YEAR'S Day saw the launch of a new development at Ardrishaig Parish Church.

The Body, Mind and Soul Challenge gives people the chance to take part in a range of physical and mental competitions whilst taking care of spiritual needs by memorising verses from the Bible.

The idea behind the scheme is for people to sign up for one or more of the 'challenges', which include badminton, squash, Sudoku, chess, Scrabble and dominoes. They are then placed at random on a league table with others taking part in the

challenge. The list of competitors is then circulated to all participants, who contact someone above them in the league to arrange a match.

When the competitors meet, they test each other on the set memory verse and play their game. The winner moves up the league.

Social

While organiser Ruth Carruthers hopes that people enjoy the competitive element of the challenge, she also hopes that the social interaction will encourage people to spend some time together and help them on a spiritual journey.

Mrs Carruthers said: 'I had this great hope that some of our elderly folk could invite a younger member to visit for a game of Scrabble, a cuppa and a chat, with both of them learning a verse of scripture at the same time.'

'Perhaps it's just that this sort of scheme gives a reason for the kind of social contact and friendship that we're often lacking in today's busy lifestyles. I really hope it will be used by many folk of all ages.'

Anyone who would like to take part can contact Ruth Carruthers at Ardrishaig Manse on 01546 603269.

Free pension advice

A FREE seminar will take place in Mid Argyll later this month to explain pensions and retirement options.

Robert Dutfield, an investment representative with financial services company Edward Jones, will host the event, helping people to better understand and plan for their retirement and learn about the proposed sweeping changes to pension legislation.

Mr Dutfield said: 'There has been a lot of media coverage recently about the whole issue of retirement

and pensions. The concept of the seminar is to try to answer the questions people are increasingly asking about their financial future.'

'They see the government putting the responsibility on the individual to make provision for their own retirement and there has been a lot of publicity about companies putting an end to final salary schemes.'

The organisers hope that the seminar will help people to understand the options available to guarantee a secure financial future after retiring.

'Individual investors are realising it really is up to them to make their own arrangements and the more information we can provide them with, the more likely they are to make the right decisions,' said Mr Dutfield. On April 6, pension legislation in the UK is set to undergo its biggest shake up ever on what has been christened 'A' Day. It will affect everyone with a pension scheme, and at the seminar we will be explaining what these changes are and how they affect people,

as well as looking at wider retirement issues.'

Advice will also be available on retirement ages; the amount to be contributed to pension schemes each year; the total fund that can be built up without paying tax; tax free cash; removing the requirement to buy an annuity; and the ability to pass on pension funds to heirs.

The seminar takes place in the Grey Gull Inn, Ardrishaig, on Saturday January 28 at 11am. Anyone interested in reserving a place can call 01436 670058.

Mr Dutfield will also host a seminar answering questions about inheritance tax on January 26. The seminar will attempt to show that

inheritance tax isn't solely the preserve of the super-rich. It will also point out the importance of making a will to avoid legal complications over who benefits from an estate when someone dies.

Police Files

Fatal accident

A 46-YEAR-old man died in a road accident on the A815 near Strachur on Friday January 6.

The man, who was not named by police, appeared to have lost control of his vehicle. Emergency services attended the crash site, but the man died at the scene shortly afterwards. Anyone who witnessed the crash should contact Joe Arbuckle at Dunoon Police Station on 01369 763046.

Batteries stolen

TWO HEAVY-duty batteries were stolen overnight between Thursday January 5 and Friday January 6 from a lorry parked at Kilmory Industrial Estate, Lochgilphead. Anyone with information should contact Lochgilphead Police Station.

Men arrested

A 36-YEAR-old man and a 27-year-old man were arrested for an alleged breach of the peace following a disturbance in Inveraray in the early hours of Sunday January 8.

Window broken

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a youth threw a brick or boulder through the window of a car on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead in the early evening on Sunday January 8.

Erines arrest

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There are two categories for entries: category one: people/animals; category two: places. You can send in as many photographs as you want, the only condition is that they MUST have been taken in or around Kintyre or Mid Argyll sometime after December 1 2004.

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Argyll celebrates radio anniversary

PEOPLE throughout Argyll marked the 100th anniversary of a historical broadcast last week which saw the first ever two-way transatlantic radio communication being exchanged between a transmitter at Machrihanish and one in North America.

To mark this special event a group of local radio enthusiasts were given the go-ahead by OFCOM to re-activate the original radio site at Machrihanish, enabling them to exchange messages with other radio users throughout the world. It also gave them the chance to pay tribute to the man behind its success, Reginald Aubrey Fessenden, who was one of the leaders in radio technology.

In 1905 Fessenden built a 450 foot high radio tower at Brant Rock in Marshfield, Massachusetts, USA. He later built an identical one at Machrihanish.

Within a few months both towers were complete and

on January 3 1906 the Canadian-born scientist made history when he made the first two-way radio communication across the Atlantic by transmitting Morse Code signals from Marshfield to Machrihanish.

Several months followed and Fessenden continued to experiment with radio when, in November that same year, he made another historic breakthrough.

However, this time it was completely by accident.

A voice transmission which was intended to go from Brant Rock to nearby Cobh Island, also in Massachusetts, somehow made its way across the Atlantic and was received at Machrihanish.

Sadly, however, the Machrihanish station was closed down the following month after severe gales brought the mast tumbling to the ground. It was never re-built.

Local radio enthusiast Duncan McArthur said that Fessenden, who had over 500 patents to his name,

was miles ahead of his arch competitor, Guglielmo Marconi, but has now become something of a forgotten hero. Mr McArthur said: 'Fessenden was extremely keen to get voices across the radio.'

'Everybody else said it was impossible but he did it and on December 24 he instructed ships to listen in at 2100 hours and he came on playing his violin and he was reading the bible

'Marconi had the backing of the UK and US governments. He wasn't a scientist, he was a PR merchant.'

This week's temporary activation of the original site enabled Mr McArthur and members of his group to communicate with fellow radio enthusiasts in Brant Rock, who are also hosting a number of events to mark the centenary.

In Kintyre, Laggan Community Council is hoping to erect a permanent memorial on the site, and a link is also planned between Argyll FM and WATD, the radio station for the Brant Rock Area.

Tourism campaign launched



Stepping out to launch VisitScotland's 2006 local area marketing campaign are (left to right) Argyll, Loch Lomond and Forth Valley Tourism Partnership vice-chairman Councillor Eddie Carrick, partnership chairman Convener Billy Petrie and area director James Fraser.

A £500,000 marketing campaign has been launched aiming to attract visitors to Argyll and the surrounding area throughout the coming year.

The range of activities in the campaign include a six month long independent press advertising campaign with a total circulation of over 60 million and a total readership of more than 105 million.

A new brochure will also be mailed directly to thousands of individuals who have previously shown an interest in visiting the area, the inclusion of a promotional special offers section on the local tourism website

visitscottishheartlands.com and the issue of regular e-bulletins to potential visitors with details of events and other things to see and do in the area.

Central to the campaign are 300,000 copies of the local area and accommodation guide.

The new guide contains a number of features on different parts of the local area, as well as sections focusing on major themes and specialist interests.

Argyll and Bute Council Convener Billy Petrie, chairman of the Argyll, Loch Lomond and Forth Valley Tourism Partnership said: 'This year's guide and

supporting marketing activity are very much focused on using the strengths of this unique area to attract visitors.

'For example, there's no doubt that the area is very popular with walkers, so we have developed a new section in the guide called 'The Walk of Life' to highlight the many attractive walks to suit all tastes.

'As well as the West Highland Way, the West Island Way and the Cowal Way, Spring will see the opening of the long-awaited Kintyre Way which will undoubtedly attract visitors looking for a new walking experience.'

MSP Mather visits Lochgilphead

JIM MATHER MSP will visit Lochgilphead today (Friday January 13) to meet the town's residents.

Mr Mather's visit will begin with an address to Lochgilphead High School's senior pupils. This will be followed by an MSP's surgery at the community centre. From 7.30pm, an informal public meeting will be held at the same venue.

Mr Mather said: 'There was significant interest expressed to us about a variety of political issues during our open air meeting in Lochgilphead in December and we promised to be back to address them.'

'My own particular interest is in hammering home the case for the absolute necessity of Scotland regaining control of its huge resources and the power to use them in building a Scotland we can all be proud to live in. But we listen as well and the meeting will certainly be a two-way thing. Come along and make your point.'

Mr Mather will be accompanied by Argyll and Bute SNP convener Alan Clayton and organiser David McEwan Hill, who said: 'There was a suggestion in December that we should reform the Mid Argyll or Dalriada SNP, which used to be one of the biggest SNP branches in Scotland. I'll have plenty of membership application forms at the meeting.'

Argyll MP Alan Reid attacks CSA

ARGYLL and Bute MP Alan Reid has criticised the Child Support Agency (CSA) during a debate in the House of Commons.

Mr Reid told fellow members the CSA was in a state of chaos and it should be scrapped as it is failing those it is there to protect.

He added: 'A large proportion of my post-bag, like that of many other honourable members, consists of complaints about the CSA.'

'I could cite a long list of statistics to show that it is failing but I shall restrict myself to a few. More than £3 billion owed to children remains uncollected and there are hundreds and thousands of cases in the queue waiting to be assessed.'

'The average wait for those unassessed cases is 448 days and many parents are in a state of despair over their dealings with the CSA.'

Mr Reid believes the solution for the government is to scrap the CSA and transfer its functions to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

He said: 'The Revenue already holds information about family incomes and children, so is well placed to take over the assessment of child maintenance. Because of the information that it already has about incomes and where people work, it would be more effective than the CSA has been at chasing people and collecting money.'

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Trustees should protect harbour

Sir,
Has Ian Y Macintyre taken leave of his senses, when Trustees are (apparently) engaged in a consultation process over their proposals for fundamental changes to the harbour, rubbishing the letters of people who have publicly given views and encouraged others to give theirs?

The word 'consult', Mr Macintyre, means 'to seek the opinion of'. You do not engage in consultation in a place like Tarbert simply by putting a copy of your proposals into our part-time library; the pathetic response to the draft Harbour Revision Order proved that.

Tarbert Harbour Authority has seven Trustees; is it not time they shouldered their

responsibilities to the people for whom they hold the harbour in trust, engaged in real consultation and went out into the community to actively seek opinions on their proposals?

Also, generations of Tarbert Harbour Trustees have succeeded in keeping Argyll and Bute Council out of the harbour's affairs. The evidence of the council's capacity to ruin anything it takes a hand in is all around us. The thought that Mr Macintyre and his supporters are now contemplating 'getting into bed' with the council horrifies me and should send alarms bells ringing for anyone who appreciates the unique but fragile merit of this village and harbour.

There is no onus on the Trustees to sacrifice any part of Tarbert Harbour for the provision of parking for tourists or boat storage for Glasgow's weekend sailors (those can be provided elsewhere). Their duty is to the village of Tarbert - past, present and

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future. It is up to the rest of us to remind them of that duty. It is also worth reminding ourselves that the main difference between grown-up people and children is that grown-ups are prepared to take control over those matters which affect their lives. If we behave like children there are plenty who are more than happy to treat us as such.

**Arthur McFarlane,
Secretary,
Friends of Tarbert,
c/o Mount Pleasant,
Tarbert**

Executive failing councils

Sir,
Council Leader Alan Macaskill's recent warning that Council Tax bills will

rise even although services are to be cut is a wake-up call to those who still believe a word that the Liberal/Labour Executive has to say on public policy.

Every year the executive - and Argyll's MSP, George Lyon, who is now a junior finance minister in the coalition - trumpet 'record' sums of money for council services. Yet, behind the warm words and soft-focus spin, real services on the ground to real people are under threat and weakened.

The reality, as recently underlined by the executive's own budget advisor, is that councils have effectively had their budgets frozen. The result is that Argyll and Bute is facing a 'double whammy' of new burdens imposed by the executive alongside

demands for 'efficiency' savings (ie cuts). In other words, the sums simply don't add up.

The fact is that efficiency is now a permanent way of life for councils. But efficiency should result in better services, not simply a shabby cash-grab by central government.

Yet in this case, by springing these required 'savings' on our local authorities, the executive is forcing them to incur costs such as redundancy payments and that will mean both higher council tax and poorer services.

This shambles is a direct result of the executive's failure to get a grip on local government financing, yet it is the hard-pressed council tax payer who is paying the price. With the Scottish general election

on the horizon voters may well conclude that it is a price that will be paid by George Lyon and his executive colleagues.

**Ron Wilson, Secretary,
Campbeltown SNP,
112 Millknowe,
Campbeltown**

Lochgair proposal flawed

Sir,
In *The Argyllshire Advertiser* of Friday December 23, Councillor Donnie MacMillan stated what seems to be a very sensible planning principle used by Argyll and Bute Council that 'all industrial activity be moved to industrial estates outwith the town centres'.

This explains why the residents of Lochgair who oppose the proposed waste water scheme for the village fail to understand why Scottish Water continues to re-

ject the alternative industrial site at the power station on the edge of the village. Scottish Water claims it is too expensive, but this seems extremely short-termist economics. Not only is the proposed scheme sited within 25 metres of the residential housing, but it will only serve about half of the existing Lochgair houses and will not be capable of further expansion. An extremely persuasive argument for the power station site is that it would be capable of dealing with any future housing expansion and also allow the village to comply with changing legislative requirements.

Scottish Water has failed in two applications for planning permission and is now proceeding with an appeal. Let us hope that the Argyll and Bute Council planning committee continues to support the preservation of the natural, historic and architectural beauty of Lochgair.
**Charles Freer,
4 Gallanach, Lochgair.**

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Down Memory Lane



This photograph of the Stag Garage in Lochgilhead was taken by John Annan of Ardrishaig, who worked for the business at the time. Mr Annan believes that the photograph was taken around 1957, at the time when it was owned by Ian Fleming. The business was extremely busy during this period, carrying out a lot of haulage work and supplying coal around Mid Argyll. The 1934 Y Ford parked at the left hand of the picture belonged to Mr Annan, who worked at the garage for eight years.

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Thought for the week

OUR CHRISTMAS box is packed away for another year, and had our daughters been here they would have smiled at one point in the proceedings. The angel that tops our little tree each year has been rather bruised by the years, but she's not going to be replaced. Each year I put her inside a poly bag, straighten

her up with a sheet of cardboard and Sellotape her in for the year. What would have made the girls laugh is the piece of cardboard. The current bit is just plain white, but when they were young their names were on the card and the years in which they had each placed the angel on top of the Christmas tree. There was no room for argument about whose turn it was, for it was there in black and white!

The Bible tells us, 'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone'. Now, that is realistic. We can't live at peace with those who wage war on us, whether nationally or personally. But we can do everything in our power to live at peace and sometimes that has more to do with sheer common sense than anything more highfaluting!

(see Romans 12:18)
Irene Howat

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Down memory lane photograph



The story behind the Down Memory Lane photograph featured in last week edition of *The Argyllshire Advertiser* has been revealed. Mr MacIntyre from Tarbert called our office to tell us that the picture dates from around 1890, four years after the church was built. The wall at the front of the cottages would have been a walled garden to prevent cows from entering and eating plants and vegetables. The dark line in the foreground is an open burn. A spout piped fresh spring water into the cottages.

Festive frolics in Furnace!



Furnace Primary School's primary one, three and four pupils take a break from their performance of *The Little Angel*. This photograph was taken by primary one pupil Chloe.

FURNACE Primary School had a busy festive period, with its pupils involved in a wide variety of activities in the weeks running up to the Christmas holidays.

All of the children were very busy making stars for the Christmas Tree Festival at Crarae Gardens. By recycling old rubbish, the pupils were able to make beautiful stars. The project also ensured they used a range of problem-solving skills and they covered some of the maths curriculum by making nets for pyramids, drawing isosceles triangles and using multiple lines of symmetry.

Pupils, accompanied by their parents, also spent an evening carol singing around Furnace, raising £54.22 for the Dochas Fund in the process. A school Christmas post raised a further £18.73 for Cash For Kids.

The school's younger pupils, from primaries one, three and four, had a great time preparing their Christmas musical *The Little Angel*. Due to the small number of children in these classes, they used a computer to create an animated version of the story showing all the characters. As the story was projected onto the wall above them, the children performed their songs.

Pupils from primaries five, six and seven performed their own version of Red Riding Hood. With the help of her squirrel friend Syble, a friendly wolf called William, the woodcutter and his wife, Red Riding Hood was able to defeat the Big Bad Wolf and his friends Foxy. Also making an appearance were Red Riding Hood's Granny, who was really a witch, and robbers Knuckler and Fingers.

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Cartography talk for Inveraray historians

WHO WOULD want to venture out in the dark and cold of early January, so soon after the excesses of Hogmanay?

The answer was made clear when the Inveraray and District Local History Society met for the first meeting of 2006 to hear fellow member Ian Cuninghame speak about the famous Scottish map maker Timothy Pont.

Prior to his retirement, Ian was the keeper of manuscripts, maps and music at the National Library of Scotland. When it was decided to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the publication of Pont's 154-page atlas of Scotland, Ian was chosen to translate the original Latin text into contemporary English. For four long years the work went on and now the fruits of his labour are available to a much wider public, who can see how our ancient realm appeared to 16th and 17th century eyes.

Ian tackled this fascinating subject with enthusiasm and erudition - not only were members given the

historic background in some detail, but he also produced some very interesting slides. This allowed the members to see some of the original hand-drawn maps which Pont had made during his travels in Argyll.

Slides

On one of the slides featuring Loch Fyne, Minard and Lochgair were shown, but there was no sign of Lochgilphead!

Pont, whose family name had originally been Kinpont, was the son of a very prominent churchman. His Father had been Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on five occasions, as well as Lord of Session. Timothy matriculated at St Andrews in 1580 and, partly because of his own ability and possibly because of his father's influence, held a number of public appointments during his lifetime. This gave him the opportunity to travel over most of his homeland. One contemporary source claimed that Pont travelled to all the Scottish islands, including those inhabited by barba-

rous people speaking a strange language! Sadly, Pont's remarkable achievement lay dormant for some considerable time. It was not until Sir John Scot and a number of other enthusiastic Pont researchers got together in the early 17th century that Pont's original drawings and some additional material were sent to Holland to be engraved. They were then published in atlas form. This work was done by Blaeu, and the atlas was eventually published in 1654. It forms the basis of the many prints on sale today.

The society's next meeting takes place on February 7, when members will be entertained by Kenneth Thomson and Gaelic music.

Jewellery launch raises funds

THE LAUNCH of Mahailia Jewellery Design at MACK and MAGS in Tarbert on December 20 raised £100 for the British Kidney Patients Association.

Fine £200 for ecstasy possession

TWENTY-one-year-old Thomas Johnstone, c/o 71 Highbank Park, Lochgilphead, has been fined £200 after admitting possessing ecstasy.

Oban Sheriff Court heard on Monday that Johnstone had been at a party and had changed clothes after having a drink spilled on him and two ecstasy tablets had been in a pocket of the clothes lent to him.

He accepted, when found with them in his possession on June 6 in George Street, Oban, that he knew they were ecstasy and were in his possession but that he was not going to use them himself.

Defence agent Robert Dundas said the accused would not have used them because he was a diver in the fishing industry and was regularly tested for drugs.

Taking eyecare to the Mull of Kintyre

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SPECSAVERS Opticians has proved so popular over the last 20 years that they now have more than 500 stores throughout the UK and Republic of Ireland, but for some people, access to their services may be difficult.

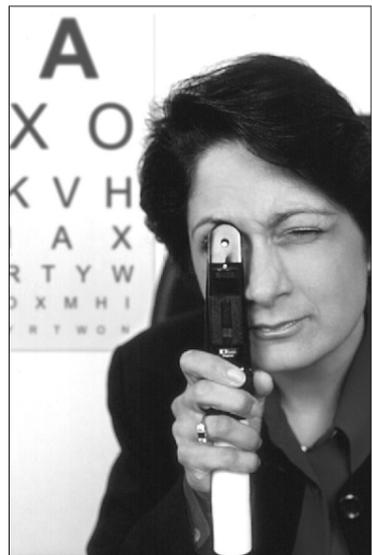
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The Argyllshire Advertiser

CATHERINE Paterson of Mid Argyll charity the Dochas Fund was highly commended after being nominated for the prestigious Beacon Prize in June for her philanthropic achievements.

Mid Argyll doubled for the Republic of Ireland in the same month, when the cast of *Emmerdale* spent a day filming in Crinan.

Summer started with a celebration for Archie

rock armouring as part of the upgrade of waste water facilities. A drawn-out planning process finally culminated in Argyll and Bute Council approving Scottish Water's plans.

Skaters

Ardrishaig's young skaters were in a happier frame of mind when Argyll and Bute Council agreed to support the development of a wheel park at King George V playing field.

year when His Royal Highness the Duke of Rothesay spent an afternoon exploring Kilmartin House Museum. Prince Charles was then given a guided tour of Temple Wood and Dunadd Hill Fort.

In the same busy week, the Right Reverend David Lacy, newly appointed as moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, met parishioners, ministers and councillors at

terparts by a single goal. Tarbert Golf Club crowned a new ladies champion, Joanne Kerr lifting the Loch Fyne Gallery trophy.

Nick Nairn visited Tarbert in July, opening the Tarbert Seafood Festival and crowning Louise Taylor as Seafood Queen.

Tragedy struck the village just a week later, when three people were killed in a speedboat crash at the entrance to Tarbert Harbour.

new premises within the village.

Two young Lochgilphead pipers were TV stars for a day when they performed on the BBC's *Blue Peter* with the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland.

Ardrishaig Gala Day and Tarbert Academy's School Fete and Fun Day were held on a wonderfully sunny July afternoon, attracting big crowds to both villages.

International canoeist

Steven Gilmour was victorious in Lochgilphead Golf Club's championship, Tommy Angus winning the Downhill Trophy and Donald Johnson taking home the Net Trophy. Tayvallich canoeist Shuna Braithwaite took a major step in her sporting career, competing with the British team at the European U23 flatwater canoeing championships.

The Blarbuie Woodland Project started work in August, with the aim of opening Lochgilphead's woods to the public for recreational purposes.

A fortnight of exhibitions, workshops and markets took place in Ardfarn and Craobh Haven in August, with Elemental Arts organising the fifth Ardfarn and Craobh Arts Festival.

Lochgilphead Red Star and Tarbert AFC both competed in the Argyll and Bute Cup in August, Red Star reaching the semi-final before succumbing to Irvine side Clark Drive in a penalty shoot-out.

Argyll and Bute Council agreed to support the formation of a new building college in Mid Argyll. Lochgilphead Councillor welcomed



His Royal Highness Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay, visited Kilmartin House Museum in July. a26hrh01

Black, who won his twelfth club championship at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

Bus bays

The upgrade of Lochgilphead's bus bays on Lochnell Street was a cause for concern to many of the residents and traders in the town, who claimed that the work was disruptive and that the completed project would cause parking problems in the town.

Villagers in Ardrishaig feared for the future of the village's foreshore in June, when Scottish Water unveiled its plans to install

Inveraray Primary School welcomed hundreds of visitors in June, when it held a garden party to celebrate being awarded an EcoSchools Green Flag.

Argyll and Bute MSP met with traders and residents of Lochnell Street in July to discuss the Lochgilphead bus bay project. Mr Lyon told the group that: 'There should have been a proper consultation done about how to spend £100,000 of your money.'

Prince Charles

Mid Argyll welcomed its second Royal visitor of the

a reception hosted by Argyll and Bute Council.

Duncholgan Playgroup was delighted in July when it heard that it had been awarded a £2,073 Awards for All Lottery Grant.

The Dalriada Festival took place over the last week in June. Blessed with glorious sunshine, a wide variety of activity kept the crowds flocking to Mid Argyll.

Cup winners

Lochgilphead Primary School's young shinty players retained the Donald Weir Memorial Cup, beating their Ardrishaig coun-

Lochgilphead's Special Olympic athletes returned from the games in Glasgow wearing gold medals, having been victorious in the bocce competitions.

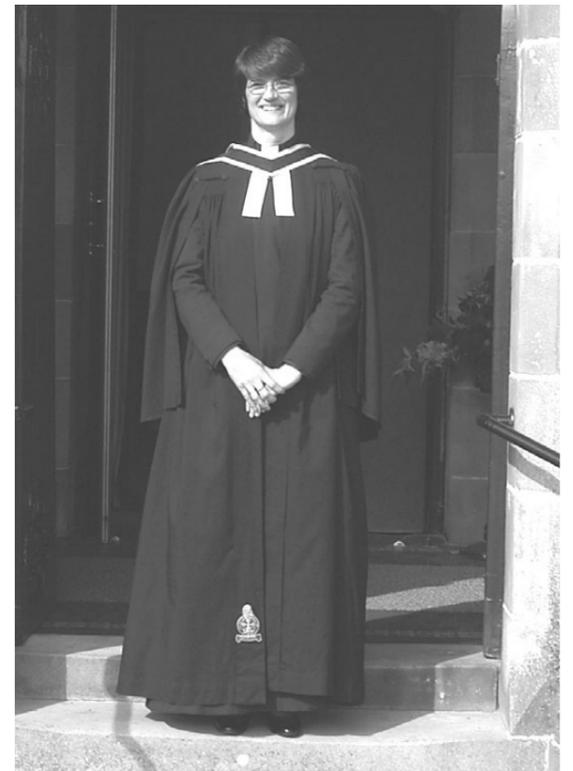
Tarbert man John Stuart was named Young Singer of the Year at a competition in Inverness, whilst Inveraray's firefighters were crowned Scottish champions at the British crash rescue team championships.

Mid Argyll's musical talent was to the fore in July, with local pipers performing well at the Inveraray Highland Games and Ardrishaig singer Davina MacIntyre taking first prize at an international competition in Wales.

Mid Argyll was also represented in an international riding competition, Ardrishaig's Kirsteen MacDougall travelling to Ireland for a competition organised by the Irish Long Distance Riding Association.

Minard shop

Minard's residents raised their fears for the future of the village's shop in August, with the announcement that the store would close permanently in October. The community rallied round and secured funding later in the year to re-open the shop under new management in



Reverend Hilda C Smith was inducted as Minister of Lochgilphead Parish Church in September.

the proposal, saying: 'I'm delighted that the training centre is going to go ahead. It will be a tremendous benefit to people in Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Oban and the Lorn area and will let them acquire training in Lochgilphead, which means that they will be able to attend training daily instead of staying over in Glasgow for a whole week.'

Alysha Johnston of Ardrishaig was *The Argyllshire Advertiser* and *Campbeltown Courier*'s Bonniest Baby of 2005, beating off cute competition to win £100 and a cuddly toy.

The refurbishment of Tar-

bert Village Hall received some high-profile backing in August, MP Alan Reid and MSP George Lyon agreeing to become patrons of the village hall project. Lord Irvine of Lairg also offered his support.

The Scottish Executive listed Argyll as one of the frontrunners to become the location of Scotland's first marine park, with a decision expected later this year.

Playing field

Tarbert's sportsmen and women were cheered by the news that the village's sports field would be revamped by Argyll and Bute Council in the coming financial year.

Tayvallich's green-fingered residents were out in force for the village's annual flower show in August, and Mid Argyll basked in the hot sun the month when the Mid Argyll Show took place at Kilmory.

Lochgilphead Golf Club's Ladies' Open was won by 12-year-old Tracey Stark from Inveraray, the youngster winning by four points. The Tarbert Hotel open, held at Tarbert Golf Club, was won by greenkeeper Steven Barclay, whose knowledge of the course paid off.

The future of the Scottish Series was secured when Bell Lawrie announced it would extend its sponsorship deal for an extra two years.

Kilberry shepherd Duncan Robertson was toasting his own success in August when he won the Scottish National Sheepdog Trials, held at Kilmichael Farm in Campbeltown.



Inveraray Shinty Club reached its second national cup final in as many seasons in 2005, facing Kingussie in the MacAulay Cup final. Inveraray's David MacPherson is pictured after scoring a second half equaliser. t39shn04



The Mclean brothers, from left, Nick, Alasdair and Scott, from Kilmartin all won medals at Mod Dhailriada in September. a38mod02

review of 2005 continued

ARDFENAIG Residential Home hosted a VJ Day party in August to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II

The annual Penny Lane fundraising day was held in Lochgilphead on August 20, raising £937 for the Dochas Fund.

The Clock Lodge, one of Lochgilphead's most recognisable landmarks, was badly-damaged in a suspected fire-raising attack at the end of August.

In the same month, John Y Murray retired as head teacher at Lochgilphead High School after 19 years in the post. Miss Ann Devine was appointed acting head teacher until June 2006.

An 83-year-old Second World War hero from Tarbert was honoured by the Norwegian government in August, Richard Cameron awarded a special medal for his part in a rescue of the Scandinavian country's King.

Kilmory Camanachd Club's successful year continued with victory in the Cowal Highland Gathering six-a-side competition.

Beaver rejected

Plans to introduce beavers into Mid Argyll were rejected by the Scottish Executive in September, to the relief of many Knapdale residents.

Lochgilphead welcomed a new minister in September, Reverend Hilda Smith taking up the post at Lochgilphead Parish Church.

The same month saw a wooden sailing ship impounded at Kennacraig



The Argyllshire Advertiser's Bonnie Baby 2005, Alysha Johnston, with dad Johnny, mum Vicky MacIntyre and big sister Tamara. a33bab01

ferry terminal. *Keewaydin* was detained by Clyde Coastguard after she ran into difficulties near Gigha.

Funding to create a healing garden in Tarbert was secured in 2005, with plans now well under way to have the project completed by this summer.

The Duke of Argyll captained the Scottish Elephant Polo team, Chivas Regal Scotland, to their second King's Cup victory in Thailand.

Lochgilphead angler Dugald MacGill was also celebrating after landing a gold medal with the Scottish international squad at

the British Championships. Mod Dhailriada, the Lochgilphead Provincial Mod, brought out the cream of Mid Argyll's Gaelic arts talent, giving the competitors a chance to warm up for the Royal National Mod.

Deputy Environment Minister Rhona Brankin visited Mid Argyll in September, when she met pupils from Inveraray Primary School and helped promote environmental education.

Robber's Den

The Dalriada Project announced its plans to turn Robber's Den in Ardrishaig into a key recreational area through greater publicity and projects to open the area to walkers.

Loch Awe's boat watch scheme was launched in September, with coordinators keeping their eyes peeled for suspicious activity in and around the loch.

The 20th Tarbert Music Festival brought a great number of music fans into the village, with bands and solo performers packing out venues big and small.

Argyll Caravan Park near Inveraray was given a boost when it received the gold award in the David Bellamy Conservation Awards for the seventh consecutive year.

The possibility of re-introducing a ferry service linking Campbeltown and Ireland was raised in the late summer, with most agreeing that the proposal would be beneficial to Mid Argyll. However, the lack of car parking for an influx of visitors from across the Irish Sea was a cause for concern

in Tarbert.

Ardrishaig Community Garden was opened by Councillor Bruce Robertson on September 19, offering residents and visitors a haven from the hustle and bustle of modern life.

Whitegates Nursery received top marks in a report from HM Inspectorate of Education, which praised the interaction between staff and children.

Mid Argyll extended the hand of friendship to Zambia when parishioners from St Margaret's Church visited the African country to distribute aid and gifts.

Final defeat

Inveraray Shinty Club's hopes of a second trophy in as many seasons were dashed in September when Kingussie retained the MacAulay cup courtesy of a 6-3 win.

A record field contested the Mid Argyll Triathlon, David Ogg of Glasgow winning the men's title, Louisa Edmontson crowned ladies' champion and Stephen Whiston of Ardrishaig the fastest Mid Argyll entrant.

Historic Scotland rejected a bid for funding from Argyll and Bute Building Preservation Trust to restore the Clock Lodge for use as an archives centre, throwing the future of the Lochgilphead landmark into doubt.



Celebrity chef Nick Nairn opened the Tarbert Seafood Festival in July, crowning princesses Laura McCaffery (left) and Catriona McNeill and Seafood Queen Louise Taylor. a27sea01

bert, a decision that local councillor John McAlpine described as 'deeply disappointing'.

Lantern parade

Lochgilphead's annual lantern parade took place on November 5, the town's streets packed for the procession that weaved its way from the resource centre to the front green.

The future of Argyll and Bute's Citizens Advice Bureau was threatened last year, with funds to maintain the service running out.

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Tarbert Academy pupils Katie Evamy and Meagan Marshall with their Royal National Mod gold medals. t42mod13

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Marion Watson and Elma Meredith cut Ardrishaig Guild's 100th birthday cake. a49gui03

Forum creates a new post in Campbeltown

ARGYLL and Bute Agriculture Forum is pressing forward with its bid to help local farmers and crofters remain competitive at a time of significant change in the industry by recruiting a development manager to deliver the Argyll and the Islands Agricultural Strategy.

The move follows the publication by the forum of the strategy and action plan for the future of farming and crofting, developed by the Scottish Agricultural College in co-operation with people active in the industry.

Chairman Angus MacFadyen said: 'Changes brought on by the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) are already affecting farmers and crofters in Argyll and Bute. Our priority since publication of the strategy has been to recruit a manager with experience in agriculture or rural development to take forward the actions identified.'

'We are pleased to have put together a funding package in a very short time and can begin the process of filling the post.'

Argyll and Bute Agriculture Forum was set up to raise awareness of agricultural issues in the area. One of the first issues identified was the change of farming emphasis from production to care of the environment following reform of the CAP. In livestock producing areas like Argyll and Bute any drop in production would affect both the health of the industry and the economy of the area.

Mr MacFadyen added: 'Fewer animals will eventually mean fewer people in agriculture unless we can get a better return for our product. We need to re-focus our industry to provide the products and services that are in demand in the 21st century market.'

As well as helping farmers find ways to add value to their product and investigate new sources of income, the strategy includes measures to assist them find the information they need to reduce costs and make the best use of government or

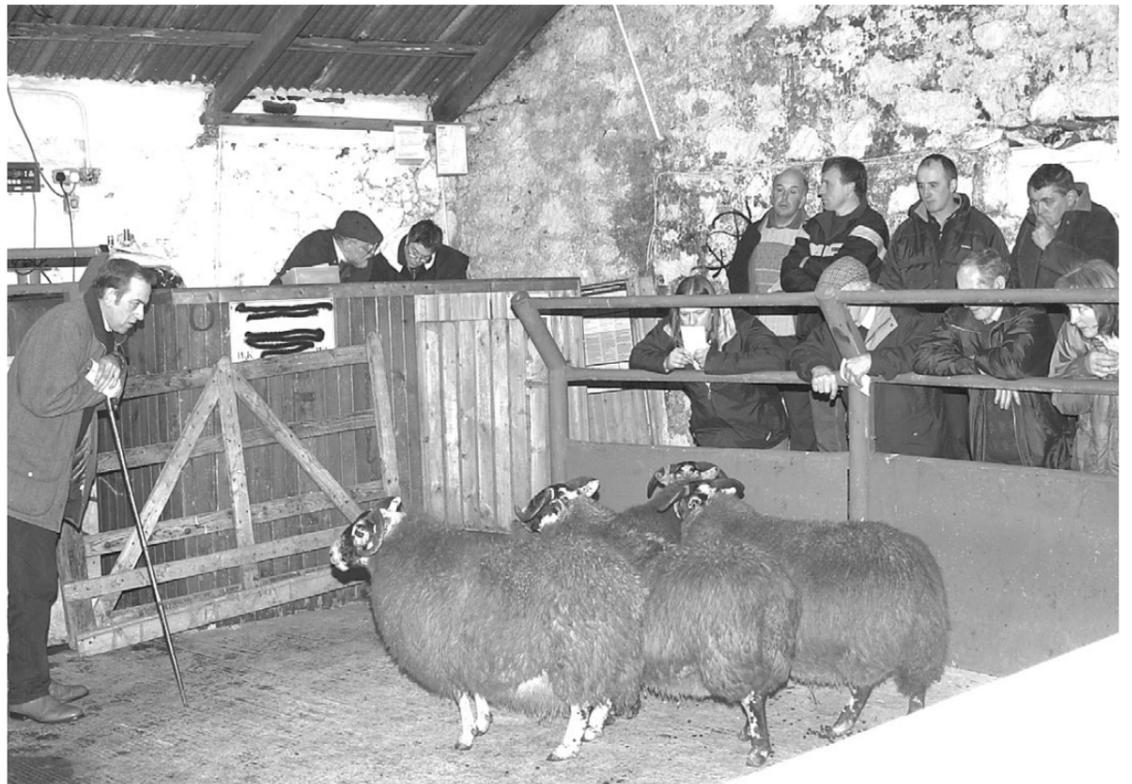
European funded schemes.

Recognising the particular difficulties of remoteness for island and some mainland communities in Argyll and Bute the strategy has a longer term objective of ensuring that the infrastructure of the area is improved in a way that benefits the agricultural industry.

SAC's Campbeltown based senior agricultural consultant, Alan Minshaw said: 'SAC is committed to supporting agriculture and rural development in Argyll. Basing the rural development manager in our office will help us provide this support and the person in post will benefit from the back up of SAC's resources.'

The new post is funded by Argyll and Bute Council, NFUS, SNH, Forestry Commission Scotland, SEERAD, AIE and the European WHELK Leader+ Programme.

The post is being facilitated by SAC and will be based in their Campbeltown office, although more flexible working arrangements may be possible for a suitable applicant elsewhere in Argyll.



The judge takes a close look at some Blackface sheep during the 2005 annual stockjudging competition at Campbeltown Market. This year's event takes place on Monday. c06jud02

Jackson to judge annual Blackface sheep stockjudging

THE Kintyre branch of the Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association will be holding their annual stockjudging competition this Monday (January 16) in Campbeltown Market.

The competition has now been running for about 10 years and always attracts a good attendance. There will be eight

classes of sheep to judge with an overall championship at the end. The master judge for the night is J Jackson from Lochgoilhead and there will be an open competition with separate classes for ladies and juniors and an overall team competition. The event begins at 7.30pm and refreshments will be available.

Health advice for pregnant women during the lambing season

PREGNANT women in Kintyre and Mid Argyll are being advised by Scotland's chief medical officer to avoid close contact with sheep during the lambing season.

In particular they should not help to lamb or milk ewes; avoid contact with aborted or newborn lambs or with the afterbirth and, wherever possible, avoid handling clothing, boots etc which have come into contact with ewes or lambs. If they must they

should always wear rubber gloves.

Outlining the risks, Dr Harry Burns, said: 'Pregnant women who come into close contact with sheep during lambing may be risking their health and the health of their unborn child.'

'This is because infections such as chlamydia (enzootic abortion of ewes - EAE), toxoplasmosis and listeriosis, all common causes of abortion in ewes, can be passed on to them.'

'While the number of reported infections and human miscarriages resulting from contact with sheep is extremely small, pregnant women need to be aware of

the potential risks. If they do become ill, experience fever or influenza-like symptoms and are concerned that they could have acquired infection from a farm environment, they should seek immediate medical advice.'

Farmers have a responsibility to minimise the risks to pregnant women, including members of their family, the public and professional staff visiting farms.

Any action should be determined by their risk assessment required under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. If a

ewe aborts, farmers are advised to ask their veterinary surgeon to take a sample to a veterinary investigation centre to determine the cause. In the interests of hygiene, farmers should dispose of all afterbirths promptly and safely via an approved route such as rendering or incineration.

KINTYRE PRIMESTOCK AND BLACKFACE BREEDERS ASSOCIATIONS

Joint AGM

Wednesday 18 January

White Hart Hotel
Campbeltown
8 p.m.

Speaker:
Donald McPherson
Berwick-on-Tweed
All welcome

Argyll abattoir meetings

AN OPEN meeting to discuss plans for a mobile abattoir in Argyll is being held in the Royal Hotel, Campbeltown, tomorrow (Saturday) at 10am.

Anyone individuals or local

businesses interested in this are invited to go along and discuss the way forward for this important venture with the project managers.

A meeting is also being held in the Service Point, Bowmore, Islay, today (Friday) at 10.30am while a third meeting will also take place at Mack and Mags, An Tairbeart, Tarbert, tomorrow (Saturday) at 3pm.

ABATTOIR PROJECT



NFU Scotland

Open Meeting

Royal Hotel, Campbeltown
Saturday January 14th 2006, 10am

All interested parties and local businesses are invited to attend and discuss the way forward for this important venture with the Project Managers.

Other meetings are also being held at the following venues

Friday 13th Jan- 10.30am Service Point, Bowmore, Islay.

Saturday 14th January - 3pm Mack and Mags, An Tairbeart, Tarbert.

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International DJ's Campbeltown show

INTERNATIONAL DJ Jon Mancini will be appearing live at Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Friday January 20.

Jon Mancini is best known for his residency in the Arches, a well-known Glasgow club, and is a founder of the Colours event.

He has also played in clubs in Ibiza such as Pacha, Space and Manumission.

The dance is aimed at 12-18-year-olds and is being funded by Argyll and Bute Community Planning's Health Improvement Fund, and organised by the local Public Health Network.

Doors will be open from 8pm (no entry after 9pm), and the dance will finish at midnight.

Rock Steady Security will be on hand to ensure a safe environment for the young people.

Tickets are on sale from Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service, Main Street, Campbeltown, at a cost of £5 per ticket.

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event.

Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service are open from 10am-5pm weekdays, and also tomorrow (Saturday) from 2pm-4pm.

No drinks of any kind will be permitted on entry into the hall, soft drinks and water will be for sale (cheaply) inside.

If successful this could be the start of more regular self-financing events involving local bands as well as big names.

Dalriada Band spreads its wings

DALRIADA Community Concert Band spread its wings and left Argyll to take part in the recent National Concert Band Festival in Motherwell Civic Centre.

Under the musical direction of Darren Tarn, the band was delighted to gain a bronze award. The band also made the most of their time in the city, rounding off the big day with a visit to Megabowl in Clydebank.

The band extends its thanks to West Coast Motors, especially driver Robert Mackay, for wonderful service throughout the day. Special thanks also go to band secretary Rachel Percival for her hard work in organising all the fun!

Membership of the band has recently grown thanks to the arrival of a new in-

take of talented youngsters. The current age range stretches from 11 to 83, with members living as far afield as North Kintyre and Cowal. Mature members are always required. Anyone interested in playing alongside Argyll's most talented youngsters can join in practice sessions on Wednesdays between 6.30pm and 8.30pm in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall.

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Trio opens Dalriada fiddle club season



NEXT TUESDAY, welcome guest artists for Dalriada Accordion and Fiddle Club's opening night of 2006 are the Archie MacVicar Trio.

Archie will be joined as usual by Donald Chisholm on fiddle and Ryan McGlynn on drums, a popular combination that never fails to attract a good audience and several local players to fill up the programme.

Whilst the trio is currently one of the most sought-after bands on the Scottish country dance scene, Archie's repertoire is a wide one, and he is sure to introduce one or two surprise items.

Donald will again take

the limelight for his fiddle solos and the rhythmical, energetic backing of Ryan completes the ingredients for an excellent night.

The club sends its best wishes and thanks to retiring treasurer Letty Wright, who is now happily residing in Glasgow to be nearer to her family.

Members are very grateful indeed to club stalwart Margaret Young for her invaluable help in the past year and for agreeing to take over the post on a permanent basis.

The club looks forward to seeing all its supporters next Tuesday in the Argyll Hotel at 8pm for a great start to the New Year with the Archie MacVicar trio.

Clachan Calamities present *Sleeping Beauty*

ARE the dark winter nights getting you down. Do you need something to cheer you up?

Well, why not go along to Clachan Calamities' hilarious performance of Ron Hall's family pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*, in Clachan Village Hall?

If it's a night of fun-filled entertainment and laughter you're looking for then this is definitely for you.

There is something for the whole family in this fantastic pantomime and you can be guaranteed to be laughing from the moment the curtains open until the minute the show ends.

The opening performance will be on Thursday January 26 at 7pm with the other two shows taking place on Friday January 27 and Saturday January 28 at the different time of 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced £5 and are available from Clachan Shop and John Hunt in Tarbert.

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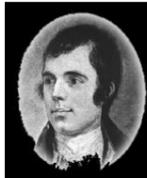
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Sound familiar? Well it's time to take a stance.

New Year has always been a time for looking back to the past and, more importantly, looking forward to the coming year.

It's a time to reflect on the changes we want to make and, yes, begin writing our New Year's resolutions.

Year after year many people find themselves re-writing the same goals because their resolutions resemble 'fairytale wishes' more

than plans of action. But it doesn't have to be like that any more thanks to these top three tips from The Courier and Advertiser which will ensure that by this time next year your targets have been met:

Choose a realistic goal
Be realistic with your expectations or you're likely to be disappointed with your achievements. For example, if you want to lose weight this year then aim

for a few pounds. You can always extend your goal after being successful. This means you have to acknowledge your weak points and temptations and identify how you will deal with them. This may mean cutting back on certain things to begin with rather than stopping them all together.

Get in the know

If you're aiming to eat more healthily, exercise more or take some more time out for yourself to relax then make sure that you find out the best way to do it. Contacting the advertisers on this page is the perfect start.

Reward yourself

It really does help to reward yourself for success. If you're cutting back on an expensive habit like smoking or drinking, then you could put the money you save into a 'quit jar' ready to spend on the treat of your choice.



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Guide to child care in Mid Argyll and Kintyre

DUNCHOLGAN playgroup, for children aged under five years, meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings during school term-time at the playgroup's portable cabin at Duncholgan, by Lochgilphead.

It is just a small group at present but has excellent equipment and offers great opportunities for children to learn together through play.

As a result of changing local circumstances, Duncholgan Playgroup's voluntary management committee will, over the next few months, be exploring ways for the group to progress. It will be an interesting and exciting time for everyone involved and the committee would welcome any new volunteers who

could give some time and share their experiences to help the group develop to meet future needs.

If you would like to know more, please phone Jean Hodgson on 603465



Dalintober pre 5's enjoy a healthy snack



Fun in the Sand pit at Dalintober

THE PRE FIVE UNIT IN DALINTOBER PRIMARY SCHOOL is run by enthusiastic and experienced staff, offers morning and afternoon sessions and makes provision

for up to 60 children. The programme of work covers all aspects of the pre five curriculum.

Dalintober pre Five Unit operates from two rooms in Dalintober Primary School. The rooms are known as the Sunshine Room and the Rainbow Room. Both rooms are well stocked with resources for structured topic activities and free play, not forgetting the computer and T.V.

Practical activities, including sand and water, are encouraged daily, as is physical play. All children are encouraged to participate in a daily snack and to venture outside for outdoor play, weather permitting.

Partnership underpins every activity at Dalintober and parents are encouraged to help with various activities in the Pre Five Unit.

They have their own area in the Rainbow Room where they can enjoy tea and coffee, and the company of other parents, whilst waiting to collect their children.

All parents are welcome to apply for a place at Dalintober Pre Five Unit. The friendly staff will be happy to supply you with further information about the unit and to answer your questions.

CAMPBELTOWN NURSERY provides pre-school education for 3-5 year olds. There are sessions in the morning from 9.00 to 11.30 and in the afternoon from 1.00 to 3.30. We follow the curriculum guidelines for 3-5 year olds and the emphasis is on fun - the children are given opportunities to learn by experience and to be involved in making choices to help them progress. We have an experienced staff team, who all have a great rapport with the children as well as an abundant stock of games and resources indoors; we have a good safe outdoor area, with plenty of play equipment.

The nursery takes place in the nursery centre, which also houses Meadows Under 5's, and the Toy Library. The children get a chance to play in the toy library and the Meadows offers wrap around care for any working parents who need it. Registration for 2006-2007 sessions will take place week beginning 6th February 2006.

HOME-START helping parents at an early stage before their difficulties reach crisis point. Home-Start MAJIK will be busy this year. The local charity which supports families at home with children under 5 enters it's 10th year of providing a home visiting service in Kintyre. In 1999 the charity expanded to cover Kintyre, Mid Argyll, Islay & Jura. A range of celebrations are planned for 2006. But business will be going on as normal with volunteers visiting families providing a listening ear, an extra pair of hands, sometimes quite simply playing with a child while the mother goes for a bath or does some shopping.

Home-Start believes that everyone needs a hand sometimes and the simple fact that parents who understand the demands of family life are willing to help another fam-



Having fun with the toys at Campbeltown Nursery

ily provide the best start possible for their child is what makes Home-Start successful. The home visiting service is FREE, confidential and is delivered by volunteers with parenting experience. Jackie Fulton, co-ordinator of Home-Start says "in small communities it is essential that parents know that everything that happens is confidential unless we have concerns about the welfare of children." All volunteers undergo a short course of preparation, provide references and undergo an enhanced check with Dislo-

sure Scotland. Although the work is unpaid, expenses are provided and the experience has for many volunteers led to paid work or provided opportunities that they would never have had. Helping others can provide great satisfaction.

A Course of Preparation will be starting shortly in Kintyre, Mid Argyll and Islay. The course times are fitted around the time the volunteers have available. To find out more contact the Home-Start office on 01586 551140. We need volunteers in your area now!



Two of the boys from Campbeltown Nursery trying hard to solve a puzzle



Making a splash at Riverside Rascals

Animal antics at Riverside Rascals

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Are you a parent? Do you understand the demands of family life? Could you help a family with an under five. Home-Start volunteers visit families in their own homes providing friendship, support and practical help. Another pair of hands or a listening ear is often all that parent's need.

All volunteers undergo a short Course of Preparation before visiting a family. This is unpaid work but expenses are paid.

Could you share your parenting skills and lend a hand to a family with young children?

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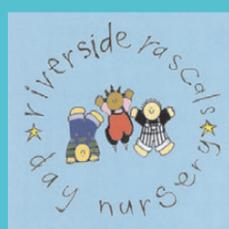
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Elfs also run a drop in baby and toddler group on Wednesdays and Fridays led by a qualified playleader. Future developments will be an afternoon crèche on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the amalgamation with Mid Argyll Toy Library.

For further information please contact Heather Young on 01546 606 885 and come along to visit us during pre school registration week beginning the 6th February.

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Mid Argyll Toy Library has recently received a grant from the Childcare Partnership which we intend to be used to improve all our toy categories.

The Toy Library is amalgamating with Elfs and will be benefiting from the Playgroup's management and support.

Come along and visit us

when we reopen on Friday 20th January.

THE SCOTTISH CHILDMINDING ASSOCIATION exists to promote childminding as a quality childcare service. To achieve this, the Association aims to offer every possible support to members, parents and employers, by campaigning both at Central and Local Government level, for the resources necessary to provide training, information, support and advice to existing and prospective childminders.

Registered Childminders require a range of skills to provide a reliable, high quality, home-based childcare service and Childminders are encouraged to take a professional approach to their work. As with other forms of day care, Childminders are required to register with the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care. Kate Hargreaves, Childminding Development Officer, is currently developing and promoting Childminding in Argyll & Bute and the Isles. Kate is also part of the Central West team who are actively working together to

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The Preparation Courses are FREE as funding is provided through the European Social Fund. Childcare assistance may be claimed by attendees. This Highlands & Islands ESF project is managed by SCMA's Inverness office.

If you are interested in finding out more about Becoming a Childminder, Selecting a Childminder, or you would like to come and join us on the next Pre Registration Course starting on Saturday 4 Feb 2006 - Community Centre, Campbeltown please



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Subaru has chosen the 'Autosport International Show' to unveil a new, 'discreet' high-performance Impreza for those wishing to combine blistering performance with restrained exterior styling.

Called appropriately, Impreza WRX STI spec.D (for discreet), the new car can be seen on Subaru Stand 734 at the show - open from 12-15 January at Birmingham's NEC.

Based on the latest facelifted '06 MY Impreza and featuring a new 281 PS 2.5 litre turbocharged 'boxer' engine coupled with symmetrical all-wheel drive, the new model will be available from March priced at £28,495 on-the-road. Its unique features include a smaller rear boot spoiler, removal of the rear window roof vane, silver instead of gold 17 ins alloy wheels, black leather interior, black instead of blue carpet, extra sound-deadening, front projector foglamps and 'Prodrive' lower front grille.

Only available in Crystal Grey metallic, the new Impreza WRX STI spec.D also boasts luxury equipment comprising a 'SmartNav' satellite navigation system with 'Touch



Screen' plus free 12 months' 'TrackStar' and 'SmartNav' membership and one month's 'SafeSpeed' subscription.

Also standard is an upgraded 200 watt audio system featuring a Pioneer DEH-P70BT high-quality unit with CD and MP3 compatibility, integrated 'Bluetooth' hands-free kit plus RDS and 'iPod' adaptor. With its new, low centre-of-gravity 281 PS horizontally-opposed engine, the latest STI has a 158.4 mph top speed and 0-60 mph time of 5 seconds.

The revised symmetrical all-wheel drive system

has both front and rear limited-slip differentials plus yaw-rate sensors for even greater road-holding and interactive handling.

A new, improved version of the Driver's Control Centre Differential (DCCD), allows the driver to control the vehicle dynamics more precisely.

Other STI features include a six-speed gearbox - now with a slicker shift - and a switch to spray the intercooler with water to retain power during high temperature/altitude driving. Drivers can also preset a warning buzzer and light to guard against over-revving the engine.

Managing Director of Subaru (UK) Limited, Peter Kinnaird - the man behind the spec.D project - said: "This car is a steel fist in a velvet glove, offering all the thrills of the regular Impreza STI but not shouting about its abilities.



TOYOTA F3R CONCEPT: LIVING ROOM ON WHEELS

Toyota has introduced living-room like space and style to the motoring world with its latest concept vehicle, the funky F3R.

The surprising F3R, which makes its debut at the North American International Automobile Show in Detroit today, is a creative, sporty extension of a concept all but forgotten in today's automotive world – that of the minivan.

The project was a joint undertaking of Caltly Design Research Inc., Toyota's California design studio, and the company's California-based Advanced Product Strategy group.

"Younger people are hanging out in their cars. When they do that, the car becomes an entertainment area. The F3R expands on that concept. It's a sophisticated extension of the home," said the car's designer.

To create that extension, the design team came up with three very modern looking sets of seats. Each is unique, composed of modern, metal-edged bottoms and asymmetrical backs whose symmetry is completed by semi-integrated headrests. They can provide roomy, comfortable seating for eight adult passengers.

Up front, the driver's seat reclines and swivels, and the passenger seat reclines to form a comfortable bench. In the middle, the seats split and fold to form, with the rear-most or third row, an avant-garde sofa built around the sort of conversation area you might find in a designer living room.

This is surrounded by a casual, wrap-around backrest formed by the continuous, flowing curve

of the instrument panel, doors and rear seatback panels. These are accented by fibre-optic lighting panels in the seat sides, and in the F3R's side door, that can be lit to provide illumination during lounge chat sessions.

But there's more to do here than just chat. That's because the F3R is equipped with two track-mounted flat-panel video screens. These allow the vehicle's occupants to enjoy movies

or games whenever they want, and to do so in complete comfort, with control supplied by an audio/video/lighting remote unit that docks in the F3R's dash.

The F3R's design emphasises environmentally sensitive materials, in keeping with the theme of environmental sensitivity suggested by the Hybrid Synergy Drive badging. These materials include floor panels made from Ecoresin, a specially

formulated resin that can be recycled; and a skin-friendly simulated leather seating material called Mythos that, unlike most plastics, does not produce the harmful chemical dioxin when it is burned.

The starting point for the F3R's exterior shape, meanwhile, featured a van that conveyed maximum volume, with a tall, wedged body shape that incorporated wide, dynamic

shoulders, with its sporty 22-inch wheels and wide performance tyres planted at the extreme boundaries of all four corners.

The result is that the F3R looks like a stylish performance vehicle, but with a feeling inside that is very airy and light.

The F3R is a concept vehicle filled not only with intelligent drama, but with exactly the fresh take on three rows of seating, and on the usable space that vans so effectively provide, that Toyota was looking for.

Toyota wanted anything but a minivan.

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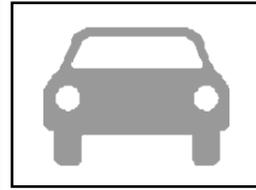


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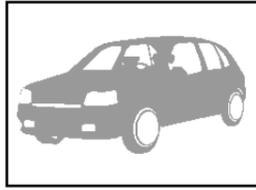


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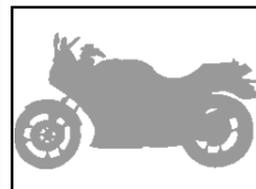


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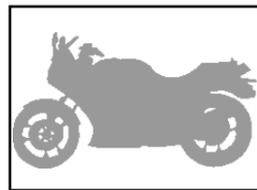


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Ref: CSC03985 - Woodlands Resource Centre, Campbeltown

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You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) or equivalent qualifications/experience. Effective verbal and written communication skills are essential. An appropriate care qualification, an insight into disability issues and experience of inter-agency negotiations would be desirable. Ref: CSC03995.

Catering Assistants* - Bank Staff

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Ref: CSC03993 - Ardfenaig Residential Home

Ref: CSC03990/CSC03992 - Woodlands Resource Centre, Greenwood, Campbeltown

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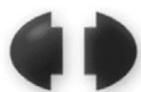
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CS/FBS/270/05

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Meeting of Qualified Proprietors**

In accordance with Schedule 2 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 2003 and The Argyll District Salmon Fishery District Designation Order 2005, we hereby call a meeting of all proprietors of salmon fisheries or their mandatories, in the Awe, Creran, Loch Fyne, Ruel, and Arran Salmon Fishery Districts and within the Drummachloy (Bute), Ormsary and Carradale (Kintyre), Add and Feochan Euchar and Nell districts, and the area between Strone Point (North end of the Holy Loch) and the old pier at Arrochar, to be held at the

**Argyll Hotel, Inveraray, Argyll,
on 17th February at 2 p.m.**

The meeting is called to elect the committee and chairman for the Argyll District Salmon Fishery Board that will supersede the whole of the districts described above. The co-option of representatives of salmon anglers, tenant netmen and others, and the appointment of clerks and bailiffs, together with any other business will follow these elections.

Mandatories must provide written authorisation from the qualified proprietor they represent.

By order of:
Jane Wright – Clerk to the Awe and Loch Fyne District Salmon Fishery Boards
Patrick Bowlby – Clerk to the Ruel District Salmon Fishery Board

Please advise attendance to Mrs Jane Wright at
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● Ref No: 05/02566/OUT

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Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

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Would like to thank family and friends for making their Wedding Day a special one. Thanking everyone for their cards, gifts and kind thoughts.
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Marie Young would like to thank friends, colleagues and pupils for the lovely flowers, presents and cards received on her recent retrial from Lochgilphead High School.

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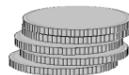
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WEIR - At Kingston Hospital, Kingston upon Thames, on January 4, 2006, to Johnny and Liz, a son, William Cameron.

WOODROW - Olga and Donald are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Eva Ann Kerr Woodrow, on December 12, 2005, at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

ENGAGEMENTS

BLACK - MACLEOD - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Diane, daughter of Alasdair and Kathleen Black, Oban, to Kenny, son of Kenny and Grace MacLeod, Lochgilphead.

COLVILLE - WEBSTER - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement 'at the bells' of Donald, youngest son of Rory and Mary Colville, Langa Farm, Campbeltown to Susan, youngest daughter of Fiona and Philip Webster, Rothes, Aberlour.

McSHANNON - DOBSON - Both families have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Stephen and Andrea on December 28, 2005.

WALLACE - FITZPATRICK - John and Margaret Wallace are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Louisa Margaret to Mr Bary Fitzpatrick.

WEDDING

ARMOUR - WYLIE - At the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown on December 30, 2005, by Rev Gary McIntyre, John, eldest son of John and Cathie Armour, Glebe Street, Campbeltown to Carole Mary, only daughter of Wallace and Ann Wylie, Meadows Avenue, Campbeltown.

SILVER WEDDING

McCALLUM - GRAHAM - On January 9, 1981 at A'Chleit Church, Muasdale, by the Rev Gordon McLean, Lamont to Margaret. Present address - 3 Wellpark, Kilkenzie.

RUBY WEDDING

JOHNSTON - McLEAN - At Castlehill Church on January 14, 1966, by the Rev J. R. H. Cormack, Roy to Liz, 62 Longrow, Campbeltown.

DIAMOND WEDDING

BROOKS - THOMSON - Celebrated in Cape Town in December 2005. Married on December 18, 1946 in Lorne Street Church by Rev John Campbell, Alan Brooks to Helen Thomson, daughter of the late Hector and Catherine Thomson, of Swallowholme, Machrihanish. Present address 12 Manson Close, Bergvliet, Cape Town, South Africa. 7945.

DEATHS

ARMOUR - Hamish, (Campbeltown/Barnton) - Peacefully, at Royal Victoria Hospital, on January 5, 2006, Hamish, dearly loved husband of Una, loving father to Catherine, father-in-law to Arie, dear grandad to Sarai and Ben. A service took place at Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, January 12 at 2.00 pm.

CAMERON - Peacefully at the Argyll and Bute Hospital on January 7, 2006, Miss Agnes Mary Young Cameron, in her 82nd year, formerly of Point House, Lochgair, beloved daughter of the late Rev John Cameron (Kilmichael) and Agnes Young, never to be forgotten by her nieces and nephews here and abroad. A graveside service was held at Achhabreac Cemetery on Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

DORMAN - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 5, 2006, Frederick George Dorman (Fred), in his 86th year, Lintrathen, Fort Argyll Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Ada Dorman, much loved stepfather of Marion and a dear grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather.

GILLESPIE - Suddenly, at home in Durrington, Worthing, on December 24, 2005, Angus MacIndeor Gillespie, (Gus), aged 66 years, partner of Chris, beloved son of the late Angus and Margaret Gillespie, brother of John, Rodger and Mary, uncle and friend.

GRAHAM - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 7, 2006, Mary Macdonald Barbour, in her 89th year, Westrioach, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Alex Graham, dearly loved mother of Flora, Dugald, Hendrie and Alister and a loving and much loved granny.

GRUMOLI - Caroline (Carrie) - On December 29, 2005 at Auckland, Carrie, dearly beloved wife of Ran, much loved mother and mother-in-law of Marjorie and Julian, dearest grandma (Ga-Ga) of Stephanie and Toni, after a short illness, peacefully at home with her family. She will be missed and never forgotten.

KEITH - Suddenly but peacefully at home, Lorne Campbell Court, Campbeltown on January 10, 2006, Ronald Wilton Keith in his 77th year, formerly of Kirk Street, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Mr and Mrs Keith, Southport.

A Cremation Service will be

held in Clydebank Crematorium on Tuesday January 17 at 1.30pm.

MACLEAN - Peacefully at Edith Cavell Hospital, Peterborough, on December 30, 2005, Agnes Law Dewar, in her 81st year. Beloved wife of the late Callum MacLean and much loved mother of Elizabeth and Donald, dear mother-in-law of Alisdair and loved Gran to Fraser, Murray, Kim, Mhairi and Hollie. Funeral service to be held at Peterborough on Wednesday January 11, 2006.

McMILLAN - Peacefully, at the home of his daughter in Clarkston, Glasgow, on January 7, 2006, George McMillan, in his 87th year, formerly of An' Croit, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of the late Alison, much loved father of Alison and Marion and a loving granda of Kim.

McWHIRTER - As the result of an accident in Cape Town, South Africa, on January 2, 2006, Denis, in his 52nd year, dearly beloved son of Denis and the late Mary, 14 Meadow Park Campbeltown.

SINCLAIR - Peacefully, after a long illness, bravely fought at the Beatson Oncology Centre, Glasgow, on January 5, 2006, Isobel Mary Rennie, in her 65th year, Shanahoe, Fort Argyll Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of John Sinclair, dearly loved mother of Donald and mother-in-law of Alison. At Isobel's request a Private Cremation service will be held in Cardross Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made in the Clydesdale Bank, Campbeltown in aid of Ward F3 Beatson Oncology Centre, Glasgow.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

McPHEE - The family of the late Jean McPhee would like to thank relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy and cards. Sincere thanks to the staff of Kintyre Care Centre for unfailing and excellent care over the past years and also Dr Norrie. Thanks to Rev Martin Forrest for his words of comfort, Alasdair Blair for professional funeral arrangements and Seaford Hotel for purvey. The collection in aid of Kintyre Care Centre raised £463. 86.

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IN MEMORIAM

CAMPBELL - In loving memory of Alex Campbell, died January 14, 2004, Always in our thoughts, Loved always.

- Elspeth, Helen, Elspeth, Kate, Paul and Claire.

JACKSON - In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Neil, who passed away on January 13, 2005. Always in our hearts.

- Margaret and Neil.
SMITH - In loving memory of a dear husband and father Hugh D Smith, who died January 11, 1982. Always remembered.

- Inserted by Flora and family, Kilmichael Glassary.
SUDAN - In loving memory of our dear father, father-in-law and papa, David McCallum Sudan, who died January 15, 2005. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard, always near So loved, so missed, so very dear.
- The family.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH CAMPBELTOWN

Saturday 14 January 2006
Youth Club 7-8.30 p.m.
Sunday 15 January 2006
Morning Worship ...11.15 a.m.
Creche, Sunday, School, Bible Class

Jim Campbell
Monday 16 January 2006
The Guild 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 17 January 2006
Mothers and Toddlers 9.45 a.m.

Friday 20 January 2006
Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.

TARBERT LINKED KILBERRY

Sunday 15 January 2006
11.30 a.m. Tarbert 3 p.m. Seniors' Service
Templar's Centre
Everyone made welcome
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Rev. Bill Gray

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 15 January 2006
Service 11 a.m.
Rev. Hilda Smith
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
(A Province of the Anglican Communion)

Sunday 15 January 2006
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
10.45 a.m. Family Communion
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Enquiries to
Rev. A. J. Williamson
Telephone **01586 551478**

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH



Sunday 15 January 2006
The Town Hall, Campbeltown
11 a.m.
Praise and Worship
Speaker: **Rev. Stuart McLean**

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Sunday Services
Breaking of Bread 10 a.m.
Coffee 10.45 a.m.
Family Service with Sunday School and Creche 11.15 a.m.
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www.springbankchurch.co.uk
Pastor: **Chris Holden**
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GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 15 January 2006
Ford 10 a.m.
Preacher: **Rev. Richard West**
All most welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Miles**
Sunday 15 January 2006
11 a.m. Morning Service with Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Service
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Friday 10-11.30 a.m.
Jumpstart Group

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 15 January 2006
Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.
Achaohish at 12.30 p.m.
1 Samuel 3
'Does God Speak Today'

Highland Parish Church



Sunday 15 January 2006
11.15 a.m.
Morning Worship
Creche in Church (0-3 years)
Junior Sunday School
Kirk Street Hall
Senior Sunday School
Church

Monday 16 January 2006
7.30 p.m.
Guild, Kirk Street Hall

Tuesday 17 January 2006
Badminton Club
Kirk Street Hall
6.30-7.45 p.m. P1s-P5s
7.45-9 p.m. P6 upwards
Cost £1 (includes tuck)

Thursday 19 January 2006
7 p.m. Bible Study
Kirk Street Hall
Rev Michael J. Lind
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Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
Pensioners' Lunch Club
1.45 p.m. Home League (Ladies Meeting)
Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall
7 p.m. Bible Study
A warm welcome to all

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Sunday 15 January 2006
A Cup of Cold Water
(Mark 9:41)
Cumloddan (Furnace) 10.30 a.m.
Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon

Lochgair 3 p.m.
Rev. Roderick MacLeod
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Kirk Session Meeting
Monday 16 January 2006
Lochgair Church Hall 7.30 p.m.
Church Choir practices begin again

Tuesday 17 January 2006
Cumloddan Church . 7.30 p.m.
New members always welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 15 January 2006
Tayvallich 11.30 a.m.

Rev. Richard West
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CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD

Sunday 15 January 2006
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11 a.m. Eucharist
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3.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

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New Year honours for Campbell

Golf

TOM CAMPBELL was the untouchable leader in Lochgilphead Golf Club's winter league this week, cruising to a memorable victory against a quality field.

Starting out by scoring a birdie and three pars, Tom was two under nett for his outward nine. Another birdie followed at the 11th hole, Tom ending his epic round three under par and 10 points better off.

Andy Law used his favourable bounce off a tree behind the ninth pin to land 86 inches from the cup, a distance no-one could better in the nearest the pin competition. Andy also scored three three-pointers in his first nine, hitting a further three consecutively on the return leg. A birdie at the 17th was also well-executed.

Ross Sinclair's card included a two, seven threes and six fours. He birdied the fourth and 16th, enough to win the other nearest the pin and third place.

Iain MacInnes birdied the fourth for four points and his inward nine was completed in one under. Eric Capocci scored four threes and 11 fours, but nothing could make him divulge the secrets behind his special soup.

Iain McGlynn responded well to his coaching from

the low handicappers, especially Robbie Wilson. A beautiful birdie at the eighth from Tommy Angus was his fourth three. Alex MacAulay picked up three points after hitting 10 pars, whilst Kenneth MacAulay finished strongly with a birdie at the 17th. The final point went to Allan Weir, who had nine fours and two threes.

Outside the points, Robert Baxter Junior hit birdies at the sixth and 13th, Davy Wilson was unlucky with some putts but played well to the greens, and John Downie scored par threes at the fifth both times round, as well as at the third. A birdie two at the sixteenth was the highlight for Donald Carmichael.

Par of the week prize went to Donald McMillan at the 18th.

| Result week 13 | | |
|----------------|------------|----|
| 1 | T Campbell | 10 |
| 2 | A Law | 9 |
| 3 | R Sinclair | 8 |
| 4 | I MacInnes | 7 |
| 5 | E Capocci | 6 |
| 6 | I McGlynn | 5 |
| 7 | T Angus | 4 |
| 8 | A MacAulay | 3 |
| 9 | K MacAulay | 2 |
| 10 | A Weir | 1 |

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The deadline for sport is Tuesday 3pm

Inveraray Shinty Club prizegiving

Shinty

INVERARAY Shinty Club celebrated the end of the season and awarded their annual prizes at the beginning of December with a dinner dance in the Waterside Restaurant at Argyll Caravan Park.

The evening began with Inveraray and District Pipe Band playing a rousing rendition of The Yellow and The Black. This was followed by a hearty meal and the customary speeches from the chairman and manager from both the women's and men's clubs.

Receiving awards at the prizegiving were:
First Team Player of the Year: Scott Robertson.
First Team Top Scorer: Garry MacPherson.
Second Team Player of the Year: Allan MacDonald.
Second Team Top Scorer: Derek Robertson.

Cassie Lindsay scooped both the Player of the Year and Top Scorer trophies for the women's team. The Jock MacCallum trophy for the U-17 Player of the Year was awarded to Nicholas Crawford.

Camanachd Association changes

Shinty

SHINTY'S governing body, the Camanachd Association, has completed its organisational changes, confirming the appointments of two vice presidents.

George Fraser of Nairn and Hugh Dan MacLennan of Inverkip were appointed unanimously by the board at its meeting in Fort William. They will share the duties of vice president.

It was also announced that as part of the association's first rotation of members, both Richard Gall and David MacLean will stand down at the 2006 Annual General Meeting. They will both be eligible for re-nomination should they choose to stand again.

Association President John MacKenzie said: 'I am delighted that our administrative changes and procedures have now been completed efficiently and amicably.'

'The board's decision to appoint two vice presidents will enable me to share the workload between both, while at the same time offering clubs clear points of contact in both North and South areas.'

Lochgilphead Muay Thai boxers succeed



Members of Lochgilphead Muay Thai Boxing Club

MEMBERS of Lochgilphead Muay Thai Boxing Club excelled once more as they hosted their fourth grading, senior instructor Kenny Richmond travelling to the town to put members through their paces.

Displaying ritual dances (normally performed before a fight), self defence techniques, boxing, elbows, knees, kicks and general knowledge, the eight members all passed with flying colours, demonstrating a polished performance after three months' preparation.

Oliver Dykes once again showed great promise with a double grading after greatly impressing the examiner.

Thai boxing

Kenny Richmond was delighted with the overall standard and the students' progress over the past two-and-a-half years.

The club is now seeking new members. Muay Thai is a sport first and a martial art second. Some individuals train purely for the fitness benefits and enjoy the cardiovascular work-outs, undertaken at their own pace and without engaging in the contact sport.

Every Tuesday, participants enjoy a variety of work-outs which impact on all major muscle groups, including warm downs and stretches to

increase flexibility. No level of fitness is required to begin, but all participants must be aged at least 11. Training is held in the Mid Argyll Sports Centre every Tuesday from 7.30pm until 8.30pm. All that is required are a pair of shorts or loose training trousers, a tee-shirt and a small bottle of water. For more information, call Stuart on 01546 602300.

Results
Oliver Dykes: yellow
Jamie Scott and Neil Kernaghan: green
James Neagle, Ross McDonald and Adam Trela: blue one
Cliff Allen: brown
Mick Bottomley: brown 1

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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.



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Four floor Red Star

**SAFL Division One
Lochgilthead Red Star 1
St Pat's FP 'B' 4**

RED STAR played host to league leaders St Pat's on Saturday aiming to put one over the Dumbarton team after the 5-1 defeat earlier in the season.

The home side were without Davy Campbell and the injured Ged Rae, but welcomed back Davy Robertson and Chris Broderick.

Red Star, sponsored by L and A MacKay and the Argyll Hotel, started well, with Neil Russell and Micky McNeil combining well to set up Graeme MacPherson, who shot wide.

The visitors' front three were very nimble and

forced a good save from keeper Calache, the number eight heading towards goal from a corner.

Neil Russell opened the scoring for Red Star from the penalty spot after 15 minutes. A through ball from Moore found Angus Morrison, whose ball inside was perfect for Russell. As the striker shaped to shoot, he was up-ended in the box by the visiting keeper. The referee inexplicably chose to allow the perpetrator to remain on the park, but Russell took the penalty well to put the home side ahead.

Frustration began to show for St Pat's and they appeared more menacing, creating their own chances,

both strikers coming close. Craig Houston and Davy

Football

Robertson were engaged in a fierce battle in the middle of the park, but both teams played some entertaining football. Red Star should have extended their lead when Craig Houston sent a great ball to McNeill, but he cut inside and lost the chance to shoot.

Neil Russell could have added to his tally shortly afterwards, running through on goal only to see the keeper make the save.

Star's back four of Broderick, Moore, Ian Houston and Kevin Thomas were playing the front three well, but with half time looming, frustration crept in and passes began to go astray.

The home side had the best of the early second half pressure, but failed to trouble the St Pat's keeper. MacPherson and Morrison tried to use the flanks, but the final balls into the box lacked accuracy.

Red Star manager Michael Todd replaced McNeill with Naisby, Cammy MacDonald coming on for MacPherson as the home side looked to kill the match off.

As the Star players pushed forward, they became increasingly vulnerable to quick breaks. Their equaliser eventually came from the number 10.

Encouraged by the goal, St Pat's pushed forward

looking for more. Their second and third arrived in quick succession, firstly from the number 10, who scored from close range after Calache had parried an effort from the number nine. Shortly afterwards, Red Star conceded a corner on the right, the number five rising unchallenged to head home.

Russell had the ball in the net for a second time, but the referee disallowed the goal, awarding a free kick to the visitors.

Goal number four for St Pat's arrived in the last minute, Red Star again caught on the break, the number nine curling a shot in off the post.

Speaking afterwards, Michael Todd said: 'I was

very pleased with the lads in the first half, but in the second half we didn't start and didn't match them in any department, which was disappointing. The difference between the two teams in the end was that they took their chances in front of goal and we didn't.'

Red Star face a tough away test tomorrow (Saturday January 14) at 2pm, when they play Whitehill. The match on Saturday January 6 was sponsored by Bruce and Joanne from the Grey Gull Inn, Ardrishaig.

Red Star: Calache, Broderick, Moore, I Houston, Thomas, C Houston, Robertson, MacPherson, Morrison, Russell, McNeill. Subs: Naisby, MacDonald, Bruce.

Lochgilthead joggers meet next week

Jogging

LOCHGILPHEAD jogscotland group will hold its first meeting next week in Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Interested walkers and runners, and those who have done little or no exercise recently, will be able to start a 10-week introductory course run by jog leaders trained by Scottish Athletics.

Emphasis on the first night will be on explaining how the course will take shape. Those attending should wear trainers and whatever feels comfortable for walking or jogging outdoors at this time of year.

For more information on the group, which is attached to Mid Argyll Athletic Club and backed by Argyll and Bute Council, email jogscotland@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01546 605336.

Daltote awards presented

Riding

DALTOTE Riding School held a Christmas show recently, with all those competing enjoying a day of fun and games, followed by the school's annual prizegiving ceremony.

The riders started the day by heading into the hills in pairs for a treasure hunt. Clues for the hunt were based on the 12 days of Christmas. The fastest pair round the course were Lynne Frame and Nichola Clark. A mention must also be given to Craig Lemmon, who raced round the hill on foot with Gordon Watt and Tom Button at a tremendous speed.

Competition in the senior image jumping was fierce, with riders sharing the same pony. Jennifer MacCrae and Amie Caunter were named winners on Sapphire, with Tom Button and Gordon Watt on Gems winning the junior prize.

Ashleigh Kilgour on Meesha was the last standing in the Chase-me-Charlie at the end of the day, jumping more than three feet.

All the parents and friends who had gathered for the presentation enjoyed the mini brass band,



The riders from Daltote Equestrian Centre pictured at the end of their Christmas show.

made up of a number of the riders, which played *Jingle Bells* to open the new clubhouse and to welcome Santa Claus.

The annual trophies and shields were presented at the end of an enjoyable day.

The Caunter Achievement Shield: Mairi MacVicar.

The MacDonald Gold Shield: Ashleigh Kilgour and Claire Anderson.

Best Improved Trophies: Morwen Phillips and Kirsty MacVicar.

Stable Management Trophies: Bethan Phillips, Tom Button, Kirsty MacVicar and Barrie Sillars.

The Helping Hand Trophy: Bethan Lemmon.

Daltote Silver Plate: Amie Caunter and Barrie Sillars.

Gold Award: Rebecca Hepburn

Medal as 'Courage Awards': Joanne Clark

Medals for 'Taking on New Challenges': Natasha Finlay, Jennifer MacCrae and Lucy Button.

No Inveraray lottery winners

Lottery

THERE were no winners from Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday January 9, when the numbers drawn were 2, 6 and 14. As a result, the jackpot for the draw on Monday January 16 will be £600.

Happy New Year for Tarbert players

Football

**SAFL Division Two
Tarbert AFC 3
Port Glasgow Amateurs 0**
TWO EARLY goals on Saturday at Cil Andreis set Tarbert up for a good start to the New Year.

A well-taken third by Michael Connor after 30 minutes secured three points for the Dookers, sponsored by the Islay Frigate Hotel.

With several players unavailable, manager Alex Johnstone was forced to test the strength of his squad and, despite a scrappy second half, the young boys acquitted themselves well.

James Prentice continued his fine form with an excellent opening goal, reacting quickly to fire home after only two minutes. The home side doubled their advantage soon afterwards, Guy finding Nicky McDougall with a great pass, his cut-back tapped home by Michael Connor.

Port issued a warning that they were still in the match when a cross to the back post hit the crossbar. They also won several corners, but failed to test Tarbert goalkeeper Allan Blair. Guy very nearly added a third and David Ronald also had an ef-

fort well-blocked before Connor grabbed his second goal. Prentice broke away to find his striking partner on the left, young Mike rounding the Port keeper before firing home.

The visitors saw more of the ball in the second half, with Tarbert appearing to ease up. Blair produced a great save to deny Port any hope of a comeback. Nicky McDougall caused the defenders problems with his runs into the box.

A fourth goal was only denied by Port's keeper, who saved well from both McDougall and David Ronald. McDougall's fine solo run almost ended in a goal, but he fired narrowly wide.

The club would like thank Bruce Harris (Electrical Contractor) for sponsoring Saturday's match ball. Tomorrow (Saturday January 14) Tarbert travel to Hamilton on league duty.

Tarbert: Blair, MacKay, Maxwell, Laing, Guy, D McDougall, Robertson, Ronald, N McDougall, Prentice, Connor. Subs: Mair, McIver, McLean

Kerr wins Tarbert lotto jackpot

Lottery

THE WINNING numbers from Tarbert AFC's lotto draw on Monday January 9 were 6, 8 and 15.

John Kerr from Achlea, Tarbert won the £300 jackpot. The jackpot for the draw on Monday January 16 will be £100.

No Kilmory lotto winner

Lottery

THERE were no winners from Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday January 9, when the numbers drawn were 2, 9 and 18. As a result, the jackpot for the draw on Monday January 16 will be £500.



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