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Bid for better service

FUNDING for a better bus service between Ardrishaig and the new community hospital and health services in Lochgilphead is being bid for.

Argyll and Bute Council and West Coast Motors are making the application for between £25,000 and £30,000 to improve the bus service to every half-hour and extend it so that it goes to the new hospital in Manse Brae.

The money is being sought from the Scottish Executive's Bus Route Development Grant scheme, which was set up in 2004 to improve access to public transport.

Commercially viable
If the bid is successful, the money will be provided for two years to help develop the service, which will need to be commercially viable beyond the first two years or receive some support from the council.

The council has already been successful in gaining funding from the grant scheme for an improved service between Dunbeg and Oban and it is hoped the

Ardrishaig to Lochgilphead bid will also be successful.

Lochgilphead Councillor Donnie MacMillan welcomed the council's decision to bid for funding.

He said: 'This money would help the Ardrishaig to Lochgilphead bus service, which will also serve the new hospital when it is completed.'

'Some of the money would be used to fund a half-hourly service to the hospital, which may give people an incentive to use and support their local bus services.'

At its most recent meeting, held on January 9, Lochgilphead Community Council had been critical of the proposed bus service to the hospital. The building will also provide premises for Mid Argyll's doctor's surgery and dentist.

Concern
West Coast Motors' initial proposal for the hospital bus service saw buses running from 8.30am until 6pm. Community council mem-

bers expressed concern at this proposal, as they felt that evening visitors would be faced with an unacceptably long walk to and from the new building on Manse Brae, especially during darker winter months.

Welcomed

Eric Box, chairman of Lochgilphead Community Council, said: 'I think I can say that the news of an improved service between Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead is to be welcomed, and I hope it will be well-supported.'

'The service to the new hospital is one that the council and the health board have been committed to ever since assurances were sought and given when the selection of the site was under discussion some years ago.'

'Currently, Lochgilphead Community Council is pressing for an evening service to and from the new hospital to accommodate those wishing to visit patients there.'

Spot the ball winner Angela nets £2,400

ANGELA Cassidy from Campbeltown is the latest winner of *The Argyllshire Advertiser* and *The Campbeltown Courier*'s weekly spot the ball competition.

As the only entrant who correctly identified the location of the ball in last week's

paper, Angela, who lives on Longrow in Campbeltown, will receive a cheque for the £2,400.

Turn to page 31 of this week's edition to enter spot the ball and try your luck at winning the £250 jackpot.



Badden Farm Nursery celebrates Burns' Day

CHILDREN at Badden Farm Nursery in Lochgilphead celebrated Burns' Day on Wednesday (January 25).

The nursery was visited by piper Iain Campbell, who entertained the children and staff with traditional Scottish songs. All of

the children tried haggis, neeps and tatties, before trying out their Scottish country dancing skills with a mini ceilidh.

Some of the children even dressed in Scottish clothes, with a smart array of kilts and tartan sashes on display.

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Launching the new vision statement are, from left, Scottish Executive reform team professional adviser Irene McGuigan, Argyll and Bute Council community services director Douglas Hendry, Argyll and Bute Council chief executive James McLellan, members of Lochgilphead High School Student Council, Strathclyde Police chief superintendent Mitch Rogers and Councillor Dick Walsh. N/A

Vision to protect Argyll's children

A NEW vision to protect Argyll and Bute's children was launched last week by the Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee.

The new vision statement launch was accompanied by a range of public information leaflets and posters.

Committee members include representatives of Argyll and Bute Council, the procurator fiscal's department, Strathclyde Police, Children 1st, NHS Argyll and Clyde, Naval Services and the Scottish Children's Reporter's Office.

Addressing last week's meeting, Argyll and Bute Council chief executive James McLellan said: 'Child protection

is everyone's responsibility, from the statutory agencies to local communities. The vision statement gives us all a clear goal and purpose in working towards helping keep children safe.'

During the launch event, members of Lochgilphead High School Student Council took the opportunity to ask questions of the committee. Amongst the issues raised were telling how a situation at home was not 'normal', and how they could support the work of the committee.

Child Protection lead officer Liz Strang has been appointed to help deliver the vision and child protection business plan for 2006.

Tenants urged to take a leading role

HAVING received the backing of 90 per cent of Argyll and Bute's council tenants in the recent housing transfer ballot, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is now urging tenants to take a role in running their community housing.

ACHA is hoping to recruit tenants across Mid Argyll for its Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee, which will make vital decisions on local housing issues.

Amongst the committee's duties will be identifying priority investment areas within the housing network and helping to deliver ACHA's services to all tenants, especially the elderly, young people and children.

Anyone interested in getting involved, whether or

not they are a tenant, can attend an information session from 7.30pm until 9pm on Tuesday January 31 in Lochgilphead Community Centre.

ACHA chairman Norman Beaton said: 'ACHA has been set up with the needs of tenants first. To help us achieve this, we are extremely keen to work with and get the input of as many tenants as possible.'

'For this reason, we are looking for interested community representatives to get involved on our local committees. Although the majority of committee members will be tenants, it's not only tenants we're looking for. We'd be delighted to talk to any members of the community who

thinks they have something to offer.'

The Mid Argyll and Kintyre Area Committee is expected to meet 10 times a year, with meetings taking place every four to six weeks. Although positions are voluntary and unpaid, ACHA will cover out of pocket expenses such as travel. Training will also be provided for all committee members. Those who are unable to attend next week's information session but who would like to be considered for a role on the committee should contact Gillian McInnes at ACHA on 01546 604088. The housing transfer is expected to take place in July this year, subject to approval from the Scottish Executive.

Kilberry Inn features in top guide

A MID ARGYLL restaurant has been included in this year's *Michelin Guide to Great Britain and Ireland* for offering good food at moderate prices.

The Kilberry Inn is one of

just five Scottish restaurants featured in the bib gourmand section of the guide and is one of just two restaurants in Scotland to receive the award this year.

The Michelin Guide is the

reference used by both business and leisure travellers and this year features 5,135 entries including 3,420 hotels and guesthouses and 1,715 restaurants and pubs.



Situated on Kinloch Green in Campbeltown, Aqualibrium will open its doors to the public in 2006. It will be home to a number of services operated by or on behalf of the Council. In the first of a series of articles looking at the building and what it will offer to you.



Tiling in the pool hall is almost complete

Facilities

The building will house a 25 metre six lane swimming pool with floating floor, library, fitness suite kitted out with state of the art gym equipment from Life Fitness, relaxation

suite, child care facility café and restaurant, conference facilities able to seat 24 with full catering service available, changing village, visitor gallery and display areas. Services will include library and reading room, internet and IT services, swimming – both recreational and competitive, swimming lessons, water safety training, water sports, fitness classes, exhibition space and catering facility, not only for the café but for parties and events.

The Architects Vision

A competition was organised by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland to select the optimum design, and the appropriate design team for

the project. This competition was won by Glasgow based architects Page and Park. Their vision was for a building of an iconic design which has a prominent position within the town's public buildings. They saw Aqualibrium as a series of island platforms with the circulation system rising up through artificial corries and terraces.

The Building Design

The bulk of the building is constructed from insitu concrete which in certain areas is left exposed internally, and has an insulated render system externally. The walls have substantial insulation, which is 200mm thick. The

roof is covered in an aluminium standing seam system, which is also heavily insulated, on structural decking on steel beams. The long term benefits of this are reduced heating costs. The Biomass boiler which has been installed is a state of the art woodchip boiler that uses environmentally sustainable woodchip which is likely to be sourced from a local sawmill. In addition,



The plant room undergoes an inspection

rainwater will be collected for recycling via a roof drainage system to a 20,000 litre tank in Aqualibrium. The pipework for this is separate to the conventional plumbing system and will only be connected to the toilet system within the building. By installing this collection and re-use system the amount of water used is significantly reduced.

Disabled Access

Aqualibrium is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Changing facilities have been provided within the pool and fitness suites. The library has been designed accordingly both in terms of shelving layout and height. The lifts which have been installed have tactile controls and a voice



Floor to ceiling windows ensure that the Library is flooded with natural light

management systems. There are also dedicated disabled WC facilities throughout the building which can accommodate diverse disabilities.

The best way to describe Aqualibrium is that it will inspire the communities it serves to get involved and to care about their health, well-being and culture and to help them achieve the right balance.



Competition

For your chance to win an Aqualibrium beanie hat answer the following three questions:

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2. How thick is the insulation on the walls?
3. Who were the architects who designed Aqualibrium?

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The first 50 correct entries will receive hats.



Old New Year ceilidh gets feet tapping

Entertainment at An Comunn Gaidhealach Meur Loch Fin's Old New Year Ceilidh, held in the Argyll Hotel, Lochgilhead, on Friday January 20, was provided by Neil MacDonald, Nick McLean, Fiona Munro, Sandy McDonald, Catriona Fair, John Holt and Roddy MacLeod. a04new01

Funds lay foundations for centre

ARGYLL College's plans for a new construction skills centre in Lochgilhead have taken a step forward, with all of the required funds now in place.

An award of more than £346,000 from the European Regional Development Fund completes the £1 million funding package for the centre, to be constructed at Kilmory Industrial Estate.

Contributions have also been received now from Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, which has

provided £195,000; the Scottish (Further Education) Funding Council, which has put forward just under £100,000; and Argyll and Bute Council, which has provided £83,000.

The college will provide training to national standards for 32 apprentices each year, helping to alleviate a shortage of skilled construction workers throughout Argyll.

A survey conducted by the Construction Industry Training Board found that 84 per cent of Argyll

building trade companies would use a local training centre, as they believed that the biggest barrier to business growth was the lack of skilled workers.

Michael Breslin, director of Argyll College, said: 'I am delighted that we have been able to pull this funding package together.'

'The long list of funders, big and small, shows the widely-agreed need for this.'

'Work on the design of the training centre is continuing and we hope to make a start on the site around May.'

Police Files

Youth assaulted

A YOUTH was assaulted in Union Street, Lochgilhead on Friday evening (January 20). Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact PC McGeachy at Lochgilhead Police Office.

Man assaulted

A MAN was assaulted in the Manse Brae area of Lochgilhead in the early hours of Saturday morning (January 21). Inquiries are continuing.

Disturbance

FOLLOWING a disturbance in the Duncholgan area of Lochgilhead on Saturday evening (January 21), a re-

port has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Minor injuries

THREE people received minor injuries following a disturbance at Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, in the early hours of Sunday morning (January 22).

Stolen car

A CAR stolen from the Oban area was recovered on the A819 just outside Inveraray in the early hours of Sunday morning (January 22).

High School break-in

POLICE inquiries are continuing into a break-in at Lo-

chgilhead High School which was discovered at lunchtime on Sunday (January 22).

Windows broken

SOMETIME between Friday evening (January 20) and Monday morning (January 23) two windows were broken at Lochgilhead Community Centre in Manse Brae. PC Henderson at Lochgilhead Police Office is appealing for anyone with any information regarding this incident to come forward.

Attempted break-in

SOMETIME between Friday evening (January 20) and

Monday morning (January 23) there was an attempted break-in at office premises in Potalloch Street, Lochgilhead. Police inquiries are continuing.

Extra lunch patrols

POLICE will be carrying out extra patrols in Union Street, Lochgilhead, following reports of litter being dropped at lunchtime.

□ If you have any information regarding these or any other incidents, contact Lochgilhead Police Office on 01546 702 200 or, alternatively, Crimestoppers free and in confidence on 0800 111 555.

Drink driver banned for 18 months

A MORAYSHIRE man has been banned from the road for 18 months after he admitted drink-driving near Tarbert.

Paul Simpson, aged 27, of 2 Bankhead Farm Cottages, Brodie, admitted carrying out the offence on the B80-24 near its junction with the

A83 on July 29 last year. Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Simpson was involved in an accident and when he was questioned by police they could smell alcohol on his breath. A subsequent test of Simpson's blood showed that he had 173mcg of al-

cohol in 100ml of blood. The legal alcohol limit is 80mcg/100ml.

Simpson, who said that he had nothing to add to a letter he previously sent to the court, was also fined £500.

He was admonished on a charge of driving without insurance at the same time.

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Nurses to help the homeless

SIX NEW nurses have been recruited by NHS Argyll and Clyde to help improve the health of homeless people in the area.

The pilot project, which is the result of a £420,000 investment, will see the new nurses work with existing health board employees and local authorities.

Project leader Dr David Bell said: 'The homeless are typically amongst the most deprived people in our society. A recent survey across Argyll and Clyde highlighted that over three quarters were experiencing a

number of other serious issues in their lives.

'These issues ranged from ill health, serious social problems and debt to problems with child care, relationship breakdowns and criminal justice situations.

'I am therefore delighted that NHS Argyll and Clyde has been chosen for this pilot project.

'Our new team of six nurses and project manager has now been recruited and they are currently undergoing induction training.

'The main aim of the team is to work with existing

health board employees and other agencies such as local authorities to meet the needs of homeless people in Argyll and Clyde.

'Meeting these needs does not stop at putting a roof over their head, as this does nothing to resolve any of the other problems that they may be experiencing.'

Mr Bell added: 'We will be monitoring the progress of this pilot project very closely and will ensure that the details of our results are distributed to other interested organisations throughout Scotland.'

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The conference will be officially opened with a keynote speech from Lord Lindsay of Scottish Salmon Producers' Organisation (SSPO) on March 29.

Fish Farmer

At the Aquaculture Today Gala Dinner, the first Fish Farmer "Fit for the Future" award will be presented for outstanding achievement in the fish-farming sector. In addition, finalists in a new industry-backed awards scheme from the Crown Estate, which recognises innovation and best practice in salmon farming, will be announced.

Fit for the Future



Stephen Austin, Jan Krokowski, Marina Curran-Colthart and Bob Black at the first meeting of the Freshwater Demonstration Project Steering Group in Lochgilhead. *a04bio01*

Encouraging residents to look after the environment

PLANS to encourage Mid Argyll's residents to protect their natural environment and protect its diversity took a step forward last week with the first meeting of a new group.

The Freshwater Demonstration Project Steering Group met for the first time at Scottish Natural Heritage's office in Lochgilhead on Friday January 20.

Members of the steering group have been drawn from the Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership, which includes woodland consultant Bob Black, Jane Wright of the Argyll Fisheries Trust, Stephen Austin of Scottish Natural Heritage and Jan Krokowski of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

The group will demon-

strate the best way of looking after burns rivers and lochs and try to involve as many people as possible in the project. The project has been funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, Scottish Power and the Forestry Commission Scotland.

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Campbeltown to Ireland ferry woes

Sir,
I feel I've got to drop your local paper, *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, a letter concerning the total and utter let-down of no ferry to Ballycastle from Campbeltown and that no company put a tender in. I feel it is disgraceful that a local, experienced man who has all that is required to take this well-needed connection to Ireland, James Robertson and his company, have not been given the opportunity to run the ferry. His company would be second to none.

Mr Robertson has been at sea as long as myself and the people of Campbeltown can remember. If those other ferry companies did not want to ten-

der then give Mr Robertson and company the green light to go full ahead.

Alec McKerral, Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

Slow moving vehicles

Sir,
Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, Argyll and Bute Council's transport spokesman has said that Strathclyde Police had a policy to stop slow drivers as well as speeding drivers.

I can find no evidence that this is true and I defy him to produce statistics to support his argument.

Every week there are queues of traffic stuck behind either slow moving HGVs, gawping tourists or elderly drivers doing 40mph on our trunk roads.

This manic obsession with motorist speed is, I believe, based upon wrong assumptions. Most accidents occur

at speeds below 40mph and within 10 miles of home. A totally disproportionate amount of effort is put into catching speeding motorists yet almost no effort is being put into catching bad mannered motorists, a group of people in my view far more guilty of causing road accidents and problems, usually not to themselves, but to others they leave behind.

All sections of the road traffic act have equal merit when passed by parliament, let's have equal weight given to their enforcement.

Name and address supplied.

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Proper political analysis

Sir
If we do not allow practising alcoholics to drive fifty tonners on our roads or skipper our ferries, I fail to see why standards should be lower for those who aspire to navigate the ship of state.

The ousting of Charles Kennedy would benefit from some proper political analysis though.

His unfortunate self-indulgence has allowed what amounts to a right-wing

coup within the Liberal Democrats, whose party today is an uneasy hybrid of those with the social conscience, and the kind of moral principle which allowed them to reject nuclear 'deterrence' (does one say weapons of Mass Destruction now?) and the onslaught on Iraq, with those for whom 'liberty' is seen in Darwinian terms, as a profiteering free-for-all where the weakest may legitimately be trampled on, as is happening in the current globalised economy.

Mr Kennedy belonged to the more gentle reidency, Nicol Stephen, current head

of the party in Scotland, is a pro free market man, as is Tavish Scott with his insistence in putting Cal Mac out to tender.

Indeed, I have been told of the existence of an 'Orange Book', (though I have not seen a copy), supposedly a collection of pro-market essays by right wing Liberal Democrats, that explicitly sets aside the commitment to raise taxes in order to improve services which the authors are perfectly prepared to hand over to the private sector.

All this is geared to winning the English local elections which come up in May.

The re-vamped Tory Party under David Cameron is anticipating doing rather well, pushing a low-tax policy, and other parties are pitching for the same comfortably off capitalists.

Here at Holyrood, Colin Fox's bill to scrap prescrip-

tion charges, as the Welsh have done, is not yet assured of Liberal Democrat support, enmeshed as they are in an unequal partnership with New Labour - this, despite its having received the backing of the influential Health Committee.

Hopefully, Mr Kennedy will now enjoy a long and happy family life and play his part in useful local politics.

But all who aspire to public office should take to heart the classical wisdom - that whosoever wishes to rule others, should first rule themselves.

Janet McDonald
Tarbet Loch Nevis

The deadline for letters is 5pm on Monday

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Down Memory Lane



This photograph, taken on February 17 1980, shows the group which took part in sponsored 21-mile walk through Kilmichael Glen. James Turner, who was 12 when the picture was taken, couldn't remember what cause the walk was supporting, but thinks it may have been to raise funds for the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool. The group is pictured during a tea break at Kilmartin Garage. Back row from left: Annie McKinnon, Iain McDougall, Jack McDougall, Amanda Aitchenson, Jill Quarton, Colin McGregor. Front row from left: Steven Mills, Neil Daily, Grant McDougall, James Turner, Iain Robertson, Michael Foster, Anne MacMillan.

Thought for the week

SPRING is already showing itself in new growth in our gardens. I wonder if the daffodils will be covered in several inches of snow before winter is past. Growing has been on my mind lately, both growing up and growing old. Isn't it strange that we see growing up as very positive and

growing old as quite the opposite? One of my favourite passages from the Bible gives a totally different perspective. 'The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon, planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, 'The Lord is upright; 'The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.''

Some of the loveliest people I know are in their eighties and nineties, dear Christians who are growing daily more like Jesus as they look forward to meeting him face to face.

There are few things more beautiful than spending time with an elderly believer who says, from many years of personal experience, 'The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.' (see Psalm 92:12-15).

Irene Howat

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Master judge John Cochrane explains one of his decisions at the Kintyre Ayrshire Breeders Club annual stockjudging at Ballygreggan on Monday night (January 23). c04ayr02

Ayrshire breeders' stockjudging sees some fine cattle

KINTYRE and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held its annual stockjudging on Monday January 23 at Ballygreggan Farm by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Archie Millar and family.

A turnout of 110 competitors were treated to an evening of six classes of Ayrshire cattle which could have held their heads high in any show ring in the country.

John Cochrane, the society secretary, was master judge for the evening. Hamish Smith then proposed a vote of thanks to all those who helped make the evening such a success. Special thanks went to Semax, Genus and the Ayrshire Cattle Society for their generous sponsorship.

The prizes were presented by Tracy Millar.

Results

Gents (overall winner of the Ayrshire Cattle Society Cup): 1 Andrew Ralston, Dalivaddy; 2 Matthew Ralston, Rhoin; 3 Jimmy Barr, Clochkeil. Ladies: 1 Mairi McMillan, Longrow; 2 Isy Armour, West Trodigan; 3

Martha Millar, Whitehill. 14-26 years: 1 Murray Ralston, East Drumlemble; 2= Karen Semple, Dalabhradden, Andrew Millar, Keprigan; 4 James Martin, Tonrioch. Under 14 years (winner of the Presidents Cup): 1 Jennifer Littleton, Killegruer; 2 Lindsay Armour, West Trodigan; 3 Rachel Pirie, Machrihanish; 4 Graeme McMillan, Balloch Cottage.

The prizes were also presented for the joint stockjudgings of the Kintyre Fatstock Breeders, Holstein Breeders and Ayrshire Breeders.

Gartvaigh Perpetual Stockjudging Cup: 1 Robin Barr, Clochkeil; 2 Matthew Ralston, Rhoin; 3 Peter Littleton, Killegruer. Ladies: 1 Joan Pirie, Machrihanish; 2 Anne Ralston, Kilkevan; 3 Isy Armour, West Trodigan. 14-26 years (Young Farmers Cup for Stockjudging): 1 Andrew Millar, Keprigan; 2 Murray Ralston, East Drumlemble; 3 Mairi Littleton, Killegruer. Under 14 years: 1 Graeme McMillan, Balloch Cottage; 2 Rachel Pirie, Machrihanish; 3 Ailsa Smith, Drumalea.



RIGHT: A turnout of 110 competitors took part in Monday night's stockjudging, all keeping a keen eye on the stock to see if they agreed with the judge's decisions. c04ayr01

Blackface breeders judge Kintyre stock

KINTYRE Blackface Sheep Breeders' Association held its annual stockjudging competition in Campbeltown Market on Monday January 16, attracting more than 50 individual entries. Sheep were pro-

vided by Kintyre members, although the competition attracted competitors from across Argyll with one far-travelled lady visiting from Wyoming, USA, making an appearance on the prize list.

Master judge for the evening was J Jackson from Lochgoilhead. The associa-

tion's thanks are due to Cal- edonian Marts for allowing use of the premises, John Armour for providing additional lighting, Muneroy Stores, Southend, for providing the catering and the many local businesses who provided the prizes.

Results: open competition: 1

Iain McArthur, Glenbarr; 2 Gordon Souter, Lochgoilhead; 3 John MacPherson, Lochaweside. Ladies: 1 Sybil MacPherson, Lochaweside; 2 Lisa Cunningham, Wyoming; 3 Margaret Bateman, Southend. Junior: 1 Greig Gillespie, Campbeltown; 2 Sarah Bateman, Southend; 3 John Bateman, Southend. Team prize: David Jackson, Richard Smith and Gordon Souter, Lochgoilhead. Champion sheep competition: John McLachlan, Campbeltown.

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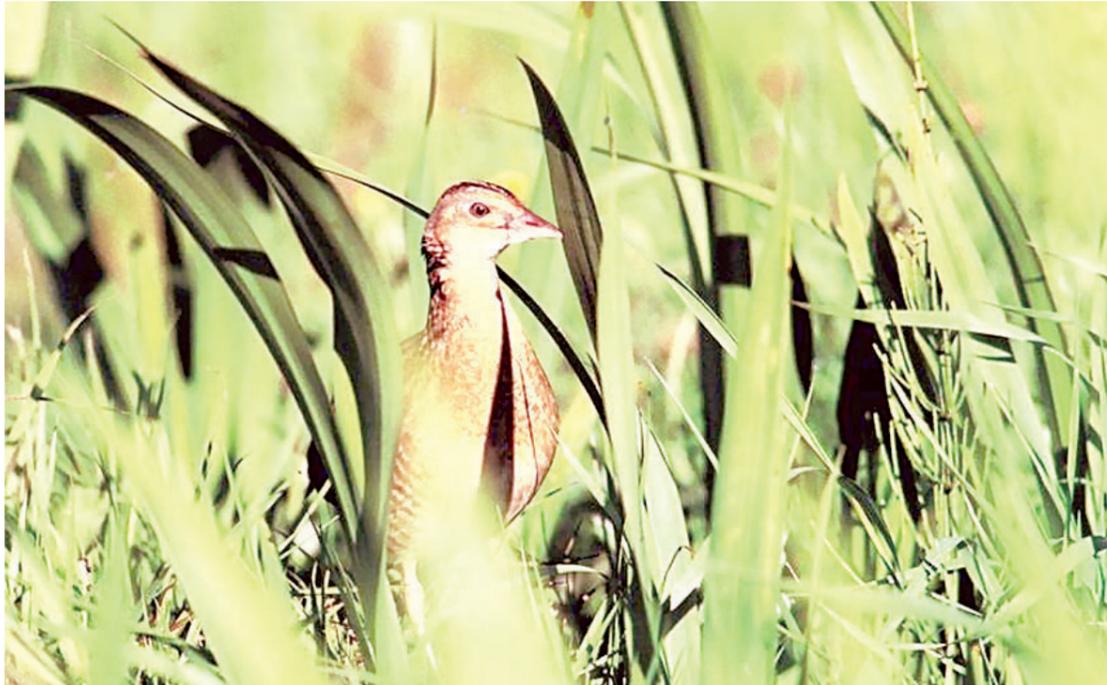
THE POPULATION of corncrakes in Scotland has exceeded 1,100 - the highest number recorded by RSPB Scotland in 27 years of monitoring this threatened species.

The Argyll islands are now home to nearly 600 calling corncrakes - over half the UK population, with the area seeing an increase of nearly 25 per cent since 2004, making the islands the UK stronghold for this threatened bird.

Figures from the 2005 survey of the birds show an overall total for Scotland of 1,108 calling males, and in the core survey areas a rise from 1,040 in 2004 to 1,082 in 2005.

The astonishing success of the bird was particularly pronounced on the Inner Hebrides, with Tiree's population of calling males rising from 262 to 310 birds, and the population on Islay in Argyll rising from 52 from just 8 birds in 2000 - a superb achievement on one of Argyll's most intensively farmed islands.

More than 100 calling corncrakes were recorded



across the RSPB's Argyll reserves including Loch Gruinart and Smaull on Islay, with the Coll reserve holding 90 calling males.

The Isle of Mull has also started to see a slow increase in corncrakes with seven birds present in 2005.

With a mere 470 calling males in 1993, the species

was formerly on the brink of extinction in the UK.

Combined efforts from RSPB Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), the Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD) and, crucially, farmers and crofters in key corncrake areas have managed to reverse the

downward trend, and paved the way for a recovery of the species.

Declining beef production in the Western Isles could be responsible for the slight contraction in the range of corncrakes this year.

The environmentally fragile, peripheral areas in North and West Scotland -

in particular some of the islands - have already seen some loss of cattle farming as it has become ever more economically unviable.

The RSPB believes the environmental consequences of losing cattle from these areas are severe.

In addition to the grazing benefits these systems of

farmed produce, loss of cattle also means declining hay production and mixed farm practices, depriving corncrakes of suitable habitats.

Duncan Orr Ewing, the head of land use policy at RSPB Scotland, said: 'We are delighted that the corncrake population recovery is continuing.'

'But more effort is required to increase their range back onto the Scottish mainland.'

'It is vital to see the consultation on the new Scottish Rural Development Plan early next year to bring in a package of measures designed to reverse the loss of cattle from the west.'

Andy Douse, senior species advisor at SNH said: 'We are very pleased to see the continued increase in the numbers of corncrakes counted in Scotland.'

'This is a big success achieved through positive management of agricultural land for corncrakes by crofters and farmers in areas where these birds occur. However it is worth noting that although the numbers of corncrakes have in-

creased, their geographical range is still quite limited.'

Becky Shaw, from the Scottish Crofting Foundation, said: 'The ongoing recovery of corncrake numbers in Scotland is very good news and shows the effectiveness of a partnership between crofters and farmers, government and environmental bodies.'

'However, the future effectiveness of measures targeted at creating corncrake habitat are dependent on cattle and mixed agricultural systems being retained in the north and west.'

She added: 'A number of tools are available through the rural development programme to help support the viability of cattle and mixed agriculture in the north and west.'

'We are urging the Scottish Executive to make the best use of these tools and direct more support to the islands and northern and western seaboard.'

According to the Historical Atlas of Breeding Birds in Britain and Ireland 1875 - 1900, 'the decline of the corncrake in Britain and Ireland has been far more dra-

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UK population of corncrakes

matic than that of any other bird species since the late 19th century.'

During the last quarter of that century, the corncrake bred in every county of Britain and Ireland including all but the most exposed islands.

Corncrakes were found in tall grass and herbs, particularly in hay meadows.

Towards the end of the 19th century some writers started to note that numbers were decreasing.

Although it was recognised that numbers varied from year to year these writers linked a slight decline to the increase in the mechanisation of mowing.

These negative influences continued throughout the 20th century, in particular the introduction of tractors to replace horses, and other mechanical innovations, allowed hay making to be completed in a much shorter time, so that the proportion of hay meadows mowed during the most vulnerable part of the corncrakes breeding season increased.

By 1972 the corncrake had disappeared from most

of the mainland of Britain, and population declines continued except in the Scottish islands of Lewis, Coll and Tiree, where the persistence of suitable hay meadow habitats and late mowing dates allow successful breeding.

There is a strong correlation between cattle keeping and mixed agricultural systems, combining grazing management with hay making and forage areas for arable cropping.

In addition to the corncrake, these mixed farmland habitats support a diverse range of bird species, including the declining corn bunting and wading birds such as lapwing.

Concerted action to help corncrakes began in 1993 with the introduction of the RSPB Scotland managed Corncrake Initiative (supported by SNH and the Scottish Crofting Foundation).

The first population increases followed in the mid 1990s.

The scheme makes payments available to crofters and farmers with the birds on their land to manage

their hay or silage fields sensitively for corncrakes.

This worked in tandem with dedicated management on RSPB reserves.

RSPB Scotland has 15 reserves and management agreement areas where corncrakes are a priority species, and these support a large proportion of the total UK population.

The society also works in partnership with many other land managers to benefit the species.

In most cases the local crofters and farmers, often underpinned by a management agreement, carry out all the positive management for corncrakes.

SNH runs a corncrake management scheme, which is available to crofters and farmers within areas classified as Special Protection Areas for the species in the western and northern islands of Scotland.

These sites cover about 40 per cent of the British breeding population of corncrakes.

SNH can make incentive payments available under their Natural Care manage-



The corncrake's distinctive call may become but a memory.

ment programme to pay for work to benefit corncrakes.

The Rural Stewardship Scheme operated by SEERAD provides land management incentives for corncrakes.

Corncrakes arrive in Britain from late April and early May after wintering in Africa.

They begin nesting in late May and lay between eight and 12 eggs.

The key to increasing the population is to create conditions that allow the females to safely rear two broods in a season.

During the breeding season the corncrake is rarely

seen. It most commonly reveals itself by its distinctive creak creak call, which sounds like a plastic comb being drawn across a credit card edge, a sound that may become but a memory.

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Local plan heading for public inquiry

ARGYLL and Bute's new local plan is likely to be heading for a public inquiry at the end of the year.

The new plan will replace the current one which is more than 10 years old and is used by planning departments to determine planning applications and how the region will grow and develop along with the Structure Plan.

A final draft of the new plan went out to public consultation last summer and more than 4,100 representations, including 2,700 objections, were received.

These have to be considered and if agreement cannot be reached with objectors, these will go to a public inquiry, overseen by a reporter from the Scottish Executive.

At a meeting of Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee in Tobermory, Tony Proud, a member of Mull and Iona Community Council, asked when the

local plan would be finished.

Mull has been suffering acute housing problems because of the lack of housing areas allocated in the old local plan and planning applications have been held up in some areas until the new local plan has been adopted.

He was told that it was likely to go to a public inquiry at the end of this year and that the main hiccup was on the Helensburgh and Lomond area where the majority of objections were.

Although the plan won't be officially adopted until after any public inquiry, for those areas which have not received any objections, the council is already using the plan as a basis for planning decisions where the former local plan is considered to be out of date.

The first draft of the new local plan was published in 2003 but the final plan is unlikely to be adopted until 2007.



Tayvallich tots locked up

Tayvallich pre-five group got a taste of what it's like to be behind bars when they visited Lochgilphead Police Station on Friday January 20. The youngsters were shown round the station by Community Police Officer Trish Collins. They visited the charge bar, the fingerprinting room and the cells.

Pictured from left are: Alfie Smith, Jamie Buckley, Louis MacMillan, Sam Davenport and Kirsty Aitchison. a04tay01

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NHS bans smoking early

GROUNDS and premises belonging to NHS Argyll and Clyde will become smoke free from Wednesday onwards when the health board's new tobacco policy comes into force.

NHS Argyll and Clyde is leading by example through introducing its tobacco policy nearly two months before the national smoking ban is introduced on March 26.

Meanwhile, Argyll and Bute Council have issued a statement to licensees with regard to preparing for the national smoking ban, which will apply to restaurants and licensed premises as well as shops, offices, vehicles and other substantially enclosed premises where the public has access.

Councillors Duncan

MacIntyre and Daniel Kelly, chairman of the Lorn, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Divisional Licensing Board said: 'Licensees should by now be aware of the ban and the impact it will have, and they should be preparing for its implementation.'

Noise
'The licensing boards recognise that there is a potential for increased noise levels and litter outside of premises where the ban is in effect and will seek to meet with licensees in due course to discuss the issues.'

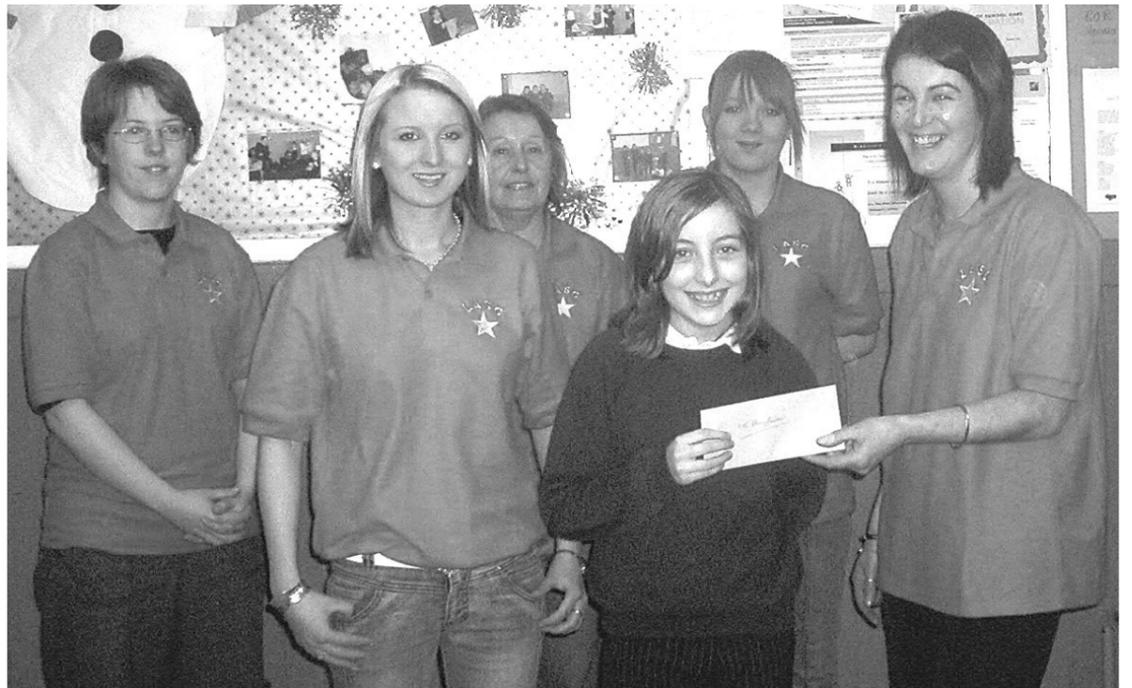
'We would encourage all licensees to start preparing for the ban and to consider how they are going to manage the process.'

A meeting on Monday between board members, police and council officers

from planning and environmental health will consider the impact the ban will have in respect of applications for regular extensions, occasional licenses etc.

Any business likely to be affected by the Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Premises (Scotland) Regulations 2006 can get further information on developing their no smoking policies and ensuring their premises comply with the new requirements by accessing www.cleartheair.scotland.com

In addition, the ban will be enforced by the council's environmental health service, and it is anticipated that staff will be appointed by early March who will also be available to provide advice and guidance to businesses.



Mhairi's logo is pick of the bunch

Lochgilphead After School Club recently ran a competition for children to design a new logo for the club's staff uniforms. All of the children were very creative, coming up with some very good ideas. After much deliberation, Mhairi Davidson was named winner. She is pictured receiving her prize from staff members wearing the new uniforms.

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Film launched at Cairndow seminar

A FILM about the lives of people living in two small communities was launched at a seminar in Cairndow last week.

To See Ourselves as Others See Us: Two Villages looks at how Cairndow and Ballyliffen in Donegal have managed to survive and become what they are today.

The project began in the summer of 2005 when three people from Ballyliffen and three people from Cairndow visited one another.

These visits were to celebrate what they have in common, to explore their differences and to learn from experiences from within each others' communities.

The film, supported by the

Leader+ programme, *Here We Are*, at Cairndow and Innishewen Rural Development Ltd in Donegal, looks at these two areas and their many similarities.

Over 40 people representing various Argyll agencies attended the launch in the Stagecoach Inn last Wednesday (January 18) and it provoked lively discussions and heated workshops on a variety of rural development issues - housing being the foremost.

The evening showing for the local community was equally well attended and it too saw many opinions being exchanged. It is now hoped that the film will be shown to the Scottish Executive.

Oxfam funds raised

OVER the Christmas period, the congregations of Cum-lodden, Lochfyneside and Lochgair had retiring offerings for Oxfam at services held in Furnace, Minard and Lochgair, raising £200.

The money raised will be used in an unusual way, with Oxfam set to use the funds to buy four donkeys, which will be given to poor families in needy areas of Africa or Asia. In poor communi-

ties, donkeys are an important means of carrying goods to and from the market. They can also be used to operate pumps for irrigation and provide free fertiliser.

Earlier in 2005, retiring offerings at services raised £227.55 for the tsunami appeal and £331 for UNICEF for its project to purchase mosquito nets for families in areas where malaria is prevalent.

WRI reports

Tayvallich

MAE MACINNES welcomed members to Tayvallich SWRI's first meeting of the New Year.

A warm welcome was given to Jenny Campbell, who arrived prepared to demonstrate four different traybakes. With all her ingredients and equipment at hand, she gave everyone many tips as she prepared the traybakes for the oven with professional ease.

Once members had shared tea and biscuits, the smells wafting from the kitchen suggested that the baking was ready. A raffle was held, ensuring that many members went home with a sample of Mrs Campbell's baking. Moira Murdoch took the gold prize in the sponge cake competition, ahead of Eileen Black (silver), Mae MacInnes (red) and Lorna MacKellar (red).

Kilmichael

MEMBERS of Kilmichael-Glassary Rural met on Tuesday December 13 at the Horseshoe Inn, Kilmichael, to enjoy an extremely good Christmas meal. A great evening was had by all, ending with community carol singing.

On Tuesday January 10, Jean Blackwood welcomed 14 members, and one new member, Mrs Shuttlewood, to Kilmartin Church Hall.

This was very much a 'hands on' evening with Jean Blackwood and Jean Campbell showing the members how to make transparent butterflies.

For once, silence reigned, as everyone, with heads down, drew their butterflies and painted them.

While they were drying, tea was provided by Heather Ritchie, Jean Gibb and Ginny Crawford.

After tea, the butterflies were painstakingly cut out and 'the Jeans' showed members how to fold and display them to advantage.

The competitions were judged by the rural's newly-appointed honorary members to the Argyll Federation, Jessie Gordon and Creena Mackenzie. The traybake competition was won by Catriona McAuslan, ahead of second-placed Heather Ritchie and third-placed Catherine Smith.

The sewn article competition was won by Jean Blackwood, Catherine Smith finishing second. Betty Rhodick won the dressed doll competition.



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- » Mid Argyll and Kintyre
- » Helensburgh and Lomond
- » Bute and Cowal

We are keen to encourage current tenants of Argyll and Bute Council, who will make-up the majority of these Area Committees, to get involved. However there will also be a number of places on each Area Committee for interested residents over the age of 18 years who are not Council tenants.

Committees will meet every 4-6 weeks - on average 10 times a year. Training will be given to help members play a full role. Committee membership is voluntary and unpaid, but expenses covering travel, subsistence and care costs are paid.

If you are interested, come along to an information session

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Oban, Lorn and Isles	Wed 8th Feb	3pm - 4.30pm	Regent Hotel, Oban

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend and would like further information, please contact:
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Two Lochgair ladies brave the cold sea in a chilly charity challenge

Two women from Lochgair took part in a charity swim in the North Sea last month.

Emily and Gillian Green joined Mike Rivington in the World Swim for Malaria. Their swim in the North Sea off Aberdeen raised more than £300, thank to the generosity of the people of Mid Argyll. Every day, 3,000 children die from Malaria. By supplying mosquito nets, these figures can be greatly reduced. Pictured, left to right, are Mike, Emily and Gillian. N/A

Lochgilphead Rotary Club continues to serve the community

ALL 36 members and honorary members of Lochgilphead Rotary Club recently received a New Year letter from president Roddy MacLeod summarising current activity and future plans.

It is clear that the Rotary Club in Lochgilphead is continuing to serve the local and national community, as it has done since its foundation.

Whilst fundraising is only one aspect of the Rotary activities, it is worthy of note that the club has been supporting local and international causes. For example, last year the club contributed £1,000 to the Tsunami Appeal, organised at district level.

Similarly, £900 was sent to the Pakistan Earthquake Appeal by members. The carol concert in December, so well supported by leading local musical groups, raised more than £200 for Dogs for the Deaf. Finally,

the Christmas bazaar and fayre did even better in 2005, bringing in a net total of £1,800.

To further publicise the club's work, it is proposed to hold an open meeting in May, with the aim of spreading more information about the Rotary movement locally and encouraging new members to join.

Tom Buckle from Skipness has recently joined the club, whilst a most welcome new addition arrived in Mid Argyll when Julie Wilson from Tayvallich gave birth to a bonny baby daughter.

Roddy MacLeod also noted in his letter that the club had suffered a sad loss in the passing of former president Allan Patterson.

The current pattern of alternate lunchtime and evening meetings in the Argyll Arms, Ardrishaig, has given rise to many interesting talks and engaging discussions, with members in

turn responsible for finding a speaker. Tonight (Friday January 27) the club's Burns' Supper will be held in the Cairnbaan Hotel.

Early this year, a sequence of officers and prospective presidents was put in place for the coming years, with Bill Hanbury taking over from Roddy MacLeod later this year and Ian Davidson moving up to vice president.

Members are well aware of the sterling work put in by secretary Jim Kirk and treasurer Colin Campbell, both of whom have agreed to continue in their posts.

The club is very pleased to announce that John Frame, who is in his final year at Lochgilphead High School, has been named as a Euroscholar.

John will be embarking on a Rotary-funded visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg from February 4 until February 8, after which he will report back to members.

Tell people about your events through our pages

James McCorkindale School of Highland Dancing

Enrolment of New Beginners

5yrs and over

6.00pm

Thursday 2nd February
St Kieran's Hall, Kirk Street



Author finds inspiration for new novel in Tarbert

TARBERT has been the inspiration for many paintings, drawings and photographs over the years, but the village will soon be immortalised in the pages of a novel.

Scottish author Kate Muir, who regularly holidays in Mid Argyll and Kintyre, has revealed that her next novel will be set in a Scottish port town in the 1970s.

Muir, a Glasgow-born journalist who has also worked in London, New York, Paris and Washington, discussing the ideas for the book, is reported to have said: 'I don't

quite know what it is going to be but it will be a lot grittier and grottier [than newly-released novel *Left Bank*] and about a Scottish port town in the 1970s. It is much more about the working-class community and a boy growing up there and going off to London. So, it is in that kind of landscape, Loch Fyne, West Loch, that kind of area. Actually, I thought of calling it *West Coast* after *Left Bank*, but I don't know yet.' Kate's latest novel *Left Bank*, set in Paris, was released earlier this month.

'a pair of star cross'd lovers take their life'

Romeo & Juliet

Campbeltown Grammar School presents
A Kintyre Youth Theatre Production of *Romeo & Juliet* by William Shakespeare
Campbeltown Grammar School
Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 February at 7.30pm
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Just Like Heaven (PG)
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CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG)
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Monday 6th February (ONE NIGHT ONLY)

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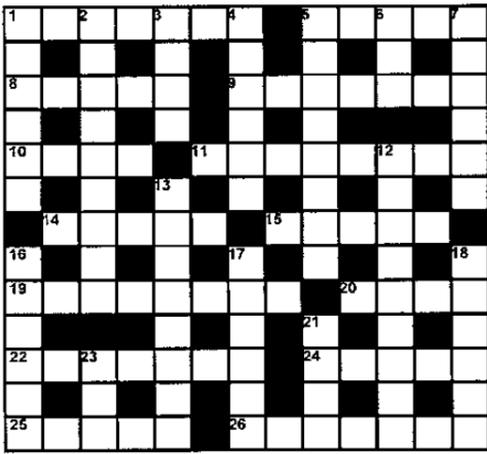
Just Like Heaven (PG)

Starring: Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo.

Elizabeth Masterson (Witherspoon) is a dedicated, workaholic doctor who is way too busy for a life. One night, she gets into a horrible car accident and becomes a spirit stuck between heaven and earth. She doesn't know she's dead and thinks nothing has happened until she meets David Abbot (Ruffalo), a lonely architect, who rents her old apartment. David thinks he's crazy by seeing Elizabeth's spirit and tries everything to get rid of her, but she just won't go away. Although the two are complete opposites they somehow may just form a relationship.

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THE THINKER

ACROSS

- 1 Push down some of the French media (7)
- 5 Mineral spring in a country (5)
- 8 Top place for some matt icing (5)
- 9 Old soldier cared, to be precise (7)
- 10 In snowstorm he has it (4)
- 11 He came before star once in a show (8)
- 14 Overdo it, being stupid (5)
- 15 Borrowed cash, we're told, all by himself (5)
- 19 Big friend, Italian, not in for promotion (8)
- 20 Needing a suntan, mate goes east (4)
- 22 Quality gold for the double-crosser (7)
- 24 Palm off nothing in hand (5)
- 25 Drug to repair and alter (5)
- 26 Get back into the middle of funeral procession (7)

DOWN

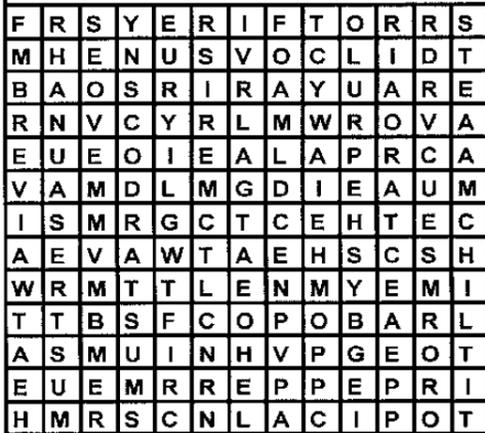
- 1 Take too long with legendary monster (6)
- 2 Possible plan to tie together (9)
- 3 Instruct all but the first? No, every one (4)
- 4 Get less from mental health practitioner (6)
- 5 All at once, Dudley's gone touring round north (8)
- 6 These days nothing but a fuss (3)
- 7 Tea urn brew creates character (6)
- 12 Tatt even I disposed of, being cautious (9)
- 13 Annoyed, I get data re-evaluated (8)
- 16 He's apt to dissect part of the flower (6)
- 17 Stuff if crab is to be cooked (6)
- 18 About to follow small change of heart (6)
- 21 Airmen return from a distant place (4)
- 23 Get on, in a general sense (3)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1.Sampled 4.Floss 7.Rice 8.Accurate
10.Programmer 12.Short and sweet 14.Antagonist
18.Landslip 19.Bear 20.Witty 21.Sceptre
DOWN: 1.Strap 2.Microdot 3.Documentaries 4.Fluke
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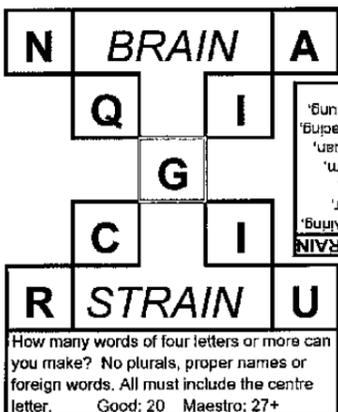
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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Hot stuff: Curry, Mustard, Heatwave, Desert, Chilli, Lava, Pepper, Oven, Ember, Sauna, Magma, Match, Burn, Torrid, Tropical, Volcano, Steam, Sun, Fire, Geyser

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ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
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Golf club serves up charity coffees

Lochgilphead Golf Club recently held a coffee morning and golf competition, the proceeds from which were donated to Robin House at Balloch. Jenny MacAulay (right) is pictured handing over the £400 cheque.

An in-depth look at Argyll 100 years ago

A MAN with strong Campbeltown connections has written an in-depth account of what happened in Argyll when the area's social and agricultural order was overturned by the landowners between 1730 and 1850.

In this wonderful book, *1730-1850 Argyll*, Robert McGeachy describes what happened when the Campbells turned their back on clanship and took on a capitalist approach to how their estates were run.

Robert, whose mother Margaret (nee Albin) and father, also Robert, were brought up in Campbeltown, also looks at other issues, such as mining and quarrying, which have made Argyll a completely different place compared to what it was 100 years ago.

Robert spent much of his childhood in Kintyre but now lives in Edinburgh. His parents live in Dunoon.

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Romance in *Romeo and Juliet*

FAIR Verona comes to Campbeltown next month when Campbeltown Grammar School, in association with Argyll and Bute Council and the Scottish Arts Council, presents the Kintyre Youth Theatre in three performance's of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Kintyre Youth Theatre was formed as an extra-curricular activity at the school and has proved hugely popular with the young people involved.

Numbers are steadily increasing and some members are now auditioning for places at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and

Drama (RSAMD) in Glasgow and Queen Margaret's in Edinburgh.

Youth Theatre director Ray Cameron-Goodman has also been appointed to the staff of the school, making drama available as a curricular option.

The production of *Romeo and Juliet* features James Young and Rebekah Holden as the star-crossed lovers, supported by a large cast of pupils as the Montagues and Capulets and all the associated characters.

Though essentially a school production, it has reached out into the community and led to a great

deal of collaboration between local artists and artisans, including choreography by the Footnotes dance company, costume design by Christine Salisbury Hughes, set design and construction by Neil Cross and technical support from Martyn Smith.

The curtain goes up for three performances only at 7.30pm on Wednesday February 8, Thursday February 9 and Friday February 10.

Tickets, priced £3/£2 are available from the grammar school office on 01586 552907 and McMillan's Newsagents in Main Street, Campbeltown.



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WHEELCHAIR USER WINS SPECIALLY CONVERTED RENAULT KANGOO IN GOWRINGS MOBILITY 'SEIZE THE DAY' COMPETITION

Paul Smith, a wheelchair user from Coleshill near Birmingham, received a great 35th birthday present last month when his mother won a specially adapted, wheelchair accessible Renault Kangoo in Gowrings Mobility's 'Seize the Day' competition. Paul's mother, Mrs Valerie Goode from Kettering, entered Gowrings Mobility's 40th anniversary 'Seize the Day' fundraising competition purely out of charitable goodwill, but was thrilled to actually win one of the three wheelchair accessible vehicle prizes given away throughout the year. Mrs Goode commented, "I've only ever won a bottle of wine in a raffle so I'm utterly amazed! Paul lives in a residential care home so when we visit him each week, we either have to just go for a walk, or we need to plan ahead and book the home's minibus. I always used to feel bad, as it would deprive someone else at the home. Paul loves going out - he's a very sociable person. Having our own car means we can take him out so much more, and we can also be more impulsive. Thanks to the car, his life will become more interesting. It's the best birthday gift ever!" Last month, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson handed over the keys to the special edition Renault Kangoo in Anniversary Gold at the Frost Fair at Warwick Castle, where Gowrings Mobility had also commissioned an ice sculpture of a Renault Kangoo in keeping with the winter theme of the event.



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Backed by Paralympic athlete and gold medalist, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, the 'Seize the Day' competition has been instrumental in raising awareness of adapted vehicles for wheelchair users and raising money for several deserving charities: The Disabled Drivers' Association & Disabled Drivers' Motor Club; Leonard Cheshire; MS Society and Whizz-Kidz. Linda Ling, Managing Director of Gowrings Mobility said, "Many thousands of people have entered our 'Seize the Day' competition and it has been my delight and privilege to give away Gowrings Mobility cars to three very deserving winners. Over the year of our grass-roots campaign we have been inundated with enquiries for our mobility products. This just shows how much people need information about the products that can help them improve their lifestyle and make the most of every moment."

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RIGHT: *Rory the Retriever* having a sleep on the boat next to ours by Irene Boyd, Nicolson Court, Stepps.



Relaxing off Minard Island by John W McNulty, Victoria Park, Minard.



A Peaceful Winter Scene by Archie Crawford, Fernoch Drive, Lochgilphead.



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LEFT:
Crinan Harbour from Hill by Clive Bowd, Finish Houses, Ford.



Claonaig in December by Fiona Buckle, The Old Manse, Skipness.



RIGHT:
Rockpool Crab Machrihanish by Sheena Robertson, North Shore Street, Campbeltown.



Machrihanish Beach by Bob Goodman, Dell Road, Campbeltown.

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boarding facilities and Prep School. Plans are now underway to build a new swimming pool.

First and foremost however Kilgraston is a place of learning and last year the school celebrated for the first time its position as joint number two in the Scottish League Tables, with 58% of pupils achieving grade A Highers, 79% A-B grade results and 100% Advanced Higher A - C grades, an overall achievement that was only bettered only by Glasgow High School and equalled by Hutcheson's Grammar School. The school not only provides a sound education to all of its pupils but also encourages strengths of individuals, giving comfort, support and friendship to the girls whenever it is needed and recognises and

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hall and fitness room.

There is also a thriving outdoor education curriculum with many girls each year achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Gold award. The school has also a dedicated Director of Weekend and Outdoor Activities whose ensures that all of the girls are fully able benefit from a wide range of additional extra activities such as white water rafting, rock climbing, kayaking and abseiling.

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Strathallan is already one of the best resourced schools in the country with all its Boarding accommodation of modern design and build, and recent developments of the Art Department, Design Technology Centre, Biology and Chemistry Laboratories, Fitness Room, Tennis Courts and Netball Courts. During the next year, a new Computing Department will be built and there will be a major refurbishment of the Dining facilities to ensure that these facilities also are of the highest standard. Computing is a subject which is taken by all pupils at Certificate level up until the age of 16 and it is a particular feature of the curriculum.

The stated aim of Strathallan School is to provide opportunities



Discussion time at Strathallan

for all to excel and the range of scholarships available reflects the school's intention to encourage those with outstanding ability in one of a number of different areas. Scholarship exams are being held in February for children aged 10, 11 or 12 and in March for pupils up to the age of 14.

Strathallan is one of Scotland's leading independent boarding and day schools. The academic programme is central to life at the school, and it has maintained its position as one of the leading establishments in the country for academic achievement.

The School aims to provide such a range of academic work, games and activities that there is an opportunity for everyone to excel at something.

Prospective pupils are always welcome to make an appointment to look around the School and to meet key staff who would be involved in their pastoral care, the classroom and the extra curricular programme.

Please telephone 01738 812546 to make an appointment.

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Strathallan is one of Scotland's leading independent boarding and day schools, for boys and girls aged 10 to 18. The school is located on a beautiful 150-acre campus just a few miles outside Perth.



To appreciate fully all that Strathallan has to offer, we invite you to come and have a look for yourself - and catch a glimpse of your child's future.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

THE ADMISSIONS SECRETARY, STRATHALLAN SCHOOL,
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Health Department



Greater Glasgow NHS Board and Highland NHS Board: Non-Executive Member Positions

Following the decision to dissolve the Argyll & Clyde NHS Board and transfer responsibility for the delivery of health and healthcare services to Greater Glasgow and Highland NHS Boards, Scottish Ministers wish to increase each Board's executive complement. Both boards wish to appoint three (3) Non-Executive members. An NHS Board is a board of governance, which has responsibility for issues such as health improvement, strategic planning and resource allocation. The role involves:

- assisting the Chair, Chief Executive and other Board members in tackling a wide range of demanding responsibilities, balancing national policies and local needs;
- supporting Executives in their leadership of healthcare delivery while monitoring performance;
- maintaining a focus on strategy and performance, but not being distracted by detail; and
- the capacity to Chair working groups or Committees of the Board.

Successful candidates will:

- have an interest in public service and a commitment to the NHS;
- be able to think and plan ahead and the ability to evaluate complex issues and weigh up conflicting opinions;
- have a thorough understanding of strategic planning and resource management, underpinned by strong financial skills gained in the public or private sector;
- be able to motivate and enthuse others; and
- be confident but balanced commentators, able to work constructively in a team or committee environment.

You must be able to make a firm commitment to spend around 8 hours per week on Board business, occasionally during the evenings and weekends, while also demonstrating an adequate degree of flexibility to attend at a greater frequency subject to the Board's ongoing business needs. The appointments will be for up to 4 years and may be renewed subject to satisfactory performance. These positions are not pensionable, but as well as an annual remuneration of £7,490 you will also receive reimbursement for all reasonable travel and receipted childcare or carer expenses incurred whilst undertaking Board duties. Further information about the frequency and location of Board meetings and the geographic split of the Argyll & Clyde health and health care services are provided in the application pack, which is available from the Contact Centre.

It is expected that interviews will be held during late March/April 2006 in Glasgow or Inverness.

The Scottish Executive is committed to appointing a diverse range of public appointees, reflecting the best of contemporary Scotland and to the principle of public appointments on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. We guarantee an interview to anyone with a disability/health problem that affects the work they can do and whose application meets all the essential criteria for the appointment. For more information about Public Appointments and other vacancies visit the Scottish Executive's website at www.scotland.gov.uk/government/publicbodies/

To be considered for these appointments the application form contained within the information pack must be completed. For an information pack please see contact details below. You should provide your name, address and the vacancy you are interested in.

Public Appointments, PO Box 7332, Glasgow G51 2ZA.

Telephone: 0870 240 1818.

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Employing people

31st January 2006 Corran Halls, Oban

7th February 2006 Queens Hall, Dunoon

15th February 2006 Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown

Introduction to equality

22nd February Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead

To book your place please contact:

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise 01546 602281

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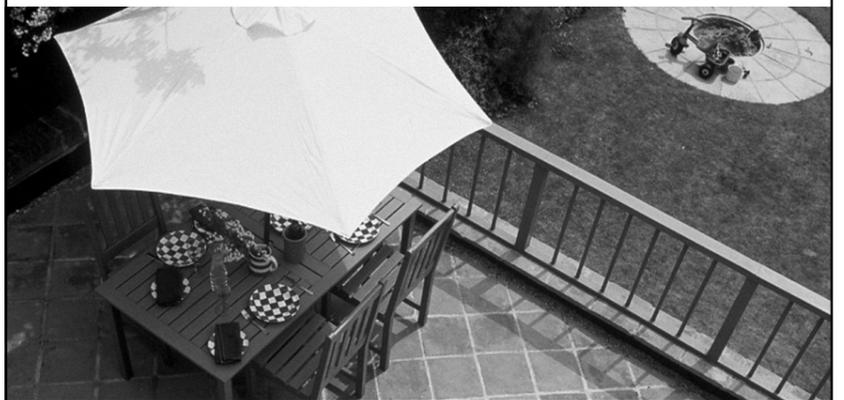
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For further information and an application pack, quoting reference **2006-07** (for Senior Adviser) or **2006-11** (for Senior Project Manager) please contact: Audrey Cameron, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Cowan House, Inverness Retail and Business Park, Inverness IV2 7GE. Tel : 01463 244289 Fax : 01463 244455 E-mail : recruitment@hient.co.uk

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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, RELATED LEGISLATION PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at the location given below. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to the undersigned within 14 or 21 days of the appearance of this notice, whichever is applicable as indicated below. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- Ref No: 06/00046/OUT
Applicant: Stuart Merlyn Edwards
Proposal: Proposed erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Craignish Lodge Craignish Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8QS
Location of Plans: Area Office Lochgilphead
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
 - Ref No: 05/02601/DET
Applicant: Mr David Wilkie
Proposal: Formation of new yacht storage and car parking areas
Site Address: Ardfern Yacht Centre Ardfern Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8QN
Location of Plans: Area Office Lochgilphead
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
 - Ref No: 06/00066/OUT
Applicant: Mr G. Black
Proposal: Erection of a dwelling house
Site Address: Land Adjacent To Achmaglach Cottage Campbeltown Road Tarbert Argyll PA29 6SX
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W. 1 South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery on Friday 3rd February 2006 at 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Council Offices, Dell Road, Campbeltown.
Councillor Alistair McKinlay (E.W. 2 Campbeltown Central) will be holding a surgery on Friday 3rd February 2006 at 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Council Offices, Dell Road, Campbeltown.



British Waterways Scotland

Road Closure Notification

A83 Ardrishaig Swing Bridge 10pm - 6am
Due to essential maintenance works the above will be closed to all traffic as detailed below:-

- February** - Tues 7th, Wed 8th, Thurs 9th, Fri 10th
- March** - Fri 10th, Sat 11th
- March** - Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th
- March** - Tues 28th, Wed 29th
- March** - Thurs 30th, Fri 31st
- April** - Tues 4th, Wed 5th, Thurs 6th, Fri 7th, Sat 8th
- April** - Tues 11th, Wed 12th, Thurs 13th

Should further information be required please contact Alasdair Hamilton, British Waterways Crinan Canal Office, Pier Square, Argyll PA30 8DZ
Tel 07717 691 372

COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949 APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTS COURT AT TAYVALLICH BAY

Notice is hereby given that Mr Todd has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Executive, under section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as Amended by the section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out construction of sports court at the above location in the position(s):

Description	Latitude	Longitude
Sports Court	56 01.38N	05 37.44W

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Tayvallich Post Office.

Objections relating to safety of navigation, in respect of the application should be made to:

Ports and Harbours Branch, The Scottish Executive, Transport Division 4, area 2F North, Mailpoint 2B, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ within days of the date of this notice quoting reference: 2SPC\1\4\50

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INVERARAY GOLF CLUB

AGM

George Hotel, Inveraray
Thursday 23rd February 2006
8pm

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Edward MacCallum & Partners trading as Messrs E MacCallum of Craig View, Peninver, By Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6QP is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To keep an extra 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer at the operating centre at Peninver Sands Car Park (Southern End), Peninver Sands Holiday Park, Peninver, By Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6QP.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Scottish Traffic Area, J Floor, Argyle House, 3 Lady Lawson Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9SE stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

RNLI

Mid Argyll (Ardrishaig)

AGM

on Monday 6th February at 7.30pm to be held at: 'Stroma', Glengilp Road Ardrishaig

Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in **Campbeltown Grammar School**

Thursday 16th February 2006 at 7.00 pm

Tarbert and Skipness Community Council

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election of Community Councillors

1. Elections are to be held for the return of two Community Councillors for Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.
2. Nomination papers must be lodged with the secretary before 4pm on Friday 17 February 2006.
3. Forms of nomination may be obtained from the Secretary by telephoning 01880 820 430.
4. The Community Council will announce the details of the election as soon as possible after 17 February 2006, if more than two nominations are received.

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Thanks to my clients throughout Kintyre, my business has thrived and I now employ two fully qualified Beauty Therapists, Laura Stacey and Jeannine Douglas. We offer a wide variety of treatments in a happy relaxed atmosphere.

Nickel 'n' Dime



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Nicola Hamilton Photography

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'Customers can design their own sheds or workshops, and my son Frank and I will build them to the customers' exact specifications,' said Frank.

'We can build small things like rabbit hutches and dog kennels up to Wendy houses and garages. We also build picnic tables and other garden furniture, all to the customer's exact requirements.'

Besides their work hand-crafting sheds and garages, the Penmans have also recently become agents for Swedish log cabins, a line that has attracted a great deal of interest in recent months.

Frank said: 'The cabins are of a very high standard. When you consider that people nowadays can pay between £15,000 and £40,000 for a static caravan, we can offer a log cabin for the same price or less. They can have lots of different uses, from a stable or a shed to a full-size house or a sauna.'

The Penmans personally deliver all of their sheds to the customer's home, where they then erect them on site.

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As well as building sheds, cabins and furniture, Quarry View is also home to a popular garden centre and a tea room serving hot and cold meals and snacks seven days a week.





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Little Miss Daisy

Little Miss Daisy's is now entering its third year of trading. It's a small business that is run from home by Lorna McKinven. Lorna has 12 years' experience as a qualified florist and it is a job she very much enjoys. To help get the business up and running she had help from The Prince's Trust and Argyll and Islands Enterprise for grants and support over the last two years.

The main part of the business is wedding work; she can provide everything a bride could need flower wise for her very special day, from bride's flowers to church and reception flowers, buttonholes and corsages for guests. She can also do flowers for everyday occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries and other special events; just phone your order through a couple of days in advance and it will be ready for you

on the day. All her flowers are fresh, top quality and delivered straight to her door from the Scottish Flower Market. Then, cut and conditioned in her workshop, they are ready for use.

The workshop is equipped with everything a florist needs. She also has a selection of artificial flowers and vases which can be made into arrangements for your home or for gifts. Lorna has also been on a couple of wedding workshops. There are samples of artificial wedding bouquets which is a good idea to let the bride see different shapes and sizes, there are also plenty of books and photographs to help her make her decision.

Little Miss Daisy already has **eight wedding dates booked this year so far** and hopes business will continue as well as it has over the last two years.



Lorna of Little Miss Daisy has 12 years' experience as a qualified florist



Neil, Campbell, Raymond, Archie and Jamie pictured with their new excavator

AJC Civils

AJC Civils Ltd was formed in June 2004 when Campbell McKellar, James McLean and Archie Mitchell decided to form a company concentrating on ground works and small civil engineering contracts. The company purchased a Volvo BL71 excavator and proceeded to secure contracts from valued customers such as McLeod Construction Ltd, Tulloch Homes and local builders such as McKinven and Colville, Paul Sloan Builders and Duncan McGregor.

During the following 18 months the company has worked on varied contracts including 10 new builds for Tulloch at the Sound Of Kintyre Project providing all brickwork, foundation and drainage work; foundations for the D.P.C Consortium on the Isle of Gigha as well as many projects throughout Argyll for McLeod Construction providing drainage, foundations, road works, block paving and all types of ground-work services. The company renewed its Volvo excavator in September

2005 purchasing the first of its type in Britain and expanded the company by purchasing a 7.5 ton excavator and a mini excavator for smaller jobs, and in the process, hiring three more employees. So for all your needs from drainage, brickwork, concrete, road building, self-build, foundations, tarring, block paving, slabbing etc, pick up the phone and call AJC Civils for a quote now! We also carry out industrial and commercial work as well as private.

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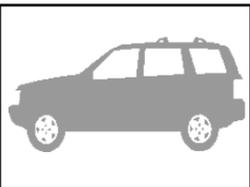
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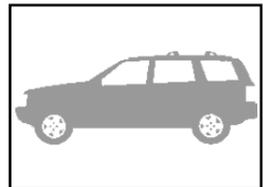


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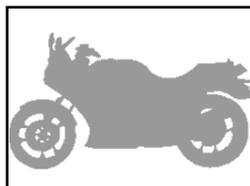


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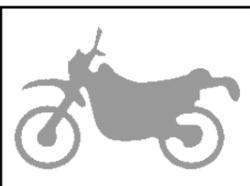
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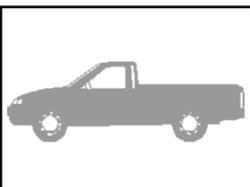


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PERSONALS

Happy 40th Birthday "Pedro"

From Bruv xx

Happy 30th Birthday RAB



Marie Young

would like to thank friends, colleagues and pupils for the lovely flowers, presents and cards received on her recent retiral from Lochgilhead High School.

Happy 65th Birthday DAD



Love Angela, Archie, Stuart, Jane, Fiona, Davie & Grandchildren

Happy 18th Birthday Douglas



Lots of Love From Mum, Linzi & Stuart XXX

Happy 65th Birthday Murdo

Love and kisses Annie xx

Happy 30th Uncle Paul

Love Donna & Craig XX



John MacKenzie

would like to thank family and friends for cards and well wishes during his long stay in hospital. Also many thanks to Dr Phillips and staff at Lochgilhead Surgery and Mid-Argyll Hospital. Thanks also to surgeons, doctors and nurses at Gartnavel General Hospital

Elsie McConnachie

would like to thank family and friends for cards, flowers, and phone calls during her stay in S.G.H. Thanks also to paramedics and staff of Campbeltown Hospital, also all those who helped at Muneroy Stores that morning.

Guess who's 21 on 01/02/06?



Lots of Love Roby

Mary Elder!!!!

Who said you're no spring chicken!!

Love from your mates.



Have a happy birthday & retirement

Text for the week:
'The Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King'
(Jeremiah 10:10).

BIRTH

McCALLUM - Archie and Jane are delighted to announce the birth of their son Murray Clark, on January 21, 2006, at Campbeltown Hospital, a wee brother for Adam. Special thanks to Elspeth, Isabel and Catriona for their excellent care and attention.

ENGAGEMENT

SIMS - HEE - Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of Campbell Sims, son of Margaret and Mike Sims, Ardnacraig Avenue, Campbeltown and Dr Alyson Hee, daughter of Rosy and Thomas Hee, Bedok Ria, Singapore.

DEATHS

BLACK - On January 24, 2006, suddenly at home, Margaret Johnstone Black, in her 76th year, beloved daughter of the late Donald and Margaret Black and much loved sister of Willie and Donald and the late Nan and Mary. Funeral service at Tarbert Parish Church, on Friday January 27, at 1.00 pm, interment thereafter at Tarbert Cemetery, to which all friends are respectfully invited

CAMPBELL - Suddenly at his home, Dalry Ayrshire, on January 14, 2006, John Archiebald (Jay). Beloved husband of Nan Lindsay and youngest son of the late Edward and Belle Campbell. Brother of the late Malcolm and brother of Hughie, 2 Ross Crescent, Saddy missed.

DEWAR - Peacefully, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on January 19, 2006, Dorothy Ray Dewar née Brown, aged 69 years, of 9 Union Terrace, Lochgilphead, beloved wife of Billy, much loved mum of Roslyn and granny of James. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Tuesday, January 24, followed by interment at Kilvaree Cemetery, Ardfern.

McCALLUM - Suddenly at home, 84 Millknowe, Campbeltown, on January 21, 2006, Neil Campbell McCallum, in his 76th year, dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret McPhee, much loved father of Sandra and a loving granda of Donna.

THOMSON - On January 19, 2006, suddenly but peacefully, at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Elizabeth (Betty) Rosetta McCready, beloved wife of Hector Thomson, dear mother of Graeme, Andrew and Suzanne and much loved grandmother of Kristofer, Scott, Shaun and Calum. Funeral service took place at Tarbert Parish Church, on

January 24, 2006, cremation thereafter at Cardross Crematorium.

THOMSON - Peacefully at Ossians Care Home, North Connel, on January 22, 2006, in his 95th year, James Thomson, retired photographer, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, beloved husband of the late Christina and the late Florence and father of Stewart and Christine (Australia), Lorna (America) and Dorothy (Oban). Funeral in Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead on Friday, January 27, 2006 at 1pm.

WILSON - Peacefully, at the Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on January 22, 2006, Marion McIntyre McPhee Gray (Cherry), in her 58th year, Baraskomel Farm, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Robert Wilson, much loved mother of Mhairi, Gavin and Alex and loving grannie of Gregor and Jennifer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAMPBELL - The family of Kenneth Campbell wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for flowers, cards and phone calls. Thanks to Strathclyde Fire & Rescue, to Rev Martin Forrest for his comforting service. Special thanks to Cameron Brownlee, Family Liaison Officer, to Alasdair Blair for efficient service, Argyll Hotel for purvey and to all who paid their last respects at Church and graveside.

GRAHAM - Fiona, Elizabeth and Donald would like to thank all relatives and friends for the support and kindness they have shown towards them following the death of their father, Archie. Special thanks to all medical staff on Gigha, at the Beatson and in Campbeltown Hospital who cared for Archie. Grateful appreciation to Alasdair Blair for a most efficient service, Rev Rosemary Legge for her comforting words, Gigha Hotel for their excellent hospitality and to all those who paid their last respects in the Church and at the graveside. Thanks to the generosity of these people, £484.95 was collected for the Mairi Semple Fund.

MACKAY - The family of the late Lena MacKay would like to thank all relatives and friends for their support and kind tributes. Thanks to all medical staff who tended to Lena during her illness. A special thanks to the staff at Meadow Park for their kindness, to Rev. Lind and Rev. Forrest for their comforting words and to Alasdair Blair for his dignified and professional services.

IN MEMORIAMs

MACMILLAN - In memory of Donald Macmillan who died on the January 28 2005. Much loved husband, dad and grandpa. - Sadly missed.
McARTHUR - Vivienne, died January 29, 2005.

The light has gone that we once knew. When each day we still had you. Your laughter brightened everyday that sadly now has gone away

We with all your many friends vow your memory will never end. - Peggy and John.
McLEAN - Treasured memories of Don, a dear husband, dad and granda, who died January 30, 2001. Loved always - Fay and family.
McLEAN - In loving memory of Don, a dearly loved brother, uncle and friend, who died January 30, 2001. Remembered always - Family at home and away.
McLELLAN - In loving memory of my dear mum, Agnes, who died January 22, 2002, also my dear dad, William, who died July 17, 1979.

A day remembered and silently kept No need for words, we never forget. - Loving Daughter Phemie and family x.
MITCHELL - In loving memory of my dear husband, our dear father, father-in-law and grandpa Jimmy (the butcher) who passed away so suddenly but peacefully on January 29, 1991. Memories are like stars that shine They last until the end of time We think about you every day

And in our hearts you will always stay xxx - Cathie & the family.
ROBERTSON - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Charlie, died January 31, 1988. Loved and remembered today and always. - Anne, Stuart and family.
ROBERTSON - In loving memory of my husband Willie, died January 31, 2002. This day is remembered and quietly kept No words are needed, I will never forget. - Netta xx .
ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dear dad Willie, died January 31, 2002. They say that there is a reason, they say that time will heal. But neither time or reason, will change the way we feel. For no one knows the heartache, that lies beyond our smiles. No one knows how many times, we've broken down and cried. We want to tell you something, so there won't be any doubt. You're so wonderful to think of dad, but so hard to be without. - Ailsa and Gail.
ROBERTSON - In loving memory of our dear grandpa, Willie windows. Those we love don't go away They walk beside us everyday Unseen, unheard, always near So loved, so missed, so very dear. - Jenna and Blair x x

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ROBERTSON - In loving memory of John, died January 24, 2005. Beloved husband of Christine, much loved father of Catriona and Ian, dear father-in-law of Ogilvie and Leandra and a loving grandpa and great grandpa. - Forever in our thoughts.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 29 January 2006
Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.
Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.
Luke 10
The Good Samaritan
PACT
for children of all ages meets in Ardrishaig at 11.00 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR
Sunday 29 January 2006
Cumlodden (Furnace) 10.30 a.m.
Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon
Songs of Praise
Lochgair 6.30 p.m.
Margaret Sinclair (Reader)
All welcome

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 29 January, 2006
Kilmartin10 a.m.
Preacher:
Rev Richard West
All most welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Sunday 29 January 2006
Pastor: Andrew Miles
11 a.m. Morning Service with Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Service Bible Study
Monday 10.30 a.m.
Discipleship Course
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Thursday 10-12.00
Coffee Morning
Friday 10.00-11.30 a.m.
Jumpstart Group

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 29 January 2006
Service 11 a.m.
Rev. Hilda Smith
All Welcome
Tuesday 31 January 2006
Kirk Session Meeting at 7.30 pm

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 29 January 2006
11 a.m.
Worship Service for All Ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: **Stewart McGregor**
Thursday 2 February 2006
7.30 p.m.
Praise, worship and sharing
All welcome
'Come and see'

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 29 January 2006
Tayvallich 11.30 a.m.
Rev. Richard West
Wednesday 1 February 2006
Prayer Meeting 10.30 a.m.
Bellanoch Church
Enquiries: **01546 606926**
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TARBERT LINKED WITH KILBERRY
Sunday 29 January 2006
Tarbert Church 11.30 a.m.
'Where will you be sitting in Eternity? Smoking or Non-Smoking'
Rev. Bill Gray

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Sunday 29 January 2006
9 a.m. Eucharist
11 a.m. Eucharist with Hymns



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
(A Province of the Anglican Communion)
Sunday 29 January 2006
4th Sunday after Epiphany
10.45 a.m. Family Communion
Details of services are on the Church door
Enquiries to
Rev. A. J. Williamson
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Highland Parish Church
Sunday 29 January 2006
11.15 a.m.
Morning Worship
Creche in Church (0-3 years)
Junior Sunday School in Kirk Street Hall
Senior Sunday School at Church
Tuesday 31 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 2 February 2006
7.30 p.m. Kirk Session meeting in Kirk Street Hall
Rev Michael J. Lind
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Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
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Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall
7 p.m. Bible Study
A warm welcome to all

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH CAMPBELTOWN
Saturday 28 January 2006
Youth Club 7-8.30 p.m.
Sunday 29 January 2006
Morning Worship ...11.15 a.m.
Creche, Sunday, School, Bible Class
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday 30 January 2006
The Guild 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 31 January 2006
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45 a.m.
Kirk Session at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 2 February 2006
Choir Practice 7.30 p.m.
Friday 3 February 2006
Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.

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Pony Club members' results

Riding

THE ARGYLL (South) Branch of the Pony Club held its annual general meeting on Wednesday January 11 in the Grey Gull Inn, Ardrishaig.

Covering an area from Campbeltown in the south to Ardfern in the north and from Inveraray to Dunoon, membership of the Pony Club is open to boys and girls under the age of 21. In addition to learning to ride and care for their ponies, members can compete against each other and take part in a wide range of activities.

Anyone interested in joining should contact membership secretary Tracy McCulloch on 01499 302285 for further details and an application form.

The club's winter show jumping league competition was held throughout October, November and December. The final results were:

- Pre-novice**
 1 Maxine Renfrew and Ellie
 2 Kirsty McCallum and

Mario, 3 Fabienne Renfrew and Tigger.

4 Emma Anderson and Bryony.
 5 Debbie Smith and Maverick.

Novice
 1 Colin Sym and Lady Alisa.

2 Kirsty McCallum and Mario.

3 Maxine Renfrew and Ellie.

4 Fabienne Renfrew and Tigger.

5 Emma Anderson and Bryony.

Intermediate
 1 Jenna Samborek and Slipper.

1= Colin Sym and Lady Alisa.

3 Jade Peace and Breeze

4 Christina Ferguson and Jasmine.

5 Lisa Capocci and Jack of Diamonds.

6 Alison Campbell and Honey.

Open
 1 Jade Peace and Breeze.

2 Jenna Samborek and Slipper.

3 Lisa Capocci and Jack of Diamonds.

4 Christina Ferguson and Jasmine.

5 Alison Campbell and Honey.

The results from the Argyll Riding Club and Scottish Endurance Riding Club members' classes were:

Pre-Novice
 1 Kirsteen MacDougall and Melanie.

2 Fiona McGregor and Melanie.

Novice
 1 Fiona McGregor and Melanie.

2= Jenny Ironside and Honey.

2= Jane Renfrew and Big.

4 Jenny Ironside and Arra.

Intermediate
 1= Jenny Ironside and Honey.

1= Jane Renfrew and Big.

1= Antonia Stewart and Libby.

4 Jenny Ironside and Arra

The club will begin its winter dressage and equitation jumping league on January 29.

The competition is open to members of Pony Club, Argyll Riding Club and the Scottish Endurance Riding Club. For further details contact district commissioner Marina MacArthur on 01546 602080.

Make a splash at Mid Argyll Swimming Pool swimathon

Swimming

MID ARGYLL Swimming Pool in Lochgilhead is encouraging people to sign up for the 2006 Swimathon.

Taking place between March 23 and March 26, the Swimathon aims to raise £2 million for children's charity NCH.

Deborah Muir, manager at Mid Argyll Swimming Pool, said: 'We are absolutely thrilled to be holding Swimathon 2006 at our pool and encourage everyone in the local community to get involved.'

'Whether you're aiming to break a record, fulfil a personal challenge or bringing the family down for a fun day out, by signing up for one of our Swimathon 2006 sessions, you can help us raise funds for NCH while getting fit and having fun at the same time.'

Eighty per cent of all money raised by Swimathon 2006 will go directly to NCH, with the remaining 20 per cent distributed by the Swimathon Foundation, which provides



Mid Argyll Swimming Pool employees Ross Dickie and Deborah Muir launch the new membership drive. a04swm01

funding for smaller, local charities and other not-for-profit organisations that benefit the health and well-being of people in the UK.

The pool is also beginning a new membership scheme. Packages are available on a monthly or annual basis, with huge savings to be made on the price of a standard swim

session. Monthly membership is available to adults for £13, or £25 for couples. Concession and junior monthly membership costs £8. Annual membership will cost £130 for adults or £250 for couples. Concessionary and junior annual membership costs £70. For more information on Swimathon 2006, visit

www.swimathon.org, call 0845 367 0036 or pick up a form from Mid Argyll Swimming Pool. Membership forms are also available at the pool.

No winners from Inveraray Shinty Club lottery draw

Lottery

THERE were no winners from Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday January 23, when the numbers drawn were 12, 13 and 15.

As a result, the jackpot for the draw on Monday January 30 will be £800.

Tarbert lotto

Lottery

THE WINNING numbers from Tarbert AFC's lotto draw on Monday January 23 were 3, 11 and 20. As there were no winning tickets, the jackpot for the draw on Monday January 30 will be £300.

Mhairi wins £600 jackpot

Lottery

MHAIRI McFarlane was the lucky winner from Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday January 23, taking home the £600 jackpot. The numbers drawn were 2, 7 and 12.

The jackpot for the draw on Monday January 30 will be £100.

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT
WIN £250

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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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Flood forces Tarbert cancellation

Football

TARBERT AFC's SAFL Division Two match with Eaglesham 'B' on Saturday January 21 was called off on the Friday evening due to the pitch being flooded.

Tomorrow (Saturday January 28) Tarbert are at home to Millerston Thistle. Kick-off at Cil Andreis is at 2pm.

Inveraray shinty training

Shinty

TRAINING for Inveraray Shinty Club's first and second team players starts on Tuesday January 31. All players are requested to attend.

Red Star seeking new manager



Red Star manager Michael Todd, who is standing down at the end of this season

Football

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star take on East Kilbride YM tomorrow (Saturday January 28) at Ropework Park. Kick-off is at 2pm. The match will be refereed by John Scott from Oban.

The club is seeking a new manager to take charge of the

side from season 2006/2007 onwards. All applicants will be considered for post. For more details, contact Lorraine Campbell, 8 Brae Road, Ardrishaig. The closing date is Tuesday February 28.

Red Star are holding a coffee morning tomorrow from 10am in the Baptist Church, Lochgilphead.

Capocci turns up the heat

Golf

ERIC Capocci turned up the heat for his fellow competitors in Lochgilphead Golf Club's winter league last week, scoring a perfect level par front nine, despite playing to some new pin positions.

His opening half yielded a birdie at the fourth and five pars, which he followed on the homeward leg with seven further pars and a sensational two at the difficult 12th hole. As a result, he climbed three places on the leaderboard and gave the top three reason to be wary. Donald Johnson eased through to the semi-final of the singles competition, courtesy of a level par nett round. A birdie at his second joined six pars on his scorecard, and Donald's two handicap made another birdie and six pars all the more special on the back nine.

Robbie Wilson moved up two places by dropping only one stroke nett. Fourteen pars from his day tells its own story, and Robbie will undoubtedly be one to watch in the finals.

Iain MacInnes shot 20 points on his inward nine and also hit a fine birdie two at the third. Kenneth MacAulay scored six threes, including a birdie at the tricky eighth. Tommy Angus birdied the 13th and 16th, his five points taking him back to the top of the leaderboard with a three-point cushion.

Seventh on the day was John Downie, who shot nine fours and three threes along the way. Iain McGlynn hit some great shots and enjoyed the company of guest Iain McLeod, who had a great outward nine that ended only one over par.

Keith Cowan moved further up the standings, scoring four

or better on nine holes. The day's last point went to Ross Sinclair, who had an epic singles match with wily Tom Campbell, requiring an extra hole for Ross to finish victorious. Despite this epic confrontation on Saturday, Ross was on good form on Sunday, producing a birdie at the eighth and three further threes.

The nearest the pin prize at the seventh was won by Tommy Angus with 16 inches, Iain McGlynn closest at the ninth with nine feet eight inches.

Changes on the course have seen the tee at the 18th moved back, with the winter green on a fierce slope. The left side is flanked by marsh, with out

of bounds down the right. Tall trees also sprout out of the burn, awaiting an errant drive. Nonetheless, Donald McMillan reduced the hole to two shots for four points, going home happy as a result.

Week 15	overall
1 E Capocci	fifth
2 D Johnson	second
3 R Wilson	fourth
4 I MacInnes	eighth
5 K MacAulay	11th
6 T Angus	first
7 J Downie	17th
8 I McGlynn	19th
9 K Cowan	14th
10 R Sinclair	sixth



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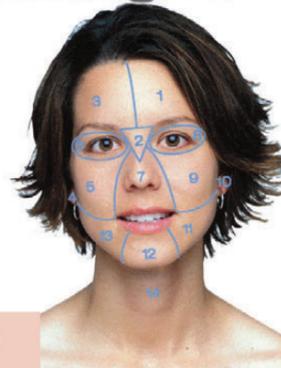
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