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circuit



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on new  
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carer's centre  
well underway

## More A83 delays at Ardrishaig

ONLY a few weeks after roadworks at Minard caused problems for drivers using the A83 at night, motorists travelling through Ardrishaig on the same road are set to face delays and detours.

British Waterways Scotland, which is carrying out a restoration programme on the Crinan Canal, is to close Ardrishaig Swing Bridge overnight on 20 days between now and mid April.

The bridge will be closed to all traffic between 10pm and 6am on February 7, 8, 9 and 10; March 10, 11, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31; and April 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13.

A short diversion through Ardrishaig will be put in place for light vehicles, whilst emergency vehicles will be able to use the bridge if necessary. Heavier vehicles will be unable to pass through Ardrishaig during the closures.

A spokesman for British Waterways said: 'We have spoken to haulage contractors and those organisations

## Swing bridge to close between now and April

which operate heavy goods vehicles to ensure that everyone is kept up to speed with what's happening.'

Commenting on the refurbishment and the road closures, Robert Jackson, project manager at British Waterways, said: 'A full refurbishment programme is being undertaken to ensure that the bridge continues to operate effectively in the future.'

'We will make every effort to keep the disruption to a minimum and we would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience the works may cause to road users.'

The road closures will be arranged through BEAR Scotland and Transport

Scotland, and advance warning notices and signs will be installed to keep bridge users informed as the restoration programme progresses.

Work to be undertaken during the restoration includes structural repairs to the bridge, an upgrade of its operating equipment and a full repaint. Road surfacing work will also take place on the approach road and the bridge deck itself.

The disruptions come in the wake of overnight closures on the A83 at Minard in October, which saw motorists travelling towards Inveraray and Glasgow facing a two-hour detour via Oban while BEAR Scotland carried out resurfacing works.

## Vicious attack in Colchester Square

IN THE early hours of Sunday (January 29), police report that two men were viciously assaulted in what they are calling an unprovoked attack in Colchester Square, Lochgilphead.

One man sustained serious injuries as a result of the attack.

Lochgilphead police would be very grateful to hear from anyone with information

on the attack, or anyone who witnessed the incident. Please telephone the station on 01546 70 2200.

In a separate incident in Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead, on Saturday night (January 28) when a 21-year-old man and a 20-year-old man were arrested. Both have been reported to the procurator fiscal for alleged assault and an alleged breach of the peace.

## Coulter's Candy just dandy at primary school



Lochgilphead Primary School held a Scots afternoon in the school hall on Tuesday January 31. Children and staff were entertained by a series of poems, songs and dancing, including a rendition of *Coulter's Candy* by primary one pupils and Gaelic songs from primary six pupils. Pictured are the dancers who performed the *Maids o' Currie* reel. a051ps01

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# Donnie calls his last orders in The Comm

ONE of Lochgilphead's oldest and best-loved pubs has changed hands.

Donnie and Maureen Mackintosh have sold The Comm in Lochnell Street after 22 years. Donnie bought the pub from Mrs Margaret MacKenzie in October 1984. Since then, he said he has had 'lots and lots of laughs and a lot of hard work as well'.

Regulars said goodbye to the couple at a party on Saturday night, where in typical Comm style there was plenty of good craic and good food.

The Argyllshire Advertiser asked Donnie if he had any interesting stories from his time in the pub,

to which he answered: 'Too many and none you could print!'

He said: 'I would like to say thank you to my long-suffering loyal staff. Davey Selfridge has been with us for 20 years, Mary Selfridge has been here for 15 years and Donnie (Dha) MacIntyre, four or five years.'

The Comm was transformed in 1945 or 46 and has remained untouched since. Everything is of the time. It is described as a gem by The CAMRA National Inventory of Pub Interiors of Outstanding Historic Interest. An excerpt from the inventory says: 'Things to look out for are

the original mirrors, the glass between the bar and the smoke room, a drop-down table in the bar and the inscription on the glass over the bar gantry.'

Before the war, The Comm had a history as a droving inn. Farmers driving their cattle to markets in Stirling and Perth, used to make it a regular stopping place. The cattle were put on the front green while the drovers washed down the dust of travel. In those times The Comm stood as a building on its own with only fields around it.

New owners, Stephen and Karen Ellis from Livingstone, were due to take over The Comm this week.



Donnie and Maureen Mackintosh said goodbye to their regulars at a party in The Comm on Saturday night. The couple have sold the pub to Stephen and Karen Ellis from Livingstone, who were due to take over this week. a05com01

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## Council rents to go up

DESPITE the impending transfer of council housing stock to a new community housing association, Argyll and Bute Council has set the increase in rents for the next year.

The average rent will go up from April 1 by an average £1.66 or 3.5 per cent, which is equivalent to the rate of inflation plus one per cent.

The increase will range from £1.46 for a one/two-bedroom home to £1.96 for a five-bedroom home, which equates to between £43.14 a week to £57.84 a week.

Argyll and Bute Council has a duty to set the rent increases because Argyll Community Housing Association is not scheduled to take over the council housing stock until at least July.

Meanwhile the rental income still has to be used to funding staffing, property, supplies and service costs as well as repaying the housing debt, which will ultimately be wiped off by the Scottish Executive when the stock is transferred.

## Police Files

### Beer theft

FOLLOWING the alleged theft of two cases of beer from Victoria Wine, Lorne Street, Lochgilhead, a 25-year-old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal for allegedly resisting arrest and an alleged breach of the peace.

### Free bus pass

MID ARGYLL's over 60s and disabled people have been urged to take advantage of free Scotland-wide bus travel, which comes into effect from April 1.

Strathclyde Passenger Transport's existing concessionary travel card holders are being contacted by post to advise how to apply for their new Scottish Citizen's Voluntary Entitlement Card.

# Dochas carer's centre almost complete

WORK on the Dochas Fund's new gallery building and carers' centre is well under way, with the foundations laid for a venture to help all carers in Mid Argyll.

Much of the money needed to build the gallery and carer's centre on the site of the charity's old building on Campbell Street, Loch-

gilhead, was donated by members of the public and carers' through the 'buy a brick' appeal.

Catherine Paterson of the Dochas Fund said: 'To everyone who saved their small change, we say a huge thank you.'

'We've got the bricks, but, as any new homeowner knows, there are lots of finishing touches needed to make a house a home. We need your help to fill another gap, that of staffing the gallery, maintaining the Garden of Hope, becoming a counsellor or helping with fundraising events.'

'We need lots of people who can spare a few hours a week, a month or just occasionally to help us. All our volunteers will be offered training for their role. Please consider what you have that can help others. Time is one of the most precious gifts to offer.'

Although the Dochas gallery and carers' centre will be used primarily by the Dochas Fund, which offers support and advice to those suffering from Motor Neu-

ron Disease and Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Catherine is also keen to see other groups using the new building.

She said: 'The new Dochas gallery and carers' centre will reflect just how much the local community cares. By giving so generously, people have given us the confidence to extend our work to offer support to all carers in the area. We also want to extend an invitation to other support groups to use our building to support their members.'

For more information on the Dochas Fund and its new building, call Catherine Paterson on 01546 603672 or email enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk.



The Dochas Fund's Catherine Paterson (centre), Russell Cameron and Karen McCurry of Mid Argyll ARMS Centre cast their eyes over the building work at the Dochas Fund's new gallery building. a05doc01

## Ardrishaig woman's anger over otter's death

AN ARDRISHAIG woman has hit out at drivers who left an otter to die on the A83 trunk road.

Sally Stevens was travelling home from work at the Argyll and Bute Hospital in Lochgilhead on Friday January 20 when she saw the otter lying on the road near Ardrishaig Bowling Club.

As she watched, two cars drove over the otter and continued on their journeys.

Speaking to *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, Sally said: 'The otter had obviously already been hit by the time I saw it, so it was run over three separate times.'

'None of the cars that hit it stopped, they all just kept on driving.'

After seeing the cars hit the otter, Sally pulled over. 'I picked the otter up and put it at the side of the road. The next day, I went back and put the dead otter into the water,' she said.

'I would imagine that the otter came out of the canal looking for food, and had ended up on the road. It was a big animal, and whoever hit it must have known they had. It is worrying, because there may be more otters living in and around the canal, and this kind of thing could happen again.'

## New group will protect Tarbert's historic buildings

A GROUP of Tarbert residents have joined together to help protect some of the village's historic buildings.

The Tarbert Conservation Initiative will explore the benefits of forming a volunteers' group to maintain important local landmarks, including Tarbert Castle and the new healing garden at Tarbert Health Centre.

Clearing of weeds and rubbish around Tarbert Village Hall and on the village's beaches will also take place and the group hopes to provide help with the Kintyre Way and investigate the state of the public tennis court. Plans for the con-

servation group came about after conversations between Robert McPhail and Peter Minshall of the Argyll Council for Voluntary Services.

Ed Tyler, who is coordinating the construction of Tarbert Healing Garden, and Tarbert Academy head teacher Alistair Kirkwood have also offered their support to the project.

Mr Kirkwood said: 'The school is keen to identify ways in which the Scottish Executive's stated aims for the effective education of our young people can be given practical effect. A curriculum for excellence asks

schools to consider what can be done to promote our young people as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective learners. In my view, the aims of the Tarbert Conservation Initiative suggest that there are opportunities for our young people to discover and develop precisely these skills and at-

tributes within and for themselves.'

A public meeting will be held in the Tarbert Hotel on Wednesday February 15 at 7pm to discuss the best means of taking Tarbert Conservation Initiative forward.

For more information, call Robert McPhail on 01880 820 643.



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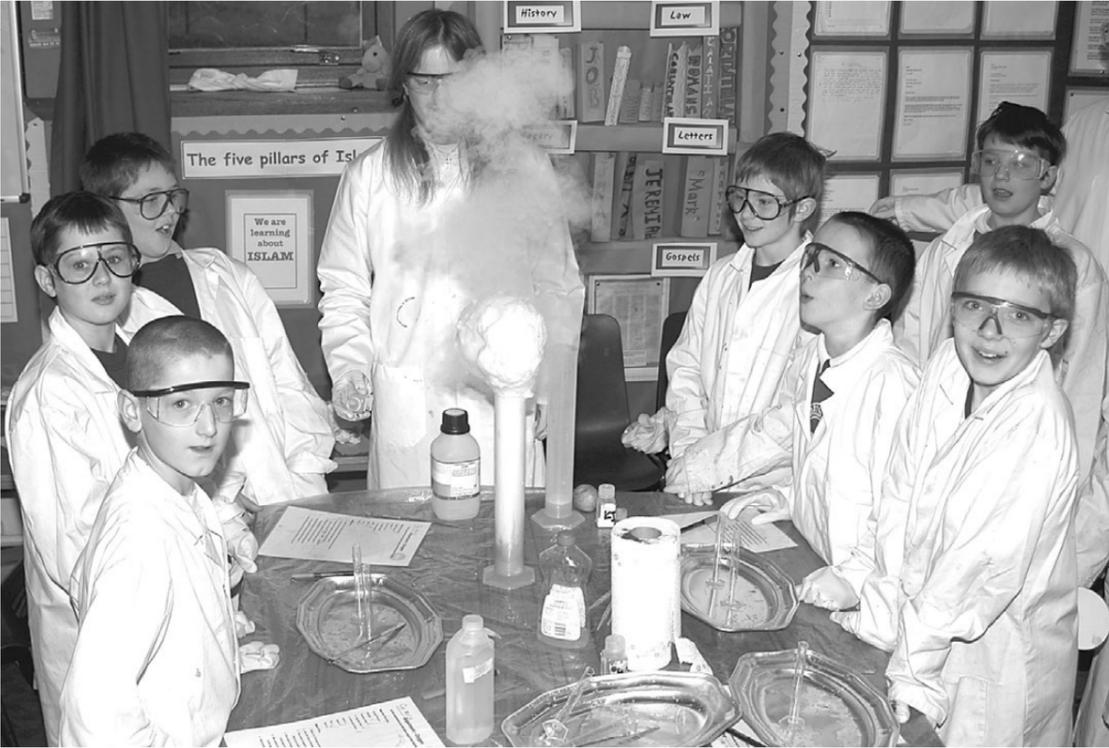
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# Mid Argyll pupils make a chemical connection



Ardrishaig Primary School pupils watch Paul Murray demonstrate how to make oxygen - and a mess - using peroxide. a05cem01

## Primary and secondary pupils get chemistry lesson with a difference

THE BIG bang and the origins of life on Earth were just two of the topics explored by Mid Argyll's school pupils this week, with help from the University of Edinburgh.

The Chemical Connection project visited Lochgilphead High School, Lochgilphead Primary, Ardrishaig Primary and Tarbert Academy this week to give pupils exciting hands-on chemistry workshops to show how important and interesting chemistry really is.

Aiming to make the connection between chemistry and everyday life, Robin Andrews, who grew up in

Ardrishaig and attended Ardrishaig Primary School, and Paul Murray showed pupils that science isn't something done only in laboratories by people in white coats, but something that can be understood and enjoyed by everyone.

Amongst the workshops was the pair's most recent creation 'Chemistry of the Stars', which explored the chemistry of the stars in the sky and the chemistry of celebrities. Starting with the big bang, widely believed to be the origin of the universe, Paul and Robin explained how all the elements in the universe were made in stars, and that everything on Earth

today is made from material originally created in outer space.

Pupils then looked at which elements are most commonly found in the universe, and how they behave and resemble today's celebrities. One example given was that of hydrogen, which is small, light and makes a distinctive pop, which Robin and Paul argued makes it quite like Kylie Minogue!

All of the pupils involved in the workshops, which were partly funded by the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council, enjoyed the practical experiments.

## Suicide intervention course in Tarbert

WITH Argyll and Bute having the second highest rate of suicide in Scotland, people from all walks of life across Mid Argyll are being encouraged to learn more about suicide prevention at a seminar later this month.

The suicide intervention course, which will take place in Tarbert on Tuesday February 14 and Wednesday February 15, is open to members of the public, service users, church groups and professionals and support workers from health, education, social work, community education and all other backgrounds.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST) has been running in Argyll and Bute for more than a year, with courses having successfully taken place in Inveraray, Oban, Bute, Helensburgh and Campbel-

town. The two-day workshop has been completed by more than 400,000 people worldwide.

Choose Life project worker Marie Park said: 'There has been a lot of interest in this training and we want to make sure that it is made available to as wide a range of people in the community as possible.

ASIST gives people the skills to identify when someone could be at risk of suicide and how to talk to that person, understand them and minimise the risks.

'It is a very interactive workshop. Participants find it challenging, thought-provoking and highly enjoyable. We have also found it to be a very powerful opportunity for people to build relationships and networks across their communities.

We want to make sure people know there is a course in their area next month and encourage them to take up this opportunity.'

Only Highland region has a higher rate of suicide per 100,000 of population than Argyll and Bute.

Choose Life will be running further courses throughout the coming year, with topics to include dealing with self-harm and mental health training for trainers.

Anyone interested in training opportunities should contact Marie or Charlotte at the Choose Life Initiative on 01436 672531 or contact Marie or 07748 740975 or Charlotte on 07748 740939.

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## Lochgilphead police launch cycle safety campaign

POLICE in Lochgilphead are this month launching a cycle safety campaign with the aim of preventing accidents on Mid Argyll's roads.

A police spokeswoman said: 'During the winter months, and particularly since Christmas, it has become apparent that there are more pedal cycles on the road.

'Unfortunately, this has led to an increase in complaints to the police regarding dangerous cycling and cycling on the roads.'

As a result of the rise in cycling incidents, Strathclyde Police this week began a safe cycling campaign. Throughout February, police officers will visit schools and talk to pupils about safe cycling, and anyone

seen cycling on the road without regulation lighting fitted to the bike will receive a warning.

From March onwards, anyone found cycling on the road without the legally-required lamps will be committing an offence and will be reported.

All pedal cycles manufactured after October 1 1985 must have a front position lamp, a rear position lamp and a rear retro reflector, all of which must be fitted to the cycle.

Pedal cycles manufactured before this date must also have a solid continuous beam. Flashing lights can only be used in addition to continuous beam lamps.

# Burns season in Mid Argyll

AT the tender age of 15, Ardrishaig piper Thomas McCulloch is becoming a well-known face on the Mid Argyll Burns Supper circuit.

On Friday night he piped in the haggis at the Lochgilphead and District Rotary Club Burns Supper at the Cairnbaan Hotel.

The following evening Thomas had the same honour at the Lochgilphead Parish Church Burns Supper held in Lochgilphead Primary School.

On both occasions he played the classic Burn's

tune *A Man's a Man for a That*.

At Cairnbaan John Orr from Minard gave an enthusiastic address to the haggis and also entertained rotary club members and friends with songs.

Carl Olivarius of Lochgilphead performed *the Selkirk Grace* and Bill Murdoch, a professional actor from Tarbert, did an 'excellent' *Tam O'Shanter*. *A Toast to the Lassies* was given by Ian Davidson of Lochgilphead.

Nicola Debnam of Furnace replied. The evening was chaired by Rev Roddy

MacLeod of Cumlodden, Lochfyneside and Lochgair Parish Church. The haggis was expertly prepared by staff at the Cairnbaan Hotel.

Church member Jenny MacAulay made the delicious haggis which was enjoyed in Lochgilphead, where John Orr performed again, this time to give *A Toast to the Lassies*. Morag Cupples of Tarbert replied. Willie Young of Lochgilphead addressed the haggis, with Lochgilphead men Malcolm MacFadyen and Jim Morrison saying *Selkirk*

*Grace* and giving the *Immortal Memory* respectively.

There were songs from John Orr, Ishbel McArthur and Josie Campbell. Joyce Munro led the community singing.

Thomas McCulloch, a member of Mid Argyll Pipe Band, has been on the pipes for two years now. He started playing the chanter three-and-a-half years ago.

Piping plays a big part in his family. Thomas is the nephew of Willie MacCallum from Campbeltown, a world champion.



From left, members of the top table at Lochgilphead Parish Church Burns Supper: John Orr, *Toast to the Lassies*; Thomas McCulloch, piper; Malcolm MacFadyen, *Selkirk Grace*; Morag Cupples, *Reply from Lassies*; Jim Morrison, *Immortal Memory*; and Willie Young, address to the haggis. a05sup01



John Orr gives an enthusiastic address to the haggis at the Lochgilphead Rotary Club Burns Supper. a05sup02

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Jim McCulloch gives the address to the haggis, watched by piper Laura McMillan.

FRIENDS and parishioners of St Margaret's parish in Lochgilphead celebrated the birth of Scotland's national bard on January 20 with a Burns' Supper in the George Hotel, Inveraray.

Guests included Reverend Brian Wilkinson of Inveraray Parish Church and Reverend Roy Flatt of the Episcopal Church in Lochgilphead.

The supper had been planned by Father Michael Hutson, himself an enthusiastic Burnsian, but he was unable to attend, following his recent appointment to

Barra. His place was taken by Father Paul Hacket, who has taken residence in Lochgilphead.

An enormous haggis, borne by May Kennedy, was piped in by Laura McMillan of Inveraray and District Pipe Band and addressed by Jim McCulloch of Argyll Caravan Park, who also proposed the *Immortal Memory*.

The *Toast to the Lassies* was proposed by Glasgow-based football journalist Craig Campbell and replied to by his wife Fiona, originally from Tayvallich. Af-

terwards, the company enjoyed renditions of some of Robbie Burns' finest songs from international opera star Christine Dunwoodie and local girl Carol Lamond. Recitations were performed by Margaret Flanagan of Dunoon and Jim McMillan from Inveraray.

A marvellous evening was rounded off by the whole company singing *Star of Rabbie Burns* and *Auld Lang Syne*, after which 'each took of his several way, resolved to meet some other day!'

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# Mid Argyll pits its wits in PTA multi quiz night



Taking part in Lochgilphead High School PTA's multi quiz night were The Lights Are Out team, comprising, from left, Mary Ferguson, Helen Samborek, Anne Black and Lena Ferguson. The quiz was held simultaneously in the Stag Hotel, Lochgilphead; The Argyll Arms, Ardrishaig; The George Hotel, Inveraray; The Kilmartin Hotel and the Tayvallich Inn. a05qui01

# NHS Highland looks to recruit from Argyll

MID ARGYLL and Kintyre residents are being urged to put themselves forward for vacant positions on the board of NHS Highland.

With Argyll set to join NHS Highland when debt-ridden NHS Argyll and Clyde is disbanded on April 1, the Scottish Executive is keen to ensure that Argyll has a voice on the board of its new health authority. Three new posts for additional non-executive members of the board are to be advertised in the coming weeks.

Gary Coutts, chairman of NHS Highland, said: 'I am delighted that the minister has agreed to create another three non-executive members for the new NHS board covering Argyll and Highland to ensure that the unique geography of the area we serve from April 1 is fully covered.'

'Although non-executives are responsible for services throughout the whole of the board area, rather than representing a particular locality, it will be helpful to have board members who will understand the real issues facing people throughout Argyll and Bute.'

Mr Coutts also hoped that the positions would attract applications from a cross-section of Argyll's population.

He said: 'Largely our non-executive directors are currently white, middle-aged and able-bodied, so we would be keen to

recruit members who can bring a different perspective to our discussions.'

'We also need to ensure we have the expertise on the board to properly scrutinise all of our activity so it would also be good if we could attract someone with experience in the area of finance to complement the skills of our existing members.'

'It is not always an easy role, but it is an important one. I and my colleagues on the NHS board also find it a rewarding role. These are always serious issues we're dealing with at NHS board level and we all want to get it right. If you think you have something to offer, please come forward and help us in our ambition to make the Highlands and Argyll the healthy place to be.'

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## Executive funds for minibus

A PROJECT to provide an accessible minibus service in Lochgoilhead is set to receive funding from the Scottish Executive.

Transport Minister Tavish Scott announced recently that the scheme would receive more than £50,000 over the next three financial years.

Funding from the executive's Rural Community Transport Initiative will enable Lochgoil Community Trust to buy an accessible minibus, which it will use to transport local residents to social, sport and leisure facilities and links to main road and rail links.

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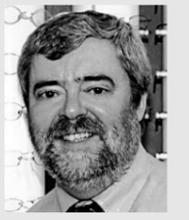
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## EYE TO EYE with John Wallace



### Wavefront Analysis - the latest technological breakthrough

It has been several years since I last became excited about a new lens technology. There have been improvements of existing products but nothing that could be called a quantum leap forward.

Last month a colleague brought me a new instrument to experiment with. This machine analyses the 'higher order' aberrations of the human eye and, in a world first, custom designs spectacle lenses specifically to correct these distortions of your visual system.

If you wear glasses for distance vision you probably have noticed your night vision is not as pin sharp as in daylight. Street lights tend to be oblong or sometimes star shaped, rather than round, sources of light. That's the most obvious effect of 'higher order' aberrations.

American FDA-approved research has shown this new technology can significantly improve the reaction time of drivers. Drivers' reactions to visual stimuli were almost half a second faster when wearing spec-

tacles fitted with these new lenses. That is equivalent to seeing things three car lengths further ahead when driving at 50mph. Just think how much safer you would be, and feel, especially when driving at night.

Not only has this technology been used for custom designed spectacle lens correction but it has now been used to design contact lenses as well. I have been wearing the new DefinitionO monthly disposable lenses for several weeks now. Night driving has become enjoyable again! As a contact lens wearer, glare from car headlights is a major problem. With these new aberration controlled lenses glare from car headlights is dramatically reduced and I am able to see further at night.

This new technology is still in its infancy. The range of spectacle lenses and contact lenses currently available is still limited. But, for those of us whose vision correction falls within the available lens parameters, this is indeed a quantum leap forward in clarity of vision.

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## Ardrishaig Body, Mind and Soul challenge under way

ARDRISHAIG Parish Church's Body, Mind and Soul Challenge is under way, with the first matches due to be played this week.

So far, 53 people have signed up for the challenge, ranging in age from six to 82 years. In total, there are 91 entries in the various categories of Sudoku, squash, dominoes, Scrabble, chess and badminton, as well as the Bible memory verse.

This week's verse is: 'Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51 verse 10.'

Anyone wishing to find out more or join the challenge can call Ruth Carruthers on 01546 603269.

## Big break for movie makers

BUDDING movie-makers throughout Mid Argyll and Kintyre are being urged to create their own productions which could premier at a national film festival.

Organisers are calling for youngsters to submit entries for the prestigious Co-operative Young Film-Makers Festival. This provides young people aged 21 or under with the opportunity to develop their talents as a film director, scriptwriter or actor.

There are no categories to limit the imagination but entries should be no more than six minutes long. They will be viewed by a panel of media professionals and educationalists who provide feedback on films. Last year's festival attracted more than 360 entries and more than 100 films were shown at the event. Anyone wishing to participate should visit www.film-makers.co-op.co.uk for further details.

# Happy 100th birthday Rena

A WOMAN who has spent most of her life in Mid Argyll last month celebrated her 100th birthday.

known has Rena, enjoyed a party at Ardenlee Hotel residential home in Dunoon. Her many cards and messages of congratulations in-

cluded a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen.

Rena was born at Stonefield, near Tarbert, where her father was a coachman.

Besides a few years in Glasgow, she lived for most of her life in Kilberry and Carse. After leaving school, Rena worked as a nanny to

Marian Campbell of Kilberry Castle, and a friendship developed between the two that lasted a lifetime.

Rena also worked as Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths for her local district and for 19 years was the postwoman for the Ardpark area. Her postal duties followed in the footsteps of her parents, as her father operated the Royal Mail contract between Kilberry and Tarbert in the early 20th Century and her

mother was Kilberry postmistress.

On retirement, Rena and her husband Archie lived in Lochgilphead. After Archie died, Rena moved to Cragroy in Dunoon, where she lived for 10 years before becoming a resident at Ardenlee Hotel. Rena has a

daughter and three sons and is a much-loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

A celebratory lunch for family and friends, at which Rena was guest of honour, was held in the Park Hotel, Dunoon, on Saturday January 14.



Rena Sinclair, who has spent most of her life in Mid Argyll, celebrated her 100th birthday last month.

## SWRI ladies give City and Guilds embroidery course top marks

THE MEETING of Minard SWRI on Thursday January 19 was chaired by vice president Mrs A Berndt and treasurer Mrs S Campbell, due to the absence of president Mrs Dunagan, who was on holiday in Australia, and secretary Mrs Locke, to whom members wish a speedy recovery.

On conclusion of business matters, Mrs Berndt and Mrs Campbell then donned their 'other hats' and talked members through the City and Guilds course (first part) in Design and Creative Embroidery, which they successfully completed at Cardinal College, Glasgow. Both received certificates in September.

Mrs Berndt and Mrs Campbell were amongst the first group of students to complete the course by distance learning. The gen-

eral opinion of SWRI members, having seen the quality of work produced, was that the course was worth the time and effort.

Members held their annual SWRI dinner in the

Loch Gair Hotel on Thursday January 26, celebrating the group's 79th anniversary.

Members have always enjoyed the meal provided at the Loch Gair Hotel, and the

most recent was no exception. The surprise gift was won by Jean Clarke.

Minard SWRI thanks the management and staff for helping to make a memorable day.



Members of Minard SWRI enjoying the annual dinner at the Loch Gair Hotel.

## Blood team in Kintyre

THE Blood Transfusion Service mobile donating team will visit Campbelltown's Victoria Hall on Thursday February 16.

People will be able to give blood between 2.30pm and 3.45pm and 5.15pm and 7.30pm. 'The only thing you'll feel is good about yourself.'

## Lochgilphead SWRI kicks off 2006

LOCHGILPHEAD SWRI's first meeting of 2006 was held on Tuesday January 17 in the Community Centre.

Jenny Campbell, president, welcomed Frances Fleming, who gave a most interesting and informative talk on photography and the use of different cameras. She then showed many of her own prints, one of which she donated to the SWRI raffle. The photograph was taken from a helicop-

ter above Lochgilphead. After tea, Mrs Campbell conducted all necessary business.

The dressed haggis competition saw Elizabeth Scott take the gold prize, Jenny Campbell winning silver, Sheila MacKay red and Jean Smith blue. Jean Smith took the gold prize in the embroidered mug mat competition, Ann Taylor winning silver and Sheila MacKay red.

## Red Star AFC coffee morning

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star football club held a coffee morning in the Baptist Church on Saturday, where £230 was raised for club funds. Red Star will hold a sale of work in the Baptist Church at 10am on Saturday February 11.

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# Courier and Advertiser's

Here are more of the wonderful photographs which have been submitted to the *Campbeltown Courier* and *Argyllshire Advertiser's* first ever photo competition.

The deadline for entries has now passed but watch out over the next few weeks for more lovely photos and to find out who the winners are . . .



*Kintyre Sunset* by John McNulty Junior, Victoria Park, Minard.

Below: *The Road* by John McGowan, Crocken Cottage, Southend.



*Claonaig Shore, Photographic Gems* by Clive Bowd, Finnish Houses, Ford.



*Tessa* by Jillian McCreery, Upper Riochan, Inveraray.



*Me, Close and Personal* by Beth Johnson, Jubilee Terrace, Lochgilphead.

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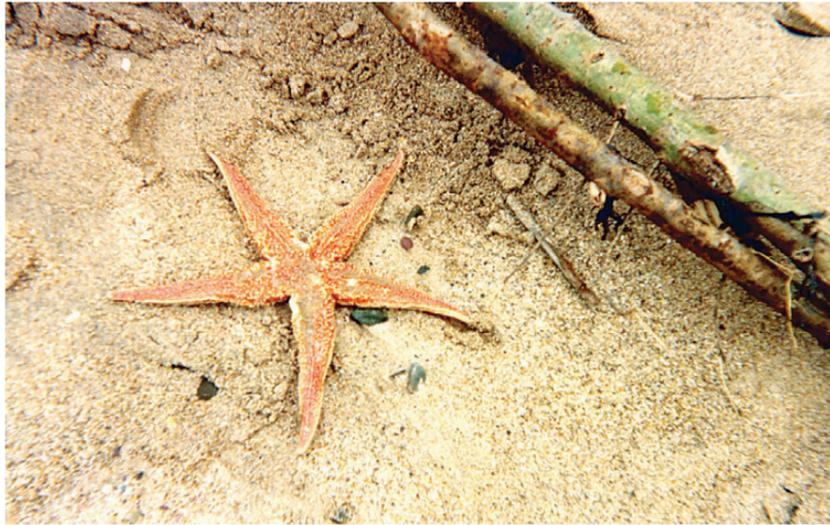
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# 2006 photo competition



*Snowdrops at Woodbank* by Lisa Schroder, Scourie, Sutherland.



Left: *Machrihanish* by Diana Manning, Old School House, Drumlemble.

Right: *Tucked Up for Bed* by Moyra Sutherland, Clockavullin, Kilmartin.



*Summer Solstice Standing Stones, Ballochroy* by Marilyn Shedden, The Tassie, Muasdale.



*The Quay and Low Askomil* by Peter Docherty, Tangy Place, Campbeltown.

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### Thought for the week

MY STUDY looks on to our back garden. I'm glad about that, as there is quite enough there to distract me. If it looked out to West Loch Tarbert I'd never get any work done! There is a tall conifer at the back of the garden and, from time to time, a deer lies down under it and settles to sleep. I can look out and not see her until her ears twitch and I realise she is there. Of course, when I do see her, I wonder how I could possibly have looked out and missed the lovely creature. The truth is that we see what we think is in front of us. We look out on dark days and see grey skies and misty hillsides. When the sun shines we look for sparkling things and see them: the sun dancing on the sea, children laughing as they play, flowers wide open to the sunlight. But what our blinded eyes often miss is the hand of God the Creator in everything we see, from the sand on the seashore to the stars in the sky. 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.' (see Psalm 24:1) **I H**

## Down Memory Lane



This week's down memory lane picture, from *The Argyllshire Advertiser* archives, shows Lochgilphead's Front Green taking a battering from the waves during a heavy storm in the mid 1990s. Do you have a photograph you would like to share with our readers? Bring into our office at 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, or email photographs to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk.

### Those Were The Days

*The Argyllshire Advertiser*, February 1 1991

#### Headteachers attack tests

GOVERNMENT proposals for national testing of primary school children have this week been attacked by local headteachers as being unnecessary, and badly planned.

A discussion leaflet has been released by Strathclyde Regional Council Education Committee, who want to gauge response to the government's proposals to test children at Primary 4 and Primary 7 levels.

The leaflets sets out the professional concerns of the director of education and asks for views.

'The introduction of compulsory testing, as it is currently designed, brings with it a number of concerns which discussion with the Scottish Executive Department has failed to resolve,' said the director Mr Frank Pignatelli.

And the response from Mid Argyll headteachers is a resounding 'No - we don't want national testing of children in these forms,' though many heads wished to remain

anonymous until a meeting of the matter later in the month.

One local headmistress said: 'There is a lot of strong feeling against these tests.'

'We already test children for our own purpose to identify areas of weakness and strength and plan teaching accordingly.'

'But there is anxiety and I know of many parents who have said they intend to keep their children away from on the days of the tests.'

#### Prima Ballerina

A WORLD famous Russian ballerina made a British debut in Lochgilphead this week and thought the experience was very 'interesting'.

Galina Mezentseva the Scottish Ballet's newest principle ballerina made her 'Small Scale Company' debut at Lochgilphead High School on Monday night amid critical local acclaim.

Galina, who has only been in Britain since early December, and speaks only faltering English thinks Lochgilphead is 'very nice town and it has been very interesting'.

### Cautious drivers to be commended

Sir,  
For more than six months now, I have followed the debate about traffic speed, in your columns, often appalled at the irresponsible views expressed.

At least twice, there was what appeared to be a police statement indicating that slow drivers would be targeted.

Vans and heavy goods vehicles are restricted to 50mph by law. 'Gawping tourists' are a nuisance for sure, but since the west coast and Highlands economy depends on them and sells the views they 'gawp' at, who's to blame for the 'gawping'? Tourists who find narrow roads with double bends almost every mile unfamiliar and frightening are wisely cautious to go slow (and safe).

Elderly drivers have reached the age they are by proceeding slowly and safely. Perhaps their critics should take a lesson from experience.

It is legal for agricultural/forestry vehicles to travel on UK rural roads at maximum speeds of between 17 and 40mph. Horse riding and Horse drawn vehicles are allowed, cyclists, mopeds and not all motor cyclists proceed at speeds above 50mph; so how can it be safe or sensible for motor traffic to go much faster, when around a corner or over a hill it could come upon much slower traffic.

Besides which, the road surfaces, kerbs and verges are often in a bad state of repair, damaged as a result of speed and frequent road traffic accidents. It would be difficult to find stretches of road more than three miles without evidence of an accident. That's not caused by slow drivers, it's speed and

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carelessness! Roads on the west coast and Highlands should be subject to a blanket 50mph limit with 40mph where most risky. 'Slow' cautious drivers should be publicly commended, not penalised. Perhaps your speedy writers need to be reminded that there is a 60mph speed limit on all roads in question.

**J G Tanner, Southend, Campbeltown.**

### Passport system flawed

Sir,  
I tabled a Parliamentary Question to Home Secretary Charles Clarke on Monday asking him how the Government will honour its commitment given in the House of Lords last week 'that the Government envisage that a person will have to travel no more than one hour to get to an enrolment centre' for an ID card.

I have been pointing out to the Government for a long time that people in Argyll and Bute will have to travel a long distance to get to ID card enrolment

centres, so I was pleased when Lord Bassam of Brighton, a Lord in Waiting, and a member of the Government said in the House of Lords that 'the Government envisage that a person will have to travel no more than one hour to get to an enrolment centre'.

However, I am still concerned that the Government do not appreciate that some of my constituents can only travel a short distance from their homes in one hour due to the slow speed of ferries, the state of many single track roads and the lack of public transport.

So I want to be sure that the Government knows the scale of the problem and puts the right infrastructure in place to be able to deliver on their 'one-hour' pledge.

The Passport Agency have said that they are considering opening a part-time office in Oban to interview first-time passport applicants and process ID card applications.

An office in Oban would be a help, but people on the islands or the Kintyre and Cowal peninsulas would still face a long

journey to their nearest office or be reliant on a mobile office visiting their area.

**Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute.**

### Feis history explored in new book

Sir,  
As part of the Feisean nan Gaidheal 25th Anniversary celebrations this year the organisation is planning to publish a book featuring the story of the feis movement in Scotland.

It is envisaged that the story of the feisean will be told through the people who have been involved in local feisean since the first feis took place on Barra in 1981. As the book enters its final stages before publication, we would like to make a final call for anyone who has been involved in a feis over the years (such as a tutor, a participant or a member of the community) to get in touch.

If you would like to be included in this project and make a contribution please contact us on 01478 613355 or email

chris@feisean.org before the end of February.  
**Chris De Plano, Researcher, Feisean nan Gaidheal**

### Support Heart Foundation

Sir,  
I am writing to urge readers in Scotland to lend their fundraising skills to the British Heart Foundation this Valentine's Day and give a gift that saves lives.

Over 2.6 million mums, dads, children and grandparents will wake up with the burden of heart and circulatory disease on Valentine's Day yet there is only one BHF Heart Nurse for every 12,000 patients.

BHF Heart Nurses help heart patients to live longer and have a better quality of life - but there simply aren't enough of them and the BHF needs

your help to raise £1 million to fund more BHF Heart Nurses across the UK. This year there are three great ways to give a little time and get involved in Scotland. From a romantic Sweepstake and Promises Auction to a 'Give and Get' sale - there really is something for everyone.

To order a fundraising pack or for more details on how to make your fundraising ideas a success either visit [www.bhf.org.uk/valentine](http://www.bhf.org.uk/valentine) or call 0870 600 6566. The growing need for heart patient care means that whichever fundraising idea you choose, you'll be joining me to help the BHF give a gift that saves lives.

**Iain Lewis Regional Director, British Heart Foundation.**

**The deadline for letters is Monday 5pm**

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# Red squirrel's last stand?

One hundred and twenty-seven priority red squirrel areas have been identified and these include large parts of Mid Argyll and Kintyre

IT HAS been embroiled in a battle for survival for decades with its larger North American cousins and is now under threat from disease.

People in the west Highlands are being encouraged to join a national survey to aid the survival of Scotland's only native species of squirrel - the red squirrel.

Leaflets have been distributed at countryside agencies and country parks throughout Scotland to encourage people to report sightings of both red and grey squirrels as part of the Scottish Squirrel Survey funded by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

The need for information on the distribution of both species is now urgent as the first evidence of squirrel pox virus was identified in a grey squirrel in the south of Scotland last year.

#### Disease hosts

Grey squirrels act as a host to the spread of this disease which is fatal to the native red squirrels. There is now a real threat that Scotland's red squirrels could be displaced by the disease-resistant grey squirrel, as has already happened over most of the rest of the

UK. Scotland supports 121,000 or 75 per cent of the estimated total of 161,000 red squirrels in the UK.

The Grey squirrel was first introduced to Scotland in three places; Argyll in 1892 and Fife and Edinburgh around 1919. It has since spread south into the Borders and north into Perthshire.

Grey squirrels are now widespread in central and southern Scotland with isolated pockets in Aberdeen and Deeside. Their spread is likely to continue.

The main cause of decline of the red squirrel is the spread of the grey squirrel, which is native to North America. In areas of broadleaved and mixed woodland, the grey squirrel has an advantage over the red as it is able to utilise and digest acorns and large seeds more efficiently.

This results in reduced breeding success for red squirrels.

In time, the grey squirrels out-compete the reds, resulting in a depletion of a local red squirrel population within about 15 years, although it can sometimes take as little as five years, depending on conditions. It

also carries the deadly red squirrel pox virus.

The virus was first identified in Scotland in June 2005, where red squirrel conservation officers were quick to detect its presence in newly arrived grey squirrels venturing over the border from northern Cumbria, where disease outbreaks in red squirrels occurred last year.

To date, five grey squirrels have been shown to be carrying specific antibodies to the virus by tests done at the Moredun Research Institute at Roslin. The virus causes a pustular dermatitis in red squirrels that has the appearance of myxomatosis in rabbits.

All infected red squirrels succumb to the disease within 15 days. Grey squirrel can carry the virus with no detectable symptoms, and therefore live to spread it more widely.

In the current survey, people are being urged to contribute to simple, standardised squirrel surveys to collect good quality information on the health and status of Scotland's red squirrel population.

Dr Mel Tonkin, the Scottish Squirrel Survey Co-ordinator said: 'The urgency to find out exactly where the most vulnerable populations of red squirrels are to be found, as well as where the safest populations are, cannot be overstressed.

'At the same time we



The west of Scotland could become the red squirrel's last battleground



The red squirrel in winter

need to know the limits of where grey squirrels have spread to because, as carriers of the deadly red squirrel pox virus and as efficient competitors for scarce natural squirrel food supplies, the alien grey squirrel poses the chief threat to red squirrels.'

'We hope that by the end of 2010 we will have covered all the crucial places in Scotland and will have started to put in place measures to secure all saveable populations of red squirrels, and to prevent the further spread of grey squirrels. But we need everyone's help so

please, please get involved.'

Dr Mairi Cole, species advisory officer at SNH, said: 'Scotland is the main stronghold of red squirrels in Britain but they are threatened all the time by the spread of the successful greys.

'Together with other organisations we have already identified the main areas in Scotland where we think our efforts can help protect red squirrels, but we need more up-to-date information on where both species are living so we can better target our work to save them. Any help you can

give on sightings of both species and by completing surveys would be very valuable.'

#### Priority areas

The focus of the survey will be the 127 priority red squirrel woodland areas identified in a report commissioned by Scottish Natural Heritage, the Forestry Commission and Mammals Trust UK and published early last year.

These include large parts of Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Mull and smaller areas in Lochaber and Ardnamurchan.

Additional surveys will target the outer reaches

of the current grey squirrel range in Scotland. The leaflets which are being distributed explain how to get involved via local squirrel groups. A free-post card is also included to return records to the survey.

The Red Squirrel Conservation conference will be organised by SNH and held on February 27 at the Pollock Halls, Edinburgh. To log sightings of the red squirrel telephone the Highland Red Squirrel Group on 01349 862144 or visit the highlandredsquirrel website.

# Top guitarist Eduardo Niebla opens tour in Argyll

STUNNING flamenco jazz guitarist Eduardo Niebla is bringing his 'poignantly poetic and truly fabulous' (The Scotsman) flamenco gypsy jazz to Cairndow.

Cairndow Arts Promotions is delighted to be able to have another international star performing in Cairndow.

World-class virtuoso Spanish guitarist and composer Eduardo Niebla will appear at Cairndow Village Hall on Saturday February 11.

Along with his fabulous trio they will present an evening of truly spellbinding flamenco jazz fusion.

His spectacular virtuosity has taken the world by

storm, with acclaimed performances in Europe and India, and this concert promises all the passion, emotional intensity and brilliance of a maestro artist of the highest order. Jake Lenson accompanies him on guitar and Bhupinder Singh Chaggar on tabla. Expect the best.

**Potent**

Since Eduardo launched his career in 1973 he has grown to become one of the world's most potent forces in flamenco jazz fusion, recording 23 CDs of his own

stunning compositions and working with some of the top musicians in the fields of jazz, pop and world music including Lol Coxhill, Carles Benavent, George

Michael and sitar maestro Nishat Khan.

His tours have taken him to concert halls and festivals throughout Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East and South Africa, including a concert at the Olympic Games in Greece, the San Isidro Fiesta Madrid, the Tbilisi International Jazz Festival Georgia, Glas-

tonbury Festival in the UK and at The Barbican and St David's Hall.

**Roots**

Eduardo was born in Tangiers to Analusian parents in 1955 and is the seventh son of the seventh child, regarded in mythology as a magical son.

He has been resident in Britain since 1978, becoming a powerful force on the British music scene and influencing the trend for fusion and acoustic music across the world, whilst always remaining true to his humble roots and performing with an 'exquisite melancholy' (The Scotsman) and heart-rendering quality that is Eduardo Niebla. Spellbinding

'A display of supernatural talent and a spellbinding mixture of flamenco and modern jazz, bursting with

obvious passion and verve'. (The Spectator).

Tickets are available on the door or by calling Cairndow Arts Promotions on 01499 600260.

Eduardo's tour begins the night before, at the Picture House cinema in Campbeltown.

When he performed at the same venue in July 2004, he caused a sensation, with the audience clamouring for his return ever since. After that visit, the Kintyre Cultural Forum said in its newsletter: 'Niebla took the music to previously unimagined dimensions.'

'It was simply stunning. Very few performers receive three encores in Campbeltown!'

Niebla will be accompanied by guitarist Ricardo Garcia and tabla drum player Sukhvinder Singh, and starts his Scottish tour at the cinema on Friday February 10 at 8pm. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £6 for adults and £4 for children under 15 and concessions, are available from DM Brown in Camp-

beltown and the Square Peg in Lochgilhead. Early purchase is recommended for both venues.



Volunteers hard at work creating Tarbert's healing garden.

## New healing garden's growing success

WORK is well under way at the site of Tarbert's new healing garden.

The garden, which is being created in the grounds of Tarbert Health Centre, is coming together through the hard work of a group of volunteers, who have started preparing the ground and putting in the base of the footpaths.

Tarbert healing garden will include a contemplative area, which is to have a standing stone in its centre with seats circling it. The surrounding banks will be planted with medicinal herbs and plants with sensory characteristics which have special smells and textures, or which make interesting sounds.

Natural habitats that re-

flect Kintyre and Knapdale's biodiversity are also being created, including a meadow, a marshy area and a woodland. The remainder of the site will be taken up by a small orchard, willow sculptures and raised beds for growing vegetables, as well as a compost area.

Organisers hope that the garden will be fully planted by the spring, at which point they will begin running events, workshops and courses based on plant medicine, organic growing and local biodiversity.

The project has received support from the Whelk Leader Plus, the National Lottery's Awards for All Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Men's Health Project. Donations have

also been received from local businesses and many volunteers. Anyone who would like to become involved in the project, or the healing garden committee, which meets on Wednesdays, should call Tarbert health Centre on 01880 820219 for more information. The Anchorage Restaurant in Tarbert is also holding a fundraising night in aid of the healing garden.

On Saturday February 11, proprietors Trevor and Robert Kelso will be offering a four-course menu for £20 per head. All profits from the evening will be donated to Tarbert Healing Garden. A raffle will also be held on the night, with prizes donated by The Anchorage Restaurant's suppliers.

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**THE CONSTANT GARDENER** (15)  
Starring: Ralph Fiennes, Rachel Weisz, Danny Huston and Bill Nighy.

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## Sunday jazz concert in Tarbert

As the sun shone brightly on the An Tairbear Arts Centre on Sunday January 29, the sound of creative music could also be heard, the Meri Wrightson Quartet starting its 2006 programme.

The quartet has established itself on the calendar of creative events at An Tairbear: the last Sunday of every calendar month will provide audiences with the opportunity to hear a selection of stand-

ard jazz classics from Cole Porter to Gershwin and Thelonious Monk.

Led by Meri Wrightson on vocals, the quartet consists of Richard Golding on keyboards; Alan Black on drums and Steve Hunter on double bass. Since their first concert last year, the quartet has extended its repertoire thanks to Meri's enthusiasm and ability to update the band with new material, whilst retain-

ing many of their established pieces like *Autumn Leaves*, which was enhanced by Meri's French translation.

The quartet introduced new pieces *You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To*, *Devil May Care* and one of Thelonious Monk's early classics *Round Midnight*. Since their last performance, it was interesting to hear how the band had developed instrumentally.

Richard has composed a couple of blues numbers which Alan and Steve clearly enjoyed playing. Alan's solo on *Straight No Chaser*, using sticks instead of brushes, was particularly effective with Richard maintaining the harmonies.

The audience was appreciative and thanks to their interest and helpful suggestions, the band will further expand its repertoire. The next performance is on Sunday February 26 at 2pm. SDH

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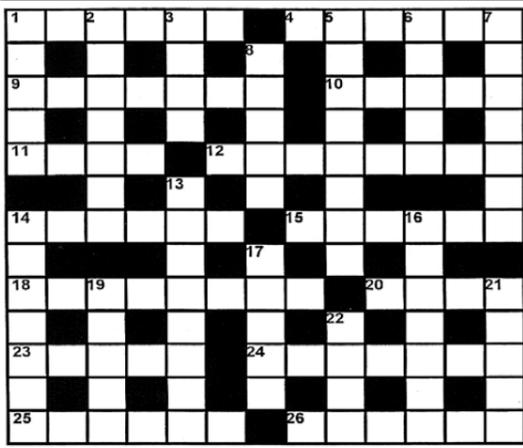
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### THE THINKER

#### ACROSS

- 1 Thinks of a large number of packs of paper (6)
- 4 Shrub I held was flexible (6)
- 9 Salesman returns holding final bandage (7)
- 10 Restricted diet, for example, found in vehicle (5)
- 11 Some information that destabilizes (4)
- 12 Fine feathers no good we hear, in the wet (8)
- 14 You and I destroy vile pest (6)
- 15 Some bigger bills keeping this pet (6)
- 18 Monkey, truer variety, finds an opening (8)
- 20 Cooking pots turned round for photograph (4)
- 23 It's a chore to grind this pigment (5)
- 24 Notices changes, in part (7)
- 25 Main argument of most of article on decay (6)
- 26 Credit is given twice, causing major problem (6)

#### DOWN

- 1 Leading newsmen went up to military base (5)
- 2 Former partner has enough to make a specimen (7)
- 3 Teamwork with a friend (4)
- 5 Fragrance for US city salesman (8)
- 6 Crack gag - or there'll be trouble (5)
- 7 Look after water supply, we're told - get growth (7)
- 8 Smarten up the man of the match (5)
- 13 Remove hair perhaps, causing acute pain (8)
- 14 A tour we arrange could exhaust you (4,3)
- 16 Musicians belonging to it are rogues (7)
- 17 Note hazard and be quick (5)
- 19 Choice of two - I left the anaesthetic (5)
- 21 Nod off during final words on quiet waters (5)
- 22 Tree found in a certain location (4)

#### SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1. Depress 5. Spain 8. Attic 9. Redcoat 10. Owns 11. Ancestor 14. Binge 15. Alone 19. Palatial 20. Pale 22. Traitor 24. Foist 25. Emend 26. Cortege  
 DOWN: 1. Dragon 2. Potential 3. Each 4. Shrink 5. Suddenly 6. Ado 7. Nature 12. Tentative 13. Agitated 16. Spathe 17. Fabric 18. Centre 21. Afar 23. Age

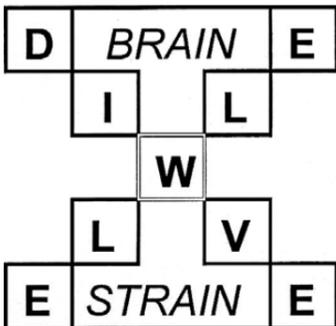
## FIND THE WORDS

### FIND THE WORDS



Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Poetic: Verse, Foot, Poem, Sonnet, Dirge, Elegy, Lines, Rhyme, Jingle, Limerick, Roundel, Epode, Idyll, Quatrain, Stanza, Monody, Couplet, Sestina, Doggerel, Metre

## BRAIN STRAIN



ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN  
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 View, Viewed, Weed, Weel, Weevil, Weeviled, Weil, Weild, Well, Wellled, Wide, Weil, Weild, Wild, Wile, Wiled, Will, Willed, Wive, Wived &???

How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 16 Maestro: 20+

# Another full house for accordion club

THE INVERARAY and District Accordion and Fiddle Club met in the Swallow Argyll Hotel on January 11 for the first session of the New Year, to yet another full house.

MacLean, was back in 'Fyne' form, having made a good recovery from his recent knee operation, and gave a warm welcome to all. Supporting players were Fyne Folk, with Janette Gibson on accordion, Sally

Hall, Duncan Crawford and Alex John MacLeod on fiddle and Agnes Liddell on keyboard; Allan McIntosh, Colin Forgrieve and Duncan MacAllister on accordion; Jake MacKay on fiddle and mouth organ and Sandy MacDonald on drums. All their contributions were thoroughly enjoyed - from soloists to a five piece band - and the audience showed their appreciation accordingly.

### Alex and Archie

Guest artistes were the popular Campbeltown duo, Alex and Archie MacAllister, and what a superb performance they put on - Archie on fiddle and Alex on accordion with Alex

moving over to keyboard from time to time.

After an enjoyable tea and the raffle, the audience was ready for plenty more of the same - and that's exactly what they got!

Starting off the second half was a family affair, father Duncan MacAllister taking to the stage on button box, with Alex on second box, Archie on keyboard and grandson, Arran, aged 7, on drums.

The youngster stole the show, changing sticks, tempo and facial expressions to suit the music and he had the audience captivated and received rapturous applause - certainly a name to look out for in the

future. All too soon it was time for a vote of thanks to all the players for a great start to the New Year and Archie and Alex were joined by the 'locals' for a grand stramash - which they were loathe to bring to an end.

As was pointed out, the club's guest artistes this month and for the remainder of the season, are all from Argyll - and not a BBC scout in sight for their next Hogmanay show!

What a grand show could be produced from around these parts.

Next week local band leader, Allan McIntosh and The Heather Dance Band fill the guest artiste spot.

## Class solo brass display

SATURDAY January 28 was a big day in the calendar for Campbeltown Brass, when the annual solo competition was held for members at Campbeltown Community Centre.

The competition is held in memory of three former members of the band who have died tragically young in the last few years, and gives youngsters the chance to showcase their skills in a competitive environment.

Jimmy Taylor explained: 'This competition means a great deal to all of us, and is taken very seriously by all of the musicians, who prepare very hard for it.'

'It was great to see 34 entries this year, ranging in age from 10 years up to veterans of 20 years' experience on their instruments.'

Adjudicator this year was well-known Ronnie Tennant from Glasgow, who

has helped the band since its very earliest days, and he had the difficult job of picking a winner in each of four classes, from musicians playing every kind of music from modern to the classics, accompanied by pianists Catherine Black, Angela McEwan and David McEwan.

Ronnie, himself a B flat tuba player of considerable repute, described the musicianship of one class winner as 'Not real, I know how difficult an instrument a tuba is to play, and what I have just heard really shouldn't even be possible to achieve - terrific!'

Winner of the beginners' class, and the Time Centre Trophy, was flugel horn player Cara Stalker, with Adam Kenny second and Feuna McIntosh third. In the junior class, cornetist Erin McSparran won the Emma Paterson Memorial Trophy, with Fraser Cosgrove just pipping Alison Campbell for the runner-up spot.

In the intermediate class, George Good went home with the Lynsey Wardrop Trophy for a fine euphonium performance, with Donald Brian second ahead of David Cosgrove after a very tough contest of difficult pieces.

In the final class for the open age group, the adjudicator took some time to make his mind up on the order of the places, in the end picking Willie Ralston's exceptional tuba performance as winner of the Jenny Ralston Memorial Trophy. Bass trombonist Mark Good was second, and cornetist Ricky Evans third, but Mr Tennant had high praise for the whole class and their very entertaining performances.

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# Agricultural society's annual ploughing match

ON a beautiful winter's day, Kintyre Agricultural Society held its annual ploughing match in an excellent field at Colinlongart Farm by kind permission of Mr and Mrs John Ronald and family.

The judges for the day were Duncan McKinnon from Largie, John Ralston from Kilkivan and Johnny Cameron from Parkfergus.

A total of 13 ploughmen took part in the match and it attracted a good number of spectators on the day.

Isobel Ronald presented the prizes as follows:

Class one (10-12 inch): 1 James McCallum, Wallace Cottages, Southend; 2 Stephen Jones, Amod; 3 Kenny Ronald, Balivanan.

Extra prizes  
Best break: Stephen Jones, Amod.

Straightest: James McCallum, Wallace Cottages, Southend.

Best six furrows: Stephen

Jones, Amod. Best last six furrows: Kenny Ronald, Balivanan.

Best ins and outs: Stephen Jones, Amod.

Best finish: James McCallum, Wallace Cottages, Southend.

Class two (over 12 inch):

1 Andrew Reid, Burnside Street, Campbeltown; 2 Morris MacKinnon, Killeonan;

2 Aliastair McPhail, Skernish; 4 Paul Newall, St John Street, Campbeltown; 5 Thomas Ralston, Kilkivan; 6 William Jones, Amod.

Extra prizes  
Best break: Morris MacKinnon, Killeonan.

Straightest: Andrew Reid, Burnside Street, Campbeltown.

Best first six furrows: Andrew Reid, Burnside Street, Campbeltown.

Best last six furrows: Andrew Reid, Burnside Street, Campbeltown.

Best in and outs: Alastair

McPhail, Skernish. Best finish: Aliastair McPhail, Skernish.

Class three (reversibles): 1 Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble; 2 Ian Barbour, Keil Point, Southend; 3 Gavin Reid, Craigwilline; 4 Drew McKendrick, Glenrioch.

Extra prizes  
Best break: Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Straightest: Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Best first six furrows: Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Best last six furrows: Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Best ins and outs: Gavin Reid, Craigwilline.

Best finish: Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Special prizes  
First on field: Stephen Jones, Amod.

First finished: Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Least experienced:

William Jones, Amod. Youngest competitor: Alastair McPhail, Skernish.

Least assistance: Drew McKendrick, Glenrioch.

Furthest travelled: Gavin Reid, Craigwilline.

Oldest competitor: Gavin Reid, Craigwilline.

Best looking ploughman: Morris MacKinnon, Killeonan.

Hardest luck: Thomas Ralston, Kilkivan.

Worst plot: Drew McKendrick, Glenrioch.

Tidiest yoke: William Jones, Amod.

Youngest assistant: Emily Ronald.

Highest placed using Case International tractor: Andrew Reid, Burnside Street, Campbeltown.

Highest placed using a Ford tractor: Paul Newall, St John Street, Campbeltown.

Hired man highest on prize list: James McCallum, Wallace Cottages, Southend.

Tractor prizes  
Best maintained: 1 Morris MacKinnon, Killeonan; 2 Ian Barbour, Keil Point, Southend.

Oldest tractor: Stephen Jones, Amod.

Newest tractor: Gavin Reid, Craigwilline.

Cup winners  
Kintyre Agricultural Cup and winner of the RHAS Medal: Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble.

Messrs Ralston Cup for winner in the non-medal class: James McCallum, Southend.

John Cullen Cup for winner in the reversible class: Andrew Ralston, East Drumlemble.

John McKay Cup for best lot by 25-year-old or younger: Aliastair McPhail, Skernish.

Glenside Cup for most points using Case International tractor: Andrew Reid, Burnside Street, Campbeltown.



The furrows were extremely straight. c05plo01

Hamilton Bros Cup for most points using a Massey Ferguson Tractor: James McCallum, Southend.

Ford Cup for most points using a Ford tractor: Paul

Newall, St John Street, Campbeltown. The society would like to thank all competitors, helpers and spectators for turning out on the day. The society is also very

grateful to the Ronald family for hosting the ploughing match and to Duncan McKinnon, John Ralston and Johnny Cameron for judging the event.



Sun shone down as the ploughmen worked. c05plo04



Kintyre Agricultural Society's annual ploughing match attracted 13 competitors. c05plo05

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### Ardfern Yacht Centre

#### Office and Chandlery Shop Assistant

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Please apply to David Wilkie.  
**Ardfern Yacht Centre Ltd,**  
**Ardfern, Argyll PA31 8QN**  
**Tel: 01852 500247 Fax: 01852 500624**  
**Email: david@ardfernyacht.co.uk**



### Produce Shop & Country Park Manager

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Minimum of 12 hours per week  
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Please apply in writing to:-  
**John MacAlister (Oban) Ltd, 6 South Pier,**  
**Oban, Argyll PA34 4LS**



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 NATURE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARGYLL ISLANDS

There will be a vacancy for a full time **Project Officer** based in Oban, to provide project and administration support for our continuing programme of heritage projects in the Argyll Atlantic Islands. The appointment is likely to be for a period of 2 years, but may be longer.

Applicants should have excellent administration, communication, organisational and reporting skills along with experience of partnership working, and a familiarity with the Argyll Islands and their rich cultural and natural heritage.

Starting salary circa £17,000  
 This appointment is dependent on confirmation of funding

For an information pack please phone 01631 570075, or email nadair@nadair.org.uk.

Closing date for applications 17<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

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For further information please contact  
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 Ossians is now under new ownership



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Scottish Sea Farms Ltd has a vacancy for a Freshwater Engineer to cover our Hatchery and Cage facilities on the Isle of Mull and Morvern area.

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- Team player and strong communicator
- Demonstrate confidence within a team and especially in front of customers

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Beyond the nature of the role, the post holder would be expected to undertake over-time as required in order to accommodate the business needs of the Unit and, for the same reason, be willing to include themselves in the staff rota for 24 hour alarm cover.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please apply in writing to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Advisor, Marine Harvest, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, PH33 7PT.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 17th February 2006.

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### Learning Support Auxiliary (2 posts)

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Informal enquiries to Mr D Campbell, tel (01397) 702512, email: Donnie.campbell@highland.gov.uk Ref: L/10/06

### Part-time Early Years Auxiliary

Inverlochry Primary School, £3,562 - £5,259, 15 hrs per wk

You will work in partnership with the Nursery staff to create an effective team, and will be fully involved in all activities associated with a nursery class. Payment is on the basis on 39 weeks per year including payment for annual leave, which must be taken during school holidays.

Informal enquiries to Mrs A Burns, tel (01397) 702620. Ref: L/13/06

### Minibus Escort

Fort William Area, £118.27 per week, 20 hrs per wk

You will be responsible for ensuring the comfort, security and safety of pupils with special educational needs whilst being transported to and from school or other authorised destinations. Payment is on the basis of 38 weeks per year, including payment for annual leave which must be taken during school holidays. (Weekly hours: Mon-Fri, 8am to 10am, 2.30pm to 4.30pm).

Informal enquiries to Ian Jackson, tel (01397) 707353. Ref: L/12/06

#### Re-advertisements

The two posts below may be undertaken by two people or by the same person:

### Road Crossing Patroller

Banavie Primary School, £78.62 per wk, 13.75 hrs per wk

You will be required to assist school children and adults across the road in the morning, mid-day and afternoon. Days of work are Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 9.00am, 12.15pm - 1.15pm and 2.30pm - 3.30pm (plus 15 minutes per day to operate flashing lights) during school term time. Protective clothing is provided and must be worn. Payment is on the basis of 38 weeks per year including payment for annual leave which must be taken during school holidays.

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Banavie Primary School, £47.17 per wk, 7.5 hrs per wk

Your duties and responsibilities will include playground supervision, school premises security, lighting and heating, ground maintenance, portage and handyperson duties, carrying out checks and inspections relating to school maintenance. Uniform and protective clothing will be provided and must be worn. Payment is on the basis of 52 weeks per year and annual leave must be taken during school holidays.

Informal enquiries for the above two posts to Miss C Smith, tel (01397) 772402. Ref: L/11/06

### Cleaning Operative

Ardgour Primary School, £52.54 per week, 9.5 hrs per wk

You will undertake general cleaning duties within the school after closing time. You should be enthusiastic and motivated. Your duties will include cleaning designated areas to ensure a clean and hygienic condition, maintaining and deep cleaning all hard and soft floors and other duties required by your Supervisor. Payment is based on 40 weeks per year and our annualised pay system includes payment for annual leave and public holidays.

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Application packs are available from our website or by telephoning, quoting relevant reference:

Ref: L/10/06, L/13/06, L/12/06, L/11/06 - tel (01349) 868640 (24 hours)  
Ref: L/15/06 - tel (01397) 707365

Closing date: 17 February 2006

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#### Candidate Profile

- Energy, drive and enthusiasm with a polite and courteous manner
  - Sales and Customer Service experience, whether in a contact centre or other environment
  - Quality focussed with clear and concise spoken, written and PC skills
- To apply for either of these positions ideally you must
- Work to a high level of accuracy and show attention to detail
  - Possess finely tuned interpersonal and communication skills
  - Have a proven sales record (advantageous but not essential)
  - Be flexible and adaptable
  - Be highly motivated.

**If you are interested in either of the above positions contact Fiona Paterson at Contact4, Kintyre House, Snipefield, Drumore, Campbeltown PA28 6SY or email fiona.paterson@contact4.com. Alternatively call 01631 787 4444 for more information**

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# Customer Manager

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We have a vacancy for a Customer Manager who is capable of delivering a professional and focussed customer service to our clients, both large and small. The successful candidate will be working with an identified portfolio of customers, dealing with both daily and strategic issues.

As a Customer Manager, you will be the single point of contact and will work consistently and reliably to meet customer expectations and resolve any issues they may have.

#### JOB DESCRIPTION:

- To manage and maintain a portfolio of Vestas clients
- Compilation of monthly operation reports to clients
- Daily client contact via telephone and email
- Attendance of customer meetings.

#### PROFILE:

Candidates must demonstrate that they understand the key importance of customer loyalty and retention to the future success of our organisation, are proactive, flexible and creative, and can continually seek new ways of delivering improved customer service.

- Experience in a customer focussed environment is desirable
- Technical aptitude or a technical background would be an advantage
- First-class written and verbal communication skills.

- Excellent organisational and time-management abilities.
- Experience of meeting deadlines and targets is essential
- Well-developed negotiation skills
- Flexible and innovative approach to problem-solving.
- Ability to work in a demanding and sometimes high pressure environment.
- Proficiency in the MS office packages including Outlook.
- A valid driving licence is required
- Preference will be given to those candidates living within reasonable daily commuting distance of Campbeltown.

The position will involve travelling in UK, Ireland and Denmark, however other overseas travel should be expected on occasion.

**Application Deadline - 17/02/06**

**Job Start: To be agreed**

Current CV and covering letter should be sent to: Manager of Customer Management Miss R Brooks Vestas - Celtic Wind Technology Ltd/ Service Department P.O. Box 9263 Campbeltown, Argyll. PA28 6WA.

Tel: 01586 555123 or Email: rkb@vestas.com



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BY CAMPBELTOWN

48 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton

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BY CAMPBELTOWN

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2 Rhudal Cottages, Drumlemble

Enjoying a very pleasant easterly outlook over open farmland this **SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW** comprises bright comfortable accommodation of hall, lounge, kitchen with utility area, bedroom and bathroom. Full DG. Electric heating. Well maintained garden to front & rear. Off street parking. Large attic with conversion potential.

SOUTHEND

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Quietly located within a small quality development of 6 houses having lovely views over surrounding farmlands this beautifully presented **DETACHED FAMILY BUNGALOW** comprises entrance vestibule, L shaped hall, large bright lounge, 3 bedrooms (master en-suite), superb dining kitchen, bathroom and utility room plus Conservatory. Full DG. Total Control heating. Easily maintained level garden. 3 Garden sheds. **A most attractive luxury bungalow in a very peaceful location.**

MACHRIHANISH

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BY TARBERT

Stratholm,  
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ARDRISHAIG

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**PLANNING**

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**SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS**

- **Ref No: 06/00024/DET**  
Applicant: Mrs MacSparran  
Proposal: Proposed erection of dwelling house, siting of 4500 litre septic tank and 1250 litre oil tank  
Site Address: Plot North Of Dalmore Farm Tayinloan Tarbert Argyll PA29 6XG  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan  
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00028/OUT**  
Applicant: Jill Fairweather  
Proposal: Erection of single storey dwelling house  
Site Address: Land South Of Calliburn Croft, Campbeltown Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6XN  
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office  
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00098/DET**  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs P. McKerral  
Proposal: Proposed extension to existing dwelling  
Site Address: Dundoran Southend Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6RW  
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office  
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00096/DET**  
Applicant: Furnace Community Council  
Proposal: Alterations and extension to village hall  
Site Address: Village Hall Furnace Inveraray Argyll PA32 8XN  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray  
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00100/LIB**  
Applicant: British Waterways Scotland  
Proposal: Proposed demolition of storage shed  
Site Address: Oakfield Bridge Store Lochgilphead Argyll  
Location of Plans: Area Office Ardrishaig  
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day
- **Ref No: 06/00095/DET**  
Applicant: Fyne Homes Limited  
Proposal: Erection of 4 - storey, 16 flatted development with associated car parking and landscaping  
Site Address: 7-11 Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6AY  
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office  
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00095/DET**  
Applicant: Fyne Homes Limited  
Proposal: Erection of 4 - storey, 16 flatted development with associated car parking and landscaping  
Site Address: 7-11 Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6AY  
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office  
S60 Setting of Listed Bldg Ad - 21 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00131/REM**  
Applicant: Mr Michael Taylor  
Proposal: Erection of new dwelling house, stable block and septic tank and soakaway  
Site Address: Kilbride Southend Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6RF  
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office  
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00121/LIB**  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs K. Butler  
Proposal: Proposed internal alterations  
Site Address: Columba Hotel Pier Road Tarbert Argyll PA29 6UF  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert  
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day
- **Ref No: 06/00123/DET**  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Goldsworthy  
Proposal: Alteration and extension to existing building  
Site Address: Ingleside Big Brae Tarbert Argyll PA29 6UQ  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert  
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00134/COU**  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs R. McCallum  
Proposal: Proposed extension and change of use of existing garage/byre to dwelling house and erection of garage and conservatory - conversion of 1st floor to flat  
Site Address: Stewarton House Stewarton Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6PG  
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office  
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig PA30 8DX

**OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (ROUTE B8025 CRINAN MOSS-KEILLS ROAD, ISLAND ADD BRIDGE) (3 TONNES MGW)(WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 200\_

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make an Order restricting the use of the section of the B8025 as carried by Island Add Bridge to vehicles having a maximum gross weight of 3 tonnes.

Full details of this proposal, which forms the proposed "THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (ROUTE B8025, CRINAN MOSS-KEILLS ROAD, ISLAND ADD BRIDGE) (3 TONNES MGW)(WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 200\_" together with a Plan, copy of the existing Order and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order, are available for inspection during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the offices of:

- (i) Operational Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll;
- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Democratic Services and Governance, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll by 24th February 2006.

Andrew R Law, Director of Operational Services, Manse Brae, LOCHGILPHEAD, Argyll PA31 8RD

**COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES**

Councillor Rory Colville (E.W.3 East Central Kintyre) will not be holding a surgery this month but please feel free to contact him at home on Tel: 01586 820209 or through the Members Services Unit at Argyll and Bute Council on tel: 01546 604209.

Councillor Colville is also available in the Carradale area on the evening of the East Kintyre Community Council meetings.

Councillor John McAlpine (E.W. 4 North & West Kintyre) will not be holding a surgery this month but his constituents can contact him on tel: 01880 820 196 or through the Members Services Unit at Argyll and Bute Council on tel: 01546 604261.

Councillor Alison Hay (E.W. 7 Craignish-Glenaray) will be holding a surgery on Monday 6th February in the Senior Citizens Hall, Inveraray from 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING**

Council Chambers  
Town Hall  
Monday 6 February  
7.30 p.m.

Business:  
The future of the library, museum and town hall

**KINTYRE ANGLING CLUB Annual General Meeting**

Friday 17 February  
7.30 p.m.  
Clubhouse  
Shore Street

**LODGE ST JOHN'S CAMPBELTOWN (No. 141)**

A Regular Meeting will be held on **Monday 6 February** commencing 7.30 p.m.  
Business: Minutes, Passing, a.o.c.b.

**A.G.M. O.P.E.L.**

Tuesday 21 February at 7 p.m. in KINTYRE CARE CENTRE Shore Street Campbeltown  
New members welcomed

**TARBERT (LOCH FYNE) HARBOUR AUTHORITY ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting for the Election of Traders' and Fishermens' Trustees will take place on TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2006 at 2.15 p.m. within the Templars Art & Leisure Centre, Harbour Street, Tarbert.

Persons nominated as "Traders' Trustees" must be resident in Tarbert and have during the year ended 31 December 2005 paid rates or dues for the use of the harbour.

Persons nominated as "Fishermens' Trustees" must be owners, part-owners or members of the crew of a fishing boat registered at Tarbert. Recent legislation means that the Clerks cannot use the normal "full" Electoral Register for the Election. Only the version known as the "edited" Register can be used and people sometimes opt to be excluded from this edited version because it can be purchased by companies for canvassing, etc. If you have opted to be excluded from the edited version you should contact the Harbour Office for details of the steps required to enable you to cast your vote.

All Nomination Papers must be lodged with the Clerks to the Trustees before 4pm on Tuesday 7th March 2006, after which hour no Nominations will be received.

Nomination Papers must be dated and signed by two Tarbert Electors and must contain Christian and Surnames, occupations and addresses of the Subscribers and of the Candidates nominated.

Forms may be obtained from the Clerks.

Any Candidate may withdraw his Nomination by Notice of Withdrawal signed by him and delivered to the Clerks not later than 4 pm on 13 March 2006.

**Note:** Tarbert Harbour Trustees are promoting a Harbour Revision Order. If the Harbour Revision Order comes into force by the end of March 2006 this will take precedence over the Elections under the existing Constitution.

MacArthur Stewart, Boswell House, Argyll Square OBAN, PA34 4BD



Forestry Commission Scotland

**Kilmory Forest Design Plan Exhibition**

Tuesday 7th February  
Lochgilphead Community Centre  
10.30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wednesday 8th February  
Ardrishaig Public Hall  
10.30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Forest Design Plans set out the way the Forestry Commission will manage the public forest estate in the future. The plan includes proposals for felling, restocking and recreation. The location of Kilmory forest on the outskirts of Lochgilphead gives it unique value amongst the community, so come along and give us your ideas for the future of the forest.

For more information contact:  
Lesley MacFadyen : 01546 60 2518  
[lesley.macfadyen@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lesley.macfadyen@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)

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Highlands and Islands

**Surgery**

White Hart Hotel  
CAMPBELTOWN  
Monday 6th February  
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**Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland  
Statutory Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements  
Argyll and Bute Council Area**

Notice is hereby given today, 26 January 2006, that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has submitted the report to the Scottish Ministers recommending the division of Argyll and Bute Council area into 11 wards for the election of Councillors.

A copy of the Commission's report and illustrative maps showing the ward boundaries may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Argyll and Bute Council from 26 January 2006 as follows:

Council Headquarters, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead;

and also at the following locations:

- Scotcourt House, Helensburgh;
- Jamieson Street, Bowmore, Isle of Islay;
- Dell Road, Completown;
- Breadalbane Street, Tobermory, Isle of Mull;
- Dalriada House, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead;
- 22 Hill Street, Dunoon;
- Eaglesham House, Mountpleasant Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute;
- Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban; and
- The Business Centre, Crossapool, Isle of Tiree.

A copy of this notice, the Commission's report and illustrative maps are available for viewing, or downloading free of charge on the Commission's web site at [www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk).

It should be noted that under the provisions of section 17(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Scottish Ministers may not make an Order giving effect to the proposals contained in the Commission's report, either as submitted to them or with modifications, until after the expiry of 6 weeks from 26 January 2006, that being the date arranged for the formal submission of the report.

**R Smith  
Secretary**

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland  
3 Drumsheugh Gardens  
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EH3 7QJ

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AND

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A list of current pre school education providers is displayed at the following locations:

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- All Council Offices
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Information leaflets will be available from pre school education providers at the time of registration and parents can obtain further guidance from the Pre School Education Helpline, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll House, Alexandra Parade, Dunoon PA23 8AJ (Telephone 01369 708503/708560).

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**AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

A meeting of the AREA COMMITTEE for MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY will be held in The Council Chambers, Kilmory on WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and will be invited to have informal discussions with members and officers at the end of the meeting.  
Nigel Stewart, Director of Corporate Services

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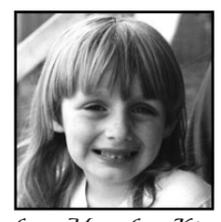
Happy 18th Birthday Laura



Love Granny X X X

Colin - wishes to thank friends, relations and Mundell's staff for the cards, gifts and generous donations for his retrial and 65th birthday party. Thanks to Tarbert Bowling Club, Mary and Janice for catering, Margaret and bar staff and all other helpers. Rab and his band for making it a great night. Amount donated to McMillan nurses Mid Argyll £1085. A big thank you to you all, Colin.

Happy 18th Birthday Laura



Love Mum, Les, Kim, Justine, Kyle and Meg X X X

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Shaun & Kyle  
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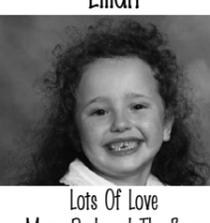


All our love Mum, Dad, Gareth and Ceri x x

**Edward McCormick**

Would like to thank family and friends for the cards and gifts that he received for his 21st Birthday Party on Saturday Night.

Happy 18th Birthday Eilidh



Lots Of Love Mum, Dad and The Boys X X

**George McDonald**

Would like to thank family and friends for all the gifts and cards received on his 65th Birthday.



**Happy 40th Liz**

Mum, Dad, Scott, Mark & Adam



Happy 18th Birthday Christina Louise

Lots of love Mum & Lisa XX

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## TAKING A TEST DRIVE March 2006 Registrations

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the car you purchase is the right one for you. You can help avoid a bad buy if you give yourself longer to make your choice and study all the relevant facts and figures. Yet it's that all-important visit to the showroom and test drive that often makes up your

mind. It needn't be intimidating. The test drive is for your benefit alone and the more you take, the more experiences you'll have to draw on. With the new 06 registration just around the corner, follow our ten point plan and you shouldn't go far wrong.

**IN THE SHOWROOM**  
1) Check the price. It may sound obvious but before you even arrive at the showroom, decide what your realistic financial limit is. You wouldn't be the first person to be seduced into putting a deposit down on a gleaming metal monster you can't really afford.  
2) Check the doors. Don't jump straight into the driver's seat - you want to know how easy the car will be to live with, not simply to drive. Try the bonnet, doors and boot - how easy

are they to operate, and how secure?

3) Check passenger space. If you'll often be carrying passengers, see what sort of access and room they have. Would they be comfortable on a long journey? This could depend on whether they're children or adults. What sort of state is the interior in? If a low-mileage demonstrator car looks tatty after only a few hundred miles, how will it look in a few years' time?  
4) Check load space. What sort of load space do you need? If you'll frequently be carrying bulky or heavy loads you need to see if you can easily and safely lift them into the load area. Is the lip of the boot too high? Is the engine powerful enough to handle the sort of loads you carry?

5) Check the paperwork. Getting your hands on as many brochures and fact sheets about your potential purpose is essential. All manufacturer figures such as fuel consumption, emissions, crash test performance and interior space have to be officially approved and will give you a valuable tool to compare one car against another.

### AT THE WHEEL

6) Check the driving position. Get as comfortable as you can. Can the seat slide, tilt and rise? Can the steering wheel position be moved? Can you see all the mirrors? Is visibility through the windows acceptable? If you can't see

what's going on around you or you simply cannot get comfortable, you'd might as well stop right now, as the car will never suit you.

7) Check the start-up. Now for the moment of truth - turn the ignition on. If you're sold on the money-saving advantages of diesel cars, bear in mind that some sound 'clattery' when starting from cold. This should soon settle down to a more normal beat quickly.

With your foot on the clutch, gently run through the gears. The shift can be 'notchy' when a car is cold but not so stiff it's a problem. Select first and gently lift off the clutch. How smoothly does the car pull away? A 'sharp' clutch, or one which is very heavy, can be hard work - especially in traffic. Does it suit your driving style?

8) Check the engine. Is the engine powerful enough to pull away from traffic lights and to keep going up hills without requiring endless gearchanges? Remember that on most test drives it'll be just you and a salesman in the car. If you'll be pulling a caravan or driving with a full complement of adults, you need to estimate whether the engine can handle it.

9) Check the noise levels. Find a stretch of fast, open road, where it's safe and legal to speed up. If you're going to spend a lot of time cruising motorways and there is a junction nearby,

ask the salesman if you can drive on one for a short stretch.

How much noise is there from the engine, the tyres and the wind? Are there any irritating rattles or buzzes from the interior? If something is mildly distracting on a short test drive, it is likely to be infuriating on a long-distance trip.

10) Check the driving experience. How well does the suspension soak up bumps and take corners? If the ride is too hard, you'll go crashing and jolting over potholes. If it's too soft you'll find the car 'wallows' over small bumps and rolls in corners, making journeys uncomfortable.

An easy-to-drive car is one with controls that do what you want, with a minimum of effort. The steering should be light, but you should be able to 'feel' the road; the gears should be quick and easy, and the tyres should grip well so the car always goes where you point it.

### AND FINALLY

Even if you're completely satisfied with the car's performance and are eager to sign on the dotted line, promise yourself that you'll take at least one more test drive before you commit to anything. If your second test isn't as good, it will reassure you about your original choice. If it's better, you'll have saved yourself from making a very expensive mistake.

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## NEW, ULTIMATE-LUXURY RODEO LIMITED EDITION

Isuzu has launched a new, ultimate-luxury Rodeo five-seat, four-door double-cab pickup called the Denver Max LE with almost £6,000 worth of accessories for just over £2,000 extra.

Priced at £19,990 On-The-Road (excluding VAT), the Denver Max LE adds a Prodrive Performance Pack, 18 ins Prodrive alloy wheels with 255/60 Pirelli Scorpion Zero tyres, two-tone leather seats and door inserts, a Prodrive Mesh grille, a tough load-liner and an XTC hard top.

Also standard is a Bluetooth kit, SmartNav satellite navigation with touchscreen, one year's free SmartNav subscription, one year's free RAC Trackstar subscription and three months' free use of SafeSpeed.

Other Max features include a soft-type front A-bar with chrome insert, chrome side steps, rear chrome bumper and light guards and brushed steel door entry guards.

This is in addition to air-conditioning, a radio/CD-player, four electric windows, leather-wrapped steering wheel, keyless-entry and selectable 'shift-on-the-fly' 4WD or 2WD at speeds up to 60 mph.

The new manual-transmission-only LE is the result of Isuzu dealer demand. It will be restricted to a total of 100 units in either Astral Silver or Black Sapphire metallic.

Its Prodrive Performance Pack boosts the 3.0 litre turbo-diesel engine's power

from 131 PS to 155 PS at the same 3,800 rpm, while torque rockets from 206.5 lb.ft to a solid 258.1 lb.ft at the same 2,000 rpm.

Apart from stronger throttle response, increased flexibility and greater refinement, the 0-60 mph acceleration time is reduced from 16.8 seconds to 12.4 seconds.

Highly-Successful Denver Max SDT Offer Extended

And in another Isuzu initiative, the highly successful Rodeo Denver Max SDT special edition is being extended throughout 2006.

Thanks to popular demand, the Denver Max SDT will now be available in both manual and automatic transmission formats and in a wider choice of colours.

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## FIFTH CONSECUTIVE RECORD YEAR FOR UK LAND ROVER SALES EXPECTED

**Phil Popham, managing director of Land Rover UK said yesterday that the 9,000 UK sales they expect to achieve in the new registration plate change month of September will be the second biggest sales month ever since manufacturing began in 1948. The all-time record month was March 2004 when 10,000 Land and Range Rover models were sold.**

Demand for the 2006 Range Rover, new Discovery 3 and the all-new Range Rover Sport was driving demand with the new Sport already achieving 145 per cent of its sales target. The Sport will achieve nearly 6,000 UK sales this year even though it was only launched in May.

Popham said, "This year we expect our UK sales to reach 49,000 units, the fifth consecutive record year since Ford took over the company six years ago."

"The UK market remains the largest in the world but I do not expect to keep that title next year because the growth in the US market.

They will see 48,000 sales this year and this should increase to 50,000 units in 2006. I do not expect to be able to match that total because of our run-out programme early next year for the current Freelander range and the new models not being introduced until later in 2006" he said.

Popham added that Land Rover sales worldwide this year would be a record total of 180,000 units.

He said, "We have addressed the issues of product quality and reliability and

have recovered from the damage done by our past reputation. With the new 2006 model line up we have just introduced we are ideally placed to grow our sales worldwide and we need to grow and develop our biggest market, the US. We are also seeing significant growth in Italy, France, Germany, Spain and from emerging markets such as Russia and China."

"The UK market currently has the optimum number of 130 Land Rover dealerships with nine sales regions. We

have invested hugely in improving customer satisfaction and regaining their confidence with our dealers implementing fault fixing through service actions. The product quality is now much improved off the production line and this is fully supported with our three-year unlimited mileage vehicle warranty. We have seen a significant reduction in the number of warranty claims for our products", said Popham

This year in the UK Land Rover will sell in the order of

4,000 Range Rover models, 6,000 Range Rover Sports, 6,000 Defenders, 12,000 Discoveries, 20,000 Freelanders and 1,000 assorted other models. The 49,000 total does not include an undisclosed number of 'combat vehicles' used by the military.

Approximately half of the total UK sales are to customers who use company money to buy their vehicles with the majority of buyers being in a position to make their own decision on what vehicle they have.

## SUBARU LAUNCHES POLICE SALES ASSAULT

Symmetrical all-wheel drive specialist, Subaru, has launched a serious assault on the police car market targeting both unmarked and high-visibility liveried use.

Already favoured by several forces, the iconic Impreza will be joined by the sporting executive Legacy and crossover Forester in a three-pronged attack.

This follows Subaru winning approval as an official supplier by the Police Information Technology Organisation.

In addition, the first decade demonstration Forester has just hit the highways complete with all the equipment required

for the official police-spec 'Utility 4x4' category.

Acknowledging the importance of this initiative, Subaru has appointed specialist motor services outsource, Landar Ltd, to establish a Police Sales Unit.

Headed by Programme Manager, Lance Jenkins, this will provide dedicated sales and operational support.

This unit has already received orders for a number of unmarked Imprezas and Legacys by various constabularies and Lance has now begun a charm offensive on fleet managers from more than 40 police forces throughout the UK.

He said: "The performance, agility and reliability of the Impreza is already well known by many forces but few appreciate how ideal the Forester is for rural use and as an all-terrain multi-function vehicle.

"The Legacy is also very attractive as a low-profile 'stealth' car where covert surveillance and eventual pursuit is required. It will be my job to get the Subaru on more shopping lists and to raise its profile among the constabularies."

Subaru's Police Sales unit will also offer interested forces extended vehicle loans for up to six months under a new 'try and buy' programme.

## GRANDE PUNTO ROCKS CAPITAL

The first Fiat Grande Punto to arrive in the UK zipped around the capital city yesterday, (Wednesday 18 January), with the **championing Bodyrockers.**

The electro rock duo sampled Fiat's all-new supermini while finding time for a speedy shopping trip at the world famous Harrods department store in Knightsbridge, where Grande Punto will take centre stage from the end of January through until March.

Two new Grande Puntos will be showcased in Harrods' Brompton Road shop windows for a two

month period from the end of this month, and visitors to the store will be able to experience the car for themselves at close quarters, together with the possibility of a test drive. Grande Punto goes on sale throughout the UK on Saturday 11 February.

The Fiat Punto has been a highly successful product since the original was launched in 1993. Voted European Car of the Year in 1995, it became Europe's best selling car in 1997, and in the UK, its largest export market, some 500,000 examples are active on our roads today. The all-new Punto has elegant lines courtesy of Ital-

ian design maestro, Giorgetto Giugiaro. It is built on a completely new platform, making it the largest and safest in its category. It boasts the widest diesel engine range in its class, and a maximum 5-star Euro NCAP safety rating.

Mainland Europe has taken to the new Italian in a big way. Over 100,000 customer orders have been received since Grande Punto first went on sale at the end of September, and it has already picked up some notable international media awards, including the Golden Steering Wheel (Germany), Auto Europa (Italy), and Best City Car (France).

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## PSA Peugeot Citroën unveils Diesel Hybrid Technology

PSA Peugeot Citroën today unveils two demonstrators featuring a diesel-electric hybrid powertrain, the Peugeot 307 and the Citroën C4 Hybride HDi.

The performance of these cars represents a major breakthrough in further improving fuel economy and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. They also provide increased driving comfort under all conditions, especially in urban traffic.

Average diesel consumption for these two cars is 3.4 litres per 100 kilometres, with 90 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted per kilometre, tank to wheel - a record for compact cars, the most popular segment in Europe. This is some 25% better than a similar vehicle equipped with a petrol hybrid system, or as much as a litre per 100 kilometres in combined urban and motorway driving.

PSA Peugeot Citroën's Hybrid HDi technology comprises a 1.6-litre HDi diesel engine, a particulate filter system (DPFS), the latest generation Stop & Start system, an electric motor, inverter, high-voltage battery pack and dedicated control electronics. The cars are also equipped with an electronically managed manual gearbox.

The Stop & Start system enables the Hybride HDi vehicles to start and drive using only the HDi diesel engine, even when the high-voltage battery pack is totally flat. Other hybrid vehicles, in contrast, would be totally immobilised in this situation.

The Hybride HDi introduces several innovative features:

Recovery of kinetic energy during deceleration and braking.

All-electric mode, or Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV), eliminating noise and emis-

sions for urban driving at up to 50 kilometres an hour.

Extended ZEV mode, in which electrical power is used by default, depending on the battery charge level.

For main road and motorway driving, the electric motor can provide a 35% power boost for extra acceleration when needed, thereby enhancing driving comfort.

PSA Peugeot Citroën could market its Hybride HDi vehicles as early as 2010. However, their introduction rests on making this technology available at an affordable price. Today, the price gap between a Hybride HDi model and a comparable diesel HDi model is still too wide and would have to be halved to make diesel hybrid vehicles accessible to most consumers.

PSA Peugeot Citroën is committed to meeting the challenge of lowering the cost of this technology. Only by meeting this goal will the Group be able to ensure the widespread distribution of the innovative Hybride HDi solution, so making a significant contribution to protecting the environment. The Group plans a two-pronged approach:

Extensive R&D on the four areas that generate most of the extra cost: high-voltage batteries, electric motor/generator, inverter and the regenerative braking system.

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PSA Peugeot Citroën has asked the French Agency for Industrial Innovation to support the project.

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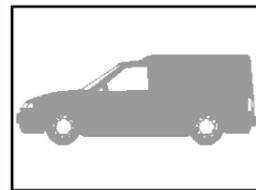


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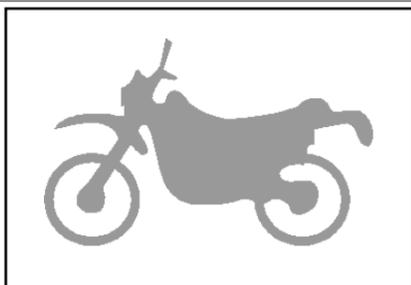
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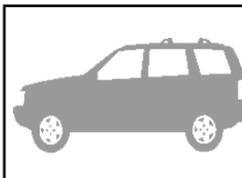
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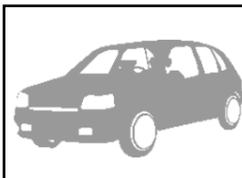
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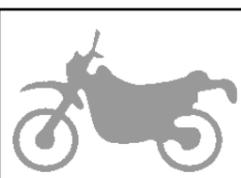
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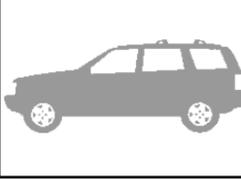
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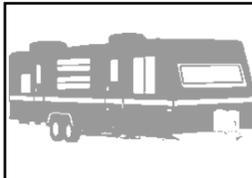
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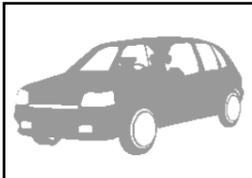
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God says: 'Administer true justice, show mercy and compassion to one another' (Zachariah 7:9)

**BIRTHS**

**BAIN - WILLIAMSON** - Pete and Linda are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Amber, on January 21, 2006 at the Queen Mother's Hospital, Glasgow. Special thanks to the midwifery teams at the Mid Argyll and Queen Mother's Hospitals and ambulance crew, all for their excellent care and support.

**CAMPBELL** - Ian and Betsy (nee Young) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their second daughter Sarah Elizabeth on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at Stirling Royal Infirmary. A little sister for Megan Rachel. Thanks to all the midwives in Stirling and Campbeltown for their excellent care.

**MACMILLAN** - Carlyn, Ashleigh, Chloe and Eve are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby brother, Harvey Calum on January 22, 2006 at Glasgow S.G.H. Calum and Laura thank S.G.H and Campbeltown Midwives, especially Anna. Thanks.

**MARTIN** - James and Lyndsay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Niah Aysia, born January 29, 2006. Wee sister for Rachel. First grandchild for Niall and Phyllis Cameron, fifth grandchild for Alice Martin.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**ANDERSON-CAMPBELL** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Michael, eldest son of Peter and Sheena Anderson, Bahrain, to Victoria, only daughter of Colin and Wendy Campbell, Stonehaven on the occasion of Vikki's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**WEDDINGS**

**DAVIDSON - ROBERTSON** - At Saddell and Carradale Parish Church on January 21, 2006, by Rev John Vischer, Jonathan, only son of John and Dee Davidson, Tynemouth, to Claire, only daughter of Dede Robertson, Carradale.

**DEATHS**

**DURNAN** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 26, 2006, Robert Moore Durnan (Roy), in his 59<sup>th</sup> year, 23 Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, much loved father of Innes and dearly loved brother of Charles and George.

**HALL** - Suddenly at her home on North Uist on January 23, 2006, Maggie Hall aged 62 years. Much loved mother of Marina, mother-in-law of Walter, dear sister of John and loving nana to Craig and Rhian. She will be sadly missed.

**MACALISTER** - Angus, peacefully in the Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, on January 26, 2006 in his 89<sup>th</sup> year, Angus MacAlister, Gulgum Cottages, Isle of Gigha, beloved husband of the late,

Charlotte, dear father to John and Archie, father-in-law to Joan and Lorna and a devoted grandad. Funeral was held on Saturday, January 28, 2006 on the Island of Gigha.

**MACLEAN** - Peacefully, in her sleep, at Lorn Ward, Argyll & Bute Hospital, on January 27, 2006, Margaret MacLean nee Orr, in her 73<sup>rd</sup> year, formerly of 33 Oakhill, Tarbert and Ardrpatrick, Kilberry. Much loved and loving mother of Isobel, Fiona and Heather. A treasured grandmother and great-grandmother. A dear sister of Dougie, Billy and the late Isobel. Funeral service was held in Tarbert Parish Church on Tuesday January 31, followed by interment at Carrick Cemetery. Sadly missed by family and friends.

**MCALLUM** - Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on January 29, 2006, Agnes Graham, in her 72<sup>nd</sup> year, 120 Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Rab McCallum, dearly loved mother of Richard, Campbell and Shona and a loving and much loved grannie and mother-in-law.

**MCKEGNEY** - Mary (Murrayfield), suddenly at home on January 29, 2006 after a positively cheerful and brave fight against cancer, Mary, (aged 46 years) much loved wife and best pal of Douglas, a loved daughter of Campbell and Ann, sister Susan, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law and aunt. A funeral service to which all family and friends are welcome will be held at Warriston Crematorium Lorimer Chapel on Friday February 3, at 10.00am. Flowers if desired may be sent to W T Dunbar & Sons 263 St John's Road, Edinburgh EH12 7XD. A collection will be taken in support of WRVS after the service.

**WOOD** - Peacefully on Wednesday January 25, 2006, Agnes MacArthur Wood, in her 90<sup>th</sup> year, (Retired Member of the Diplomatic Service), eldest daughter of the late Douglas and Mary Wood and loving sister of Beatrice and the late Margaret Blanford. The funeral was held on Thursday February 2, 2006.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

**BLACK** - The family of the late Margaret Black, would like to thank relatives and friends, for kind support, and expressions of sympathy received, in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all who befriended Margaret, and were so kind to her on a regular basis, to local police for their help and consideration, Rev Bill Gray for a comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors, for professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering, and to all who paid their last respects, at church and graveside.

**DEWAR** - The family of the late Dorothy Dewar would like to thank relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy, cards and floral tributes. Special thanks to district nurses, doctors and staff of Mid Argyll Hospital for their care and kindness. Thanks also to Rev. David Carruthers for a comforting service and support, Donald MacDonald Funeral Undertakers for professional arrangements and to the Galley of Lorne for catering. A final thank you to all who paid their last respects

at church and graveside. Donations received - £300 for Cancer Research, UK.

**MCALLUM** - Sandra and Donna would like to thank their friends and family for their support with the sad loss of their father and grandfather Neil McCallum. In particular, thanks to Eddie Brodie, Gus McGougan, Margaret Anne Green, the paramedics, nurses Donna O'Hara and Fiona O'May and Duncan McGeachy, and of course Mr Lind for his kind words and support and Alasdair Blair for not only the funeral arrangements but his overall support, advice and kindness shown throughout, also everyone who sent cards floral tributes and paid their respects at Church and graveside.

**MCGEACHY** - The family of the late Dorothy McGeachy wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for visits, phone calls, cards and flowers following their recent sad bereavement. Thanks to Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, Campbeltown Police and Paramedics. Special thanks to all medical staff in Acute Ward Campbeltown and Surgical ITU Southern General for their care and attention. Thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for sensitive handling of funeral arrangements, Rev Vischer for his comforting service, Carradale Hotel and friends for hospitality. Finally, thanks to all those who paid their last respects at Church and Graveside.

**THOMSON** - Hector and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind support and for cards, letters and telephone calls received, following the sudden loss of Betty. Thanks to Doctors, Nurses and Staff of Wards 65 & 66 and the intensive care unit at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Tarbert Pharmacy. Special thanks to Rev Bill Gray, for his comforting services, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional arrangements, Muirholm Hotel, Cardross, for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at the church and crematorium. The sum of £1100 was collected for R.N.L.I. thank you all.

**WILSON** - The family of Cherry Wilson wish to thank all friends and relatives for kind expressions of sympathy and cards. Sincere thanks to the staff of Campbeltown Hospital and Lorne and Islands District General Hospital, Oban. Thanks to Rev Lind for his comforting words, Alasdair Blair for his professional funeral arrangements and Argyll Hotel for purvey.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CRAIG** - In loving memory of our dear mother, mother-in-law, granny and great-grandmother Pearl, died February 5, 2005. Flowers and leaves may wither The evening sun may set But the hearts that loved you dearly

Are the ones who won't forget. - From your loving son Hinton, Tina and all the family at home and away.

**DURNAN** - Isabella McNaughton (Isa). In memory of our dear mother, died February 2, 2005. When I am down and oh my soul so weary

When I am sad and my heart burdened be Then I am still and wait here in the silence

Until you come and sit a while with me You raise me up so I can stand on mountains You raise me up to walk on stormy seas I am strong when I am on your shoulders

You raise me up to more than I can be - Bobby, Michael, Agnes, Michael Jnr and Kimberley, Blackpool.

**DURNAN** - In loving memory of my mother-in-law Isa who fell asleep on February 2, 2005. You will always have a special place in my heart.

- Isa, Flora and family. **McGLYNN** - Remembering our beloved parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Con, died November 12, 1987 and Nan, died February 3, 2002. Forever in our thoughts - The family.

**ROBERTSON** - In memory of my dear brother Donald, died February 6, 2003. I will always love you. - Sister Nan and Archie, East Kilbride.

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**GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
Ford ..... 10 a.m.  
Preacher: **Rev. Richard West**  
All most welcome

**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
**RENT-A-STALL**  
Ardrishaig  
1-3 p.m.  
Items, Bric-a-Brac, Plants, etc., gratefully received



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**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
**5th Sunday after Epiphany**  
10.45 a.m. .... Morning Prayer  
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**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
Family Service  
**Rev. Hilda Smith**  
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**Thursday 9 February 2006**  
The Guild meets in the ARMS Centre, 7.30 p.m.

**LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
All Welcome  
Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Miles**  
**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
11 a.m. .... Morning Service with Communion  
6.30 p.m. .... Evening Service Bible Study

**Monday 10.30 a.m.**  
Discipleship Course  
Ladies Meeting

**Monday at 2.30 p.m.**  
**Mrs Robert Holden**  
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**Wednesday @7**  
Prayer Meeting

**Thursday**  
Luncheon Club  
**Friday 10-11.30 a.m.**  
Jumpstart Group

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**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
Tarbert Church ..... 11.30 a.m.  
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**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
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**Luke 13**  
*Mustard and Yeast*  
**PACT**  
for children of all ages meets in Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.  
**Saturday 4 February 2006**  
Guild Coffee Morning  
North Church Hall  
10 a.m. until 12 noon

**THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR**

**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
*Turning the Other Cheek* (Luke 6:29)  
Cumlodden (Furnace)  
10.30 a.m.  
Lochfyneside (Minard)  
12 noon

Lochgaire ..... 3 p.m.  
(Sacrament of Baptism)  
**Rev. Roderick MacLeod**  
All welcome

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
Bellanoch ..... 11.30 a.m.  
**Rev. Richard West**

**Thursday 9 February 2006**  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7.30 p.m.  
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**ST COLUMBA'S POTALLOCH**

**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
9 a.m. .... Eucharist

**CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD**

11 a.m. .... Eucharist

**LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH CAMPBELTOWN**

**Saturday 4 February 2006**  
Walking Group meets in Car Park at 11 a.m.  
Youth Club 7-8.30 p.m.

**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
Morning Worship ...11.15 a.m.  
Creche, Sunday, School, Bible Class

**Rev. Philip Burroughs**  
**Monday 6 February 2006**  
The Guild ..... 7.30 p.m.

**Tuesday 7 February 2006**  
Mothers and Toddlers  
9.45 a.m.

**Thursday 9 February 2006**  
Choir Practice ..... 7.30 p.m.

**Friday 10 February 2006**  
Lunch Club ..... 12.15 p.m.

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**

**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
11 a.m.

Worship Service for All Ages followed by light lunch  
Speaker: **Stewart McGregor**

**Thursday 9 February 2006**  
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'Come and see'

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**Sunday 5 February 2006**  
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11 a.m.  
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Speaker: **Rev. Stuart McLean**

**SALVATION ARMY**

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**Sunday Services**  
10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

**Tuesday 12.30 p.m.**  
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1.45 p.m. .... Home League (Ladies Meeting)

**Thursday 11.30 a.m.**  
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Coffee ..... 10.45 a.m.

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Prayer Meeting ..... 7.30 p.m.  
Youth Fellowship .. 7.30 p.m.

All welcome  
**Wednesday**

Jellytots Parent and Toddler Group ..... 10 a.m.

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# Small turnout for golf winter league

## Golf

A SMALLER turnout of players than usual played in Lochgilphead Golf Club's winter league last weekend and although the weather was dry and sunny, the greens remained icy and difficult to putt on.

Top of the class on the day was David Sinclair, who turned for home one over nett. The game on the day favoured those who could remain patient around the pin and David had both skill and nerves of steel. It was always going to be a battle coming in and David's lack of birdies came as no surprise given the conditions. He finished with a three-pointer and will likely improve once he is familiar with his new equipment.

Iain McGlynn finished provisional third, but due to a small clerical error, Iain MacInnes finished three points further down the table than first thought. Donald Carmichael and Donald Johnson also gained a point and a place, whilst everyone commiserates with Iain MacInnes. Every player involved in the league would rather win their points through good play on the course, rather than through the misfortune of others. As is typical of his character, Iain accepted his fate with dignity and good sportsmanship, both of which will serve him well in his future matches.

Donald Carmichael had a steady first round and his

total of 11 fours and a three proved enough on the day for third place. A couple of good strong three-pointers mid round helped Donald put in an impressive homeward nine.

Donald Johnson isn't often out of the leaderboard top three, and his performance ensured he will remain there for another week at least. A quiet front nine by his own standards was followed by a front nine containing seven fours, and three par threes made a huge difference to his day.

Iain MacInnes was only one over nett on his outward nine, and Eric Capocci's birdie two at the third, followed by a birdie at the 10th, helped him grab five points.

Four threes and seven fours was a good day's work for Ross Sinclair, who was chased all the way by Keith Cowan, who is now only two points outside the top 12. Tom Campbell maintained his position thanks to another two championship points, whilst Tommy Angus had a mixed day, the highlight of which was a birdie at the fourth for three points.

The players thank the greenkeeping staff for their efforts, especially for the greens, which were cut and rolled prior to the matches taking place, and for the major bridge-building programme, which has made a huge difference.

Donald Johnson won both prizes at the nearest the pin holes, with 197 inches and 69 inches at the seventh and

ninth respectively.

## Result week 16

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| 1 D Sinclair   | 10 |
| 2 I McGlynn    | 9  |
| 3 D Carmichael | 8  |
| 4 D Johnson    | 7  |
| 5 I MacInnes   | 6  |
| 6 E Capocci    | 5  |
| 7 R Sinclair   | 4  |
| 8 K Cowan      | 3  |
| 9 T Campbell   | 2  |
| 10 T Angus     | 1  |

## Inveraray opt against promotion

### Shinty

IT'S ALL change in South Division One and South Division Two, with two clubs opting to play their shinty in the lower league and one moving up.

As champions of South Division Two last season, Inveraray were offered the option of moving up a league, but have decided that they would benefit from another season in the lower league. The South Division One place will be filled by last season's runners-up Lochside Rovers, Oban Camanachd's reserve team, who will be the only reserve side to be regularly playing among senior teams in the South structure.

The Camanachd Association has also confirmed that Strachur and Oban Celtic, who were both placed in South Division One, have decided to take their young teams into South Division Two to allow for a period of development.

# Tarbert's perfect home record maintained with win



Tarbert AFC maintained their perfect home record with a win over Millerston Thistle at Cil Andreis last weekend.

## SAFL Division Two Tarbert AFC 3 Millerston Thistle 1

TARBERT maintained their perfect home record with a hard-fought victory on Saturday January 28 over Millerston Thistle at Cil Andreis.

The Dookers, sponsored by the Islay Frigate Hotel, had to come from a goal down to defeat an obstinate visiting side who were both physical and well-organised.

Tarbert welcomed player-manager Alex Johnstone back into the side, following the injury he sustained in December. It was an impressive return to action, Johnstone heading Tarbert's

## Football

equaliser from a well-taken corner from Mike Connor.

Connor and Prentice had chances to open the scoring early on, but it was Thistle who took the lead against the run of play.

When the ball was played over the defence, the waiting player looked suspiciously offside, but referee McInnes waved play on, allowing Thistle's striker to fire low past Blair.

Following Johnstone's equaliser, James Prentice maintained his good scoring record with a powerful drive into the net after Thistle failed to clear a cross.

Dougie Guy came close to

adding a third before half-time, but he shot over the crossbar after a good run.

Harris and Ian Johnson were causing havoc for the visitors during the first half, moving into good positions, but Tarbert became increasingly frustrated as the football turned scrappy in the second half.

Failure to kill the match off with a third goal made the second half a nervous one for Tarbert, whose passing and shooting could have been better. They were nearly made to pay for this when a clearance was blocked, but Millerston's shot flew wide.

The Dookers' nerves were finally calmed when substitute David Ronald's free kick was headed on by Prentice, a visiting defender turning the ball into the net for an own goal.

Tarbert AFC would like to thank R Hyslop and Son, Tarbert butcher, for sponsoring Saturday's match ball.

Tomorrow (Saturday February 4) Tarbert are at home to Eaglesham 'B' on league duty. Kick-off at Cil Andreis is at 2pm.

**Tarbert:** Blair, Maxwell, Guy, Laing, A Johnstone, MacDougall, I Johnson, K Harris, McDougall, Prentice, Connor. Subs: Ronald, MacKay, McIver

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# Red Star return to winning ways at home

**SAFL Division One  
Lochgilthead Red Star 7  
East Kilbride 1**

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star played host to East Kilbride on Saturday January 28, aiming to win their first game of the New Year.

By the club's own standards, this season has been poor, the side having been knocked out of both the Scottish Cup and West of Scotland Cup. A comfortable win on Saturday may be the catalyst the side requires to kick-start its season.

The home side were without Ged Rae, but welcomed back Craig Campbell and Eanie Phillips. They started the match brightly and created a

number of early chances through Neil Russell and Craig Houston, but the back four of Moore, Craig Campbell, Thomas and Ian Houston had to be alert to the threat of counter-attacks.

Red Star opened the scoring after five minutes, when Moore's long ball into the box well met by Craig Houston. He slipped a pass through for Davy Campbell, whose first time shot curled inside the left hand post.

The goal settled Red Star, who began to play some of their best football of the season. The Argyll side kept the momentum going with some good passages of play between defence and midfield, but weren't getting the breaks in front of goal.

## Football

Red Star, sponsored by L and A Mackay and the Stag Hotel, added their second goal after 21 minutes. Good play on the left hand side by Craig Houston saw his cross met by Luke Naisby, who headed past the visiting keeper.

The third goal arrived only five minutes later, following good build-up play on the right hand side. Naisby swung a good ball across to Davy Campbell, who headed the ball back to Broderick. His screaming left foot shot flew into the top right corner of the net.

With half time looming, Craig Houston added a fourth goal for Red Star.

Moore and Russell combined well, the latter slipping the ball to Houston on the edge of the box. His turn and shot were perfect, leaving the keeper helpless.

East Kilbride started the second half in a more positive manner than they had the first, pushing Red Star back and keeping goalkeeper Calache on his toes. In contrast, Red Star were showing signs of overplaying the ball. The visitors pulled a goal back, Red Star caught upfield, the visiting number 10 drilling his shot beyond Calache.

Red Star manager Michael Todd made a change shortly afterwards, replacing

MacPherson with Phillips. The home side settled down after the East Kilbride goal, and grabbed their fifth goal shortly afterwards. Broderick scored his second of the day after Campbell and Naisby combined to send Houston down the right. His cut-back was met by Broderick, who tapped the ball home from six yards.

Red Star made two further substitutions, Morrison replacing Naisby and McNeil coming on for Russell. The home side's passing moves contributed to their sixth goal in the 75th minute. Angus Morrison pushed down the right flank, beating his marker and sending a great ball into the box for

Davy Campbell, who finished well from 10 yards. Craig Houston completed the scoring in the 81st minute, the midfielder sent clear by Moore and curling a shot in off the right post.

Red Star have no match this weekend, as they only have four matches remaining this season. The club thanks Lorraine Campbell, Kirsten MacDonald and Anne Houston for their help at last week's coffee morning, which raised £250 for club funds.

**Red Star:** Calache, C Campbell, Thomas, I Houston, Moore, Broderick, D Campbell, MacPherson, Naisby, Russell, C Houston. Subs: Morrison, McNeil, Phillips.

## Sixty sign up for jogscotland

### Badminton

MORE than 60 people of all ages and abilities signed up for the local jogscotland group at Mid Argyll Sports Centre last Thursday. Dry weather benefited the joggers as they took part in an introductory run around the streets of Lochgilthead.

The 10-week course enables members to benefit from the guidance of a Scottish Athletics trained jog leader and every week joggers will begin with a warm up before being given some tips on increasing fitness levels. They will then enjoy an evening of guided jogging/running, leading to an organised fun run at the end of the course.

The introductory course continues every Thursday until the end of March and anyone interested in joining one of the three varying ability groups is asked to go along to the sports centre at 7.30pm. For more information, call 01546 605336.

# Badminton teams compete in Mid Argyll



Badminton players from Dunoon, Oban, Mid Argyll and Campbeltown took part in this year's Argyll Cup. a05bad02

THE MID Argyll Badminton Association played host to this year's Argyll Cup, Peter Tait welcoming players from Dunoon, Oban and Campbeltown to the Mid Argyll Sports Centre on Saturday January 28.

The annual team event was

once again thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants. Sponsorship of the event by Macleod Construction was much appreciated.

Normally the four Argyll Badminton Associations put forward two teams each one playing for the 'A' trophy and

the other for what is known as the 'C' trophy.

This year, disappointingly, Mid Argyll and Campbeltown could not produce enough players for separate teams so were forced to combine their resources. This meant with three teams of

five mixed couples competing in each competition, play was organised in a round robin format.

In the 'A' competition, the match between the Mid Argyll/Campbeltown team and Dunoon ended Mid Argyll nine and Dunoon 13. Oban

beat Mid Argyll/Campbeltown 17-6, before proving too strong for Dunoon, registering a 14-8 win. Final totals for the 'A' Trophy were Oban 31, Dunoon 21 and Mid Argyll 15.

The Dunoon team were dominant in the 'C' trophy competition. Mid Argyll/Campbeltown only managed to win six games all day while Dunoon registered 37 wins and Oban 20. The players, however, all thoroughly

enjoyed the day's play.

The day ended traditionally with a meal and dance held at Lochgilthead Golf Club, where trophies were presented to the winning captains of Oban for the 'A' leagues and Dunoon for the 'C'.

Next year's competition will be hosted by Oban and District Badminton Association.

## Inveraray to host finals

### Shinty

INVERARAY'S Winterton Park will be the venue for the final of the Bullough Cup this season and both the Balliemore and Sutherland cup finals in 2007.

Camanachd Association chief executive Richard Tulloch said: 'The decisions to select the final venues in advance will enable clubs to plan for the events with much less pressure, and it also enables the association to manage the fixtures in a more organised fashion.'

'The allocation of the matches to Beaulie this season and Inveraray the next is just reward for both clubs

for their efforts and the investment they have made in facilities both on and off the playing surface.'

## Tarbert AFC lotto result

### Lottery

THE WINNING numbers from Tarbert AFC's lotto draw on Monday January 30 were 5, 10 and 13. As there were no winning tickets, the jackpot for the draw on Monday February 6 will be £400.

## No Kilmory lottery draw winners

### Lottery

THERE were no winners from Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday January 30, when the numbers drawn were 13, 14 and 18. As a result, the jackpot for the draw on Monday February 6 will be £200.

## Inveraray lottery draw

### Lottery

THE WINNING numbers drawn in Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday January 30 were 5, 6 and 19. As there were no winning tickets, the jackpot for the draw on Monday February 6 will be £900.



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