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## Fears for hospital bus service

WITH the future of bus services to the new Mid Argyll Hospital still uncertain, Lochgilphead Community Council is to express its concerns to Argyll and Bute Council.

At the community council's meeting on Monday, chairman Eric Box voiced fears that no bus service to the hospital on Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, had been confirmed as yet.

He said: 'Argyll and Bute Council has known since 2002 that there would need to be a bus service to the hospital, but I understand it only applied for funding six weeks ago.'

'No assurance has been forthcoming that a bus service will be in place at the hospital and I don't think that the funding the council has applied for covers an evening service.'

As revealed in *The Argyllshire Advertiser* last month, Argyll and Bute Council and West Coast Motors

Community council fear no bus service is guaranteed

have submitted a joint bid for funding of between £25,000 and £30,000 to provide a half-hourly bus service between Ardrishaig and the new hospital.

West Coast Motors' initial proposal for the hospital bus service saw buses running from 8.30am until 6pm. Community council members had expressed concern at this proposal as they felt evening visitors would be faced with an unacceptably long walk to and from the new building, especially during darker winter months.

'As the GP surgery and community nurses are to be based at the new hospital, there will be a huge number of people there every day,' said Mr Box.

'Even the daytime half-hourly service is not a real-

ity yet, but there needs to be a frequent, reliable bus service throughout the day. As the council is the authority for transport, I think the community council needs to tackle them.'

Addressing Mr Box's concerns, Lochgilphead Councillor Donnie MacMillan said: 'I have never thought for one moment that we will not get the funding for the bus service.'

But Mr Box responded by saying: 'As the council has to apply for funding, there is an implication that the money may not be forthcoming.'

Community council members agreed that Mr Box should write to Argyll and Bute Council to ask what will happen to the proposed bus service should the funding bid prove unsuccessful.

## New baby for Duke and Duchess

THERE was a new arrival for the Duke and Duchess of Argyll this week with the birth of their second son on Friday February 3.

Lord Rory James Campbell was born at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, weighing in at 7lb 14oz.

Margaret Mather, secretary at Argyll Estates, said: 'Both mother and baby are doing well.'

The couple's first son, Lord Archie Fred-

erick Campbell Marquis of Lorne, was born in March 2004.

Sir Torquhil Ian Campbell, the 13th Duke of Argyll, married Eleanor Cadbury, a member of the Cadbury's chocolate family, in June 2002 at St Mary's Church, Fairford, Gloucestershire.

They make regular visits to the Campbell ancestral home of Inveraray Castle while living and working in London.



## MSP encourages Mid Argyll to save energy

Maureen MacMillan MSP was in Lochgilphead this week to encourage Mid Argyll's residents to save energy and protect the environment. Highlands and Islands MSP Mrs MacMillan, right, is pictured with Evelina McCafferty of the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre and Co-op customer James Simpson, who was amongst the first to sign up to save 20 per cent of the energy used in the home each day. Mrs MacMillan said: 'I think this is a very important initiative. We need to do whatever we can to save the environment, and small steps like switching off appliances can help prevent global warming. a06nrg01

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## 'Illicit rubbish' in school skip

LOCHGILPHEAD Primary School has hit out at people using the school's skip to dispose of household rubbish.

School secretary Margaret Davidson said: 'When we arrived at school on Monday morning, it was to find the skip, which is provided by Argyll and Bute Council for school use only, overflowing with rubbish that had been dumped over the weekend by someone too lazy to drive out to the dump

at Lingerton. In the skip were a washing machine, chairs, two Christmas trees and several large shrubs. Garden rubbish, household rubbish and a multitude of black bags surrounded the skip, which was overflowing and couldn't hold any more.'

Mrs Davidson explained that the fly-tipping was causing problems for the school. She said: 'The council has reduced the number of skip collections

that it makes to one per week.

'When the skip is full at the beginning of the week with 'illicit rubbish' it means that the school does not have a facility in which to dispose of its own rubbish throughout the week - and you can imagine how much rubbish a school can generate during a week!'

Staff at the school also felt that the unauthorised use of the skip could have a detrimental effect on pupils'

health. The bins in the playground are full to overflowing and there is nowhere for the children to dispose of their rubbish. It could also encourage vermin around the school grounds,' said Mrs Davidson

'The school is working towards becoming an Eco School and we educate our pupils to be responsible and to care for their environment and the community. What example is this thoughtless person showing?'

## Police Files

### Drink driving

A MAN was arrested in the early hours of Monday February 6 following an alleged drink driving offence on the A816. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Kilmory fire

POLICE attended a small fire in a wooden gazebo at Kilmory on Saturday February 4. Thanks to the prompt actions of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and a member of the public, the fire was extinguished very quickly. Police are treating the incident as wilful fire raising and are appealing for information.

### Port Ann accident

A HEAVY goods vehicle left the A83 near Port Ann on Thursday February 2, the driver sustaining minor injuries. Removing the vehicle from trees at the roadside required a major operation the next day, which resulted in the road being closed periodically. Strathclyde Police wish to thank drivers for their patience.

### Medals found

POLICE recovered a number of Second World War medals last year in the Ardrishaig area and are keen to return them to their owner. If you can provide any information, call Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200.

### Two arrested for 'vicious' assault

AS A result of inquiries following what police described as a vicious assault on Colchester Square on Sunday January 29, two men have been reported to the procurator fiscal on assault charges.

Sergeant Martin Balkeen of Strathclyde Police said: 'I'd like to take this opportunity to thank members of the public for their assistance.

'I'd also like to stress that this was a relatively isolated incident in what is a largely peaceful community, and that the police service and local community won't tolerate this kind of behaviour.'

### Learn advocacy skills

LOMOND and Argyll Advocacy Service is running a new basic advocacy skills training course in Lochgilphead for Mid Argyll's volunteers.

The six-week course, which is due to start in March, will take place on dates to suit volunteers. Training is free, and people who complete the course will be considered for work within the Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service.

There has been far greater demand on the service recently with the implementation of the new Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003. The act, which came into force on October 5 2005, gives people with a 'mental disorder' the right to access independent advocacy.

Anyone interested in assisting and supporting people in 'making their voice heard' should call 01389 726543 or 0845 6023292 for an application form and more information. Calls are charged at local rates. A similar course will also run in Kintyre later this year.

## High school dinner lady retires after 24 years



Catering assistant Mari Young (left) receives a bunch of flowers from Esther Strickland, catering area manager with Argyll and Bute Council. Mari retired in December, after 24 years of service at Lochgilphead High School.

A LOCHGILPHEAD High School catering assistant retired in December, ending a 24-year spell in the post.

Although Mari Young, hailed as a wonderful baker with a super sense of fun, preferred to stay behind the scenes in the school's kitchen, she will be greatly missed by everyone at Lochgilphead High School.

To mark her retirement, Mari received a bouquet of flowers from Esther Strickland, catering area manager with Argyll and Bute Council.

### Lochgilphead police looking for assistance

STRATHCLYDE police is appealing for members of the public to assist in the detection and prevention of crime.

Sergeant Martin Balkeen said: 'We're looking for members of the public to let us know if they hear or know anything that could help us. We're particularly interested in any information on drink or drug driving, people carrying offensive weapons or anyone associated with illicit drug activity. Information from the public will help us to maintain a peaceful and safe community.'

Anyone with information they feel could help prevent or detect crime can contact Sergeant Balkeen at Lochgilphead Police Station on 01546 702200, write to police at Strathclyde Police, Lochnell Street, Lochgilphead (anonymously if preferred), or contact Crime Stoppers free and in confidence on 0800 111 555.

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## Robber's Den saved

ROBBER'S Den wood in Ardrishaig has been saved for current and future generations through the determination of the local community.

A group of people from Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig has set up the Robber's Den, Ardrishaig Community Woodlands Group. This group is set to reclaim the land, which was originally donated to Ardrishaig by Duncan MacArthur, from the Crown Estate.

John McKechnie, chairman of the new group, said: 'Robber's Den is a great place. I am looking forward to helping make it even better for everyone.'

'We hope to have lots of enjoyable ways to get involved, including walks, clean ups, practical work and history lessons. We will also tackle problems such as fly tipping, which is blocking access and damaging the burn.'

Anyone who wishes to become involved with the new group should contact John on 01546 600445.

## Stag Hotel restaurant closes

DINNERS and lunches will no longer be served from The Stag Hotel's Lochgilphead restaurant.

Stag Manager Shirley Sinclair said: 'It's no longer viable.' However, the Stag will still be available for functions and funerals.

The hotel's ground floor restaurant will now be used as a tea lounge. It will be open during the day for teas, coffees, cakes and sandwiches.

The lounge will be open in the evenings and The Stag hopes to encourage older people to go along by serving teas, coffees, cheap drink and organising bingo games.

## Seeking blood donors

THE BLOOD Transfusion Service's mobile donating team will be visiting Lochgilphead next week.

Mid Argyll residents can give blood between 2.30pm and 3.45pm and from 5.15pm until 7.30pm on Wednesday February 15 at the Community Centre, Manse Brae.

# Inveraray Pipe Band get grant cash boost

THE young musicians from Inveraray and District Pipe Band will be kitted out with new outfits thanks to grants totalling £16,750 announced this week.

The band will purchase kilts, jackets and shoes to ensure that members look their very best at competitions and engagements this

season. New drums and other equipment such as practice chanters will also be bought.

Jim McMillan, band secretary, said: 'That's our last bit of funding in place. They have already been measured for kilts, we are hoping that they will all be in place by the end of March, early

April. We are going to be competing at a lot of events this year - national championships and a couple of highland games.'

The band will receive £5,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme; £8,750 from Argyll and the Islands Enterprise (AIE); and £3,000 from the

Scottish Community Fund. They have also raised £10,000 by fundraising locally and are currently waiting to hear about a £12,000 grant from the Scottish Arts Council.

Donald Melville, senior client advisor at AIE, said: 'The cultural heritage of the highlands and places like

Argyll is one of our strategic priorities.'

The band's next engagement is on Saturday February 25 when it will play at the opening of Inveraray Shinty Club's new changing facility. On April 1 the band will host the Inveraray and District Piping Association Annual Junior Competition.

The band members are aged from nine to 16 years. There are currently 10 pipers and eight drummers, with many younger children coming through learning the chanter and the drums. They practice on a Tuesday night in Inveraray Primary School and more often than not on a Sunday afternoon.

## Poems and haggis a plenty in Furnace

FURNACE Primary School's pupils have been learning traditional Scottish poems, which they recited for the whole school on Burns' Day.

Pupils in primaries three to seven all performed very well, and the standards were so high that all of the children received certificates of merit.

Judges Jean McLeod and Paul Hadfield awarded the school trophy to overall winner Molly MacInnes. After the competition, the children all tucked into a delicious Burns Supper of haggis, neeps and tatties prepared by Robbie Bell. The school extends its thanks to the judges



Furnace Primary School pupils with their Burns certificates and medals.

and cook.

Winner of the primary three competition was

Scott McColl, Molly MacInnes top of the primary four and five cat-

egory and Calum Turner winning the primary six and seven competition.

## Top marks for Lochgilphead nursery

WHITE Gates Pre-Five Unit in Lochgilphead has received a glowing report from the Care Commission.

Four standards were inspected at the nursery, all of which were met successfully.

The commission's report also advised that there were no points for action.



## Drivers ignoring Kilmory traffic lights

ANGRY drivers travelling between Lochgilphead and Kilmory Industrial Estate have complained to police about motorists running red lights.

The temporary traffic lights are in place at the new school site on the A83.

The road policing department will be patrolling the area to put a stop to the problem.

Road Policing Inspector

David Sutherland said: 'Motorists who run through the lights while they are on red or red/amber are not only committing an offence but are endangering other road users and the workmen at the site. The highway code clearly states that amber means stop at the stop line. You may go on only if the amber appears after you have crossed the stop line or are so close that to pull up might cause

an accident. 'Similarly when red or red/amber is displayed on traffic lights motorists should stop. Do not pass through or start until green shows.'

He warned that failure to comply with the traffic lights will result in a £60 fine and three points on a driver's licence. The road policing department will be monitoring the problem daily, utilising both marked and unmarked patrol cars.

## Skate park

PLANS for a skateboard park in Lochgilphead continue to move forward, with a possible site identified.

Speaking at a meeting of Lochgilphead Community Council on Monday, Councillor Donnie MacMillan said: 'A prospective site for the skate park has been identified by Argyll and Bute Council, and we are now in discussions with the owner.'

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# Ford man hit with London parking ticket hasn't been since 60s

NO-ONE is ever happy to receive a parking ticket, but one Mid Argyll man was especially incensed when a penalty notice arrived through his letterbox recently - as he and his car were 500 miles away from the scene of the crime!

John Scott of Ford received a charge certificate from Transport for London last week, which advised him that his car had been illegally parked on Camden High Street on Friday January 13. The letter advised that, as the original parking ticket had not been paid, the penalty charge had increased to £150.

Speaking to *The Argyll-*

John accused of illegally parking on Camden High Street

*shire Advertiser*, Mr Scott said: 'I called the number on the letter and told them that I haven't been to London since 1965, and that I've never driven my car there.'

'The girl asked if the vehicle registration number was mine, which it was. She then asked what make and model my car was, and when I told her it was a Citroen AX, she realised that I was telling the truth, as the car that was illegally parked in London was a Vauxhall Astra.'

'So someone in London

must be using the same registration number as me with false plates on their car.'

Though Transport For London accepted that Mr Scott was not responsible for the fine, he was warned that the problem is likely to occur again.

'They told me that if someone is driving around London in a car with the same numberplate as me, any time they park illegally or get caught speeding, the tickets will come to me, as I'm the registered keeper of the car which legally has that registration.'

# Inverary pupils hatch salmon plan



Pupils Ewan Fyfe, Kyle Renton, Kanisha Kirkhope and Morven Campbell with Owen Hutchins, development officer for Lochaber Fisheries Trust, Tom Paterson, janitor and Richard MacKenzie of Loch Awe Improvement Association. t05fsh01

## AQUACULTURE TODAY 2006 EDINBURGH

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Aquaculture Today 2006 is being held at Edinburgh's five star Sheraton Hotel & Spa from March 28-30 and is set to be one of the most influential events of its kind held in the UK.

The 2006 conference builds on the achievement of last year's pioneering event with speakers from the UK, Europe and beyond already lined up to participate.

The conference addresses key issues facing the fish farming sector in a useful and varied programme comprising formal presentations, discussion sessions, networking, exhibits and a special awards dinner. Delegates will hear from leading industry figures on:

- o World Markets
- o Fish Health
- o Innovation
- o Species Development.

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

### Fish Farmer

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

Fit for the Future

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The children of Inveraray Primary School are one of five schools in Argyll that will be hatching wild salmon and returning the smolts to the river.

Special incubators are being put into Inveraray, Dalmally Kilcreggan, Glen-daruel and Strath of Appin

Primary schools; other schools in Lochaber will also be joining in.

Argyll Fisheries Trust, Loch Awe Improvement Association and Scottish Natural Heritage are all involved in the project which will show children how vital the health and cleanliness of the land and rivers and lochs are. It will look at the environment as a whole, giving

the children lessons in biology, science and environmental studies.

Between four and six weeks from incubating the salmon eggs the pupils will have young salmon ready to release into the natural cycle. School janitor Tom Paterson will be helping the pupils of primary four and five to look after the incubator.

# Equal pay £4.3 million offer on table

A TOTAL of £4.3 million is being offered to a number of female employees of Argyll and Bute Council who have been suffering from a lack of equal pay compared to their male counterparts.

All councils in Scotland have come under pressure to settle the historic gap in pay, not only between the different genders but also different jobs that should have equal status.

Argyll and Bute Council announced last week that it had come to a settlement agreement with around 1,100 employees after a local deal with the relevant trade unions.

Most of the staff involved are employed in catering, cleaning and care.

Leader Councillor Allan Macaskill said: 'Argyll and Bute Council has agreed what it considers to be generous levels of settlement

and we now hope that workers will accept their individual packages to bring this equal pay grievance to an end.'

The level of award to individual employees will be determined by their job, length of service and working hours.

The maximum possible levels of settlement are:

- Manual worker one and two: £6,643
- Manual worker three and four: £7,276
- Manual worker five plus: £8,429

The council, along with other local authorities in Scotland, has been left to fund the settlements from its own resources and in the case of Argyll and Bute it will be met from council reserves and includes responsibility for all tax and National Insurance contributions. A series of road-

shows is to be held in the area, when every employee involved will have the chance to sign up on the day or take legal advice.

They will then have one week to respond to the offer.

Where employees agree their package, payment will be made by the end of February.

Local government employers have been struggling to meet their obligations on equal pay since the law was brought in 30 years ago but a single status agreement was signed between employers and the unions in 1999.

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# Young pipers 'a credit to the band'

IT WAS an exceptionally successful year that Maitland sponsored Mid Argyll Pipe Band reflected on at its recent Annual General Meeting, with 20 local engagements, two competitions and trips to two major festivals.

The award for 'most improved player' went to Nick McLean of Kilmartin. He said: 'It's been a brilliant year with the band. We performed for really enthusiastic crowds of over 10,000 at both the Galowan Festival in

Penzance and at the Sychrov Highland Games in the Czech Republic. That sort of reaction from the crowd gives you a real buzz.'

The trophy for 'most improved chanter student' was presented to James Dunkley of Crinan and for 'best presented bands person' to Thomas McCulloch of Ardrishaig.

Tutor Rod Buchanan said: 'We've 11 teenagers aged 16 and or under in the band now and during all engagements they've shown nothing

but the most positive side of youthful enthusiasm, commitment and respect. A great credit to the band and to Mid Argyll.'

Band secretary Bill Halliday said: 'We've built up really strong relationships with the organisers and audiences at both the Penzance and Czech events. At Sychrov we also met the Czestochowa Pipes and Drums - a young aspiring band from southern Poland. We hope to build on our friendship with them over the next few seasons as

well.' He added: 'Thanks to our sponsorship from Angus Maitland we can give our young musicians some excellent opportunities. Most encouraging has been the continued backing of the local community. We raised £1,600 for the band at a recent sponsored event and for or Children in Need event people really rallied round helping us raise £3,057.85. We're very grateful to everyone for their support.' For information on the Mid Argyll Pipe Band see [mapb.ik.co.uk](http://mapb.ik.co.uk).



Mid Argyll Pipe Band's 'Most Improved Chanter Student' Jamie Dunkley (left) and 'Most improved Player' Nick McLean with their awards. a06pip01

## Helping the vulnerable

A NEW website has been launched to help vulnerable people in Mid Argyll live independently in their own homes.

The House Key site, at [www.thehousekey.org](http://www.thehousekey.org), lists the 226 housing support services offered in Argyll and Bute.

These can benefit older people, people with physical or learning disabilities or with mental problems.

A phone line will also be launched later this year.

Amongst the support offered by services on the site is help in arranging minor repairs or adaptations to the house, training and assisting people to use household appliances and providing an alarm service for people when they need assistance.

The House Key makes it easy to find these services and offers information to friends and relatives of people who require support.

## Bishop visits for confirmation



Bishop Murray from Oban recently visited St Margaret's Church in Lochgilphead for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pictured with Bishop Murray, centre, are Mairi McNiven of Ardfern and Hannah Prill from Skipness, both of whom were confirmed on the day, and parish priest Father Michael Hutson.

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WITH the nationwide smoking ban due to come into effect in less than two months' time, Mid Argyll's licensees have been given the opportunity to attend a meeting to discuss its implications.

Argyll and Bute's licensing boards have arranged the meeting with members of the licensed trade for Monday February 27 at the Loch Fyne Hotel, Inveraray.

All licensees are welcome to attend. Any-

one interested in attending the meeting should contact the clerk's office on 01546 604128 by February 20 to confirm their attendance.

It is hoped that organisations such as ServeWise, which provides training to licensees; Argyll and Clyde Health Board and Strathclyde Police, which operates the Pub Watch scheme, will also attend the meeting.



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# Top prize for farmers who help declining bird

A TOP prize of £1,000 is on offer to Scotland's most 'lapwing friendly' farmer, thanks to a competition recently launched by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

Supported by Jordan's Cereals, the competition hopes to help the lapwing - one of the UK's farmland birds that has experienced huge declines - by encouraging farmers to make simple changes to the land, offering a home to the charismatic black and white 'wading' birds.

With a decline of over a third in Scotland's breeding lapwing population since 1994, RSPB Scotland has undertaken several studies to determine the characteristics of farmland that may improve breeding numbers of lapwings, and will begin a further study this year with the help of a new Lapwing Project Officer based in the Scottish Borders.

In 2005, Scotland's top lapwing-friendly farm was Townhead Farm, near Stirling, which held an amazing 66 breeding pairs - the most of any farm surveyed in the country. With other

birds such as snipe, curlew and redshank also making a home in the damp field corners, the farm was among the top UK farms for breeding waders.

Since the 1940s lapwing declines have been driven by large-scale changes to farming, with a sharp and sustained decline in the mid-1980s, with lapwing populations lost in many parts of England and Wales.

With agricultural intensification and specialisation along with a switch to autumn sowing, much arable land has become unsuitable for nesting by lapwings - especially in the key month of April because the crop often grows too high.

The vital 'mosaic' of habitat where grass and

spring tillage fields are close together has declined significantly in recent years, and the loss of this prime habitat has undoubtedly led to the decline in lapwing numbers.

The RSPB believes it is possible to reverse the fortunes of lapwings with sympathetic farming methods including the creation of a mosaic of spring sown crops and grassland, managing grazing pressure and maintaining damp areas on unimproved grassland.

Crucially, agri-environment schemes such as the Rural Stewardship scheme (RSS) provide grants to help land-owners manage their land to help lapwings.

For more information on the Operation Lapwing competition - which closes on March 17, or the RSPB Volunteer and Farmer Alliance project, providing free and confidential advice to farmers, contact Bob Dawson on 0141 331 0993.



Knoydart and the West Highlands and islands would not be such special places for nature without our wet weather.

## Nature Times

BACK to rain, after an unusually dry spell admittedly, but not a big surprise.

The west of Scotland is the wettest part of Britain by any measure, and one of the wettest parts of the world, with more than three metres of rain per year in places. Most of this is brought in by westerly airstreams from the Atlantic, which deposit their moisture load when they reach the steep peaks of the west Highlands - from Ben More and Ben Cruachan in the south to Foinaven and Ben Hope in the north. The Hebridean islands receive their share as well, especially where they are mountainous - notably Skye, Rum, Jura and the Western Isles.

Other parts of Europe have comparable annual rainfall, but western Scotland is unusual in that the rain is spread relatively evenly over the year.

Meteorologists count the number of 'wet days' as days with at least 1mm of rain. Although we have plenty of fine weather, much of Argyll, Lochaber and Skye has at least 200 'wet days' a year - that's nearly three in five days with a measurable amount of rain (or snow), compared with only two in five days around Inverness for example. Our climate is described as highly 'oceanic' -

wet, windy and cloudy but without extremes of temperature. The proximity of the Atlantic ensures relatively mild winters, whilst the cloud and wind keep summers relatively cool. It is easy to forget that this oceanic climate is a major reason for the unique range of flora, fauna and habitats in the west of Scotland. Without all this rainfall there would not be the abundance of bogs and wet moorland, with specialised and colourful plants such as sundews, bog asphodel and heath-spotted orchid.

Many bog pools and lochans, with their water lilies, dragonflies and damselflies, and nesting red-throated divers, would dry up. It is because of the humid climate that our oak, birch and hazel woods are of world significance for biodiversity - the ferns, mosses and liverworts which carpet the ground and drip from the trees are entirely dependant on the constantly moist, mild conditions.

One of the wettest parts of all is Knoydart, though to be fair I have had some very fine days out there.

It is a rugged, spectacular area facing out to Skye, with that combination of mountain and sea that makes the west of Scotland so special.

*Highland Darter*



## Kintyre sheepdog trials

KINTYRE Sheepdog Trial Association holds its fourth nursery trial at Ronachan on Sunday January 22.

The results were as follows:  
Class one: 1 Brian

Strachan with Cap, 82; 2 Alex McCuish with Sweep, 76; 3 Brian Strachan with Bonny, 75; 4 Kenny Grieve with Roy, 74; 5 John McLachlan with Taff, 71; 6 Mike McNally with Moss, 67.

Class two: 1 John Casey with Jock, 82; 2 Jane McDonald with Nan, 79; 3 Lorne Clark with Jim, 69.

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## Argyll and Bute MP calls for fair deal for farmers

ARGYLL and Bute MP Alan Reid has demanded government action to ensure that Scottish farmers get a fair deal from supermarkets.

At a meeting last week with consumer affairs minister, Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Mr Reid and fellow Scottish Liberal Democrat MPs set out farmers' concerns about the unfair buying power of the supermarkets and the one-sided nature of the existing supermarket code of practice.

Mr Reid told the minister that small dairy farmers in his constituency were struggling to survive in an unequal struggle with large supermar-

kets and that the farm gate price they receive for their milk is only a fraction of what the supermarkets sell it for and is often less than the cost of producing it.

Although the supermarket code of practice was set up four years ago to improve the fairness of negotiations with the supermarkets, not a single complaint has gone to mediation. Farmers fear that if complaints are made, contracts will be lost.

The MPs pressed the minister to strengthen the code and introduce an independent Ombudsman to investigate unfair practices.

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# Lotto fever grips Mid Argyll

With a jackpot of £125 million, Euro lottery tickets sold like hotcakes across the continent last week. Inveraray and Tarbert were no exception

LOTTO fever gripped Mid Argyll last week, with people throughout the area buying thousands of tickets for Europe's biggest ever jackpot.

The Euro Millions jackpot of £125 million was up for grabs on Friday February 3, offering people in the UK, Spain, Belgium, Austria, France, the Republic of Ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal and Switzerland the chance to change their lives in an instant.

Lottery operator Camelot was predicting sales for the draw to be 12 times higher than usual across the country, and Mid Argyll was no different.

Speaking to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* on the morning of the draw, Terri Johnston of the Spar shop in Inveraray said: 'Sales have been quite steady, almost every second person who's been in has been buying a lottery ticket, and almost all of them have been for the Euro Millions draw.'

'People who don't usually do the lottery are playing this week. Some of them are buying normal tickets, but most have been for the Euro draw. If people have been buying normal lottery tickets, I've been encouraging them to buy a Euro ticket as well.'

Besides selling tickets to

Inveraray's wannabe millionaires, Terri had also bought a ticket for herself, but hadn't considered what she would do if her numbers came up.

'I honestly don't know what I'd do with it. I'd definitely split it with my family and buy a decent car. I'd give some to the Yorkhill Hospital as well,' she said.

'One suggestion from one of the members of staff was that you could give £1 million each to 125 people you knew!'

Betty Ramsay from Inveraray was also hoping to strike it lucky in the draw. When asked what she would do with £125 million, she said: 'I'd give everybody in Inveraray a pound!'

'Seriously, I'd share it. I've been playing the lottery since it started, and I've won a few £10 prizes, a few £40 prizes and I once won £100, but I don't know what I'd do with £125 million.'

Niall Iain McLean, who works as the head guide at Inveraray Castle knew exactly what he would do if his numbers came up: 'I'd retire!'

Ian MacDonald, who also



Ian MacDonald, who works in Inveraray's Spar shop, said he would buy Inveraray Castle if he won the Euro Millions jackpot. a061ot01

works in the Spar, had grand ambitions for how he would spend the cash: 'I'd buy Inveraray Castle, I'd see my family well-off and then I'd throw a big party.'

'I only bought a ticket because the money's so high - you've got to be in it to win it. But I bought tickets when the jackpot was £80 million and £100 million as well.'

Sales of Euro Millions tickets were also high in Tarbert. Jessie Mills, who works in Woods Newsagents on Harbour Street, the only shop in the village that sells tickets, said: 'I normally open the shop at 6am, but this week there have been people waiting at a quarter to six to get in and get tickets. We've sold a lot of tickets this week and last week, far more than usual. I've been reminding people about the big jackpot, and people seem to buy more tickets when there's a big jackpot.'

Jean Davis of Tarbert bought 11 tickets for Friday's draw. She said: 'I've

only started buying tickets since the big draws began.'

'If I won, I'd probably give up work straight away and buy a big house in the village - I moved here two years ago and I love it.'

But for Ian MacKinnon, winning the jackpot would mean moving to pastures new: 'I don't normally buy a ticket, but I started last week when the jackpot was £100 million.'

'I don't know what I'd do if I won, but I wouldn't be living in Tarbert anyway!'

Shane Duffy was another enticed by the record jackpot, snapping up 10 lucky dip tickets. He said: 'I hardly ever buy lottery tickets. But I did get one last week. I can't think what I'd do if I won.'

In the end, Mid Argyll's lottery players were left disappointed, with three tickets from the continent sharing the jackpot. One of the winners bought their ticket in Portugal, sharing the record sum with two winners from France.



Betty Ramsay and Niall Iain McLean buy their tickets for the Euro Millions draw. a061ot02



Jean Davis of Tarbert snapped up 11 tickets for Friday's draw. a061ot04

Ian MacKinnon was enticed by the £125 million jackpot. a061ot05



Terri Johnston sells a Euro Millions ticket to Janis McCall. a061ot03

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### Thought for the week

FEBRUARYS seem to me to have a bit of an identity crisis. Some identify with winter and throw snow at us. Others think they are spring and draw the daffodils and crocuses from the cold earth. And some just don't know what they are meant to be, and change their minds from day to day. Let's blow them off the face of the earth, it decides one day, and the next we're all peeling off our fleeces. Or should that be flooce?

We're becoming very familiar with the concept of global warming, and I hope we're taking heed of the warnings and recycling everything recyclable and cutting back where we can. That has been our responsibility right from God's creation of the very first man. Listen to God's reasoning, as he began to fashion Adam. 'Let us made man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' Caring for creation is not a new fad peculiar to our day; it's God's plan and intention for the earth. (see Genesis 1:26)

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## Down Memory Lane



This week's Down Memory Lane picture, submitted Flora Shaw of Barmore Road, Tarbert, show the finalists from the Tarbert heat of the Miss Highland and Island beauty contest in the 1970s. Standing are, from left, Anne McMillan, Mary MacAlpine, Brenda MacDougall and Flora MacMillan. Seated are the two girls who qualified for the area final in Campbeltown, Christine Black and Margaret MacNeil. Why not share your old photographs with *Argyllshire Advertiser* readers? Call in at our office or post them to: *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8NB. All photographs are returned to owners.

### Those Were The Days

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#### Teachers action explained by EIS president

THE PRESIDENT of the EIS, Mrs Lilian MacDonald, was the main speaker at a well attended public meeting in Ardrishaig on Tuesday which was called by the local branch of the EIS to explain the current intensification of teachers action.

Timed to coincide with increased industrial action throughout the Mid Argyll area, the meeting, in the new Ardrishaig Primary School, was chaired by Mr A Maxwell.

Mrs MacDonald set out, 'to explain the EIS position in this sad dispute'.

Taking a historical perspective in demonstrating why teachers felt forced into the current action, she explained that although salaries were a major factor, the change in teachers workload in primary and secondary sectors and the steady diminishing of resources, both in terms of personnel and materials,

was also a significant contributing factor.

Mrs MacDonald then detailed developments of recent months.

One showed that EIS, representing 80 per cent of Scottish teachers, had shown willingness to move for their original demand for an independent review into salaries and into increased workloads.

#### New creche at Ardrishaig

THE INTRODUCTION of a creche for children under three at Ardrishaig Parish Church is an attempt to help parents with young children get to church.

The creche, which is being organised by Mrs Rena Scott and will be held in the North Hall, is also open to children too young to attend Sunday School.

A rota of volunteers has been drawn up and it is intended to have three people on duty each Sunday.

'We have a number of families with young children,' said Rev Edward Andrews, the parish minister.

### Consider CalMac job carefully

Sir,  
The recent *Argyllshire Advertiser* carried the advertisement to recruit a new chairman of state ferry company Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd. The previous appointee was steeped in such controversy that Dame Fritchie was brought in to report on the complaints surrounding the matter.

The Finance Minister at that time, one Jack McConnell, promised to modernise the appointment system in light of the complaints surrounding that chairman.

Indeed, when Jack McConnell became First Minister he did what he promised. The appointment of his political opposite, in the form of Lord Fraser, to inquire into the Holyrood Building Project neatly neutered any potential cry of

cronyism. When Jack McConnell went on to appoint Kevin Dunion as Scottish Information Commissioner, he demonstrated an inspired decision. The fact that Mr Dunion might be identified by the name of his book "Troublemakers" showed that the First Minister was doing his best to avoid accusations of appointment of associates. Mr Dunion has proven to be scrupulously independent and can by no measure be regarded as a government placeman.

This time around, might I respectfully suggest that the First Minister avoid appointing a civil servant as chairman to CalMac? Might I go further and recommend Jack McConnell continues his lead in independent-minded appointments?

Someone who started his career in the Royal Navy and rose to become one of Britain's best regarded company doctors, Sir John Harvey-Jones would be ideal. Unfortunately Sir John, at 81 years of age, is unlikely to

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want such an onerous task. Fortunately there are others with similar qualities to Sir John for Jack McConnell to choose from.

Even those who are against the monopoly principal that CalMac operates under recognise that Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd., require the very best of leadership in order to put a most compelling EU tendering case, at what is a make or break stage in the company's existence. The choice will affect the lives of hundreds of thousands who live on and visit the islands that CalMac ferries serve.  
**Russ McLean, Coopers Lane, Campbeltown.**

### I was not alone in moving otter

Sir,  
Thank you for publishing the article regarding the otter that was killed on Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig (*The Argyllshire Advertiser*, Friday February 3).

Can I just bring to your attention, and that of your readers, that I was not the only person involved in the otter's plight.

My friend Kathy Woods

was with me when we found the otter, and it was she who lifted it onto the verge. My neighbour, Les Trump, helped me the next morning to return the otter to the water.

I just wish to clear that up, that it was a united effort, not mine alone.

**Sally Stevens, Janeville, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig.**

### Pushing the limit

Sir,  
I was amazed to read in your columns of the people who live 'about 100 metres after the end of the 40 mph limit sign' in Taynuilt requesting the speed limit be extended to their home.

They surely knew where the speed limit ended when they built their new house yet still feel it appropriate that the Scottish Executive find the money to extend the speed limit especially for them.

If everyone who built a house, or lives outwith the speed limit, demanded the zone be extended for their convenience, where would we be?

Will the Scottish Executive just keep

extending speed limits to individual demands or will they just settle for the national speed limit of 30mph to accommodate all the other homes along the A85.

**Name and address supplied.**

### Driving debate

Sir,  
There are two classic misunderstandings on the part of JG Tanner in a recent letters page.

There is no 'policy' on slow driving in Strathclyde Police contrary to Councillor MacIntyre's letters and there are no statistics to back up their arguments, which proves the original writer's point.

JG Tanner can travel at whatever speed he/she chooses, as long as the rest of us can make what is known in the driving test as 'proper progress'. That is proper progress at the speed I choose, in the conditions as determined by me, according to my ability and according to my modern car with adequate braking system.

My modern car can stop in 200ths of the distance JG Tanner's horse drawn

vehicle with wooden brake blocks can stop in.

JG Tanner wants the roads to have a speed limit of 40 or 50mph but, in fact, they have a speed limit of 60mph.

This sounds like yet another case of the 'politically correct police' coming over the hill waving the banner of the 'we know best brigade'. It looks like they exist on the Mull of Kintyre as well as the Isle of Mull.

**A Buttree, Ardrishaig Lochgilphead.**

### Cautious drivers to be welcomed

Sir,  
As an elderly reader, I also have been appalled at the irresponsible views expressed on driving.

Having travelled extensively in the west of Scotland, I now find this can be far from pleasant at times as a result of the attitude of

certain drivers and can only agree with Mr Tanner's comments.

**Tom Dalglish, Symington, Ayrshire.**

### Share your WWII tales

Sir,  
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# Loch Fyne creelers and divers becoming big fish

CREEL fishermen and divers who work from Loch Fyne have joined a new association launched recently.

The Association of Scottish Creelers and Divers (SCAD) has formed to provide a national voice for the licensed creelers and divers around Scotland's coasts that catch Langoustines, (Nephrops, Dublin Bay Prawn) Scallop, Lobster and several crab species.

Alistair Sinclair, who wishes out of Furnace Loch Fyne for langoustines, is SCAD Chairman. He said: 'The local creeler in his wee boat does far better than his counterparts in protecting and managing Scotland's shellfish stocks. By using local knowledge to selectively target areas, he maintains the breeding stock and juveniles.'

'If he did practice any excessive fishing effort, this would only result in damage and poor performance within that area in future years. It's in local creeler's interests to look after our stocks sustainably and allow shellfish to mature to breeding age.'

SCAD claims that traditional creelers' and divers' fishing methods are demonstrably sustainable and environmentally friendly as they are highly selective, cause little or no damage

to the sea-bed or marine environment and return any by-catch, or juvenile of the species, back into the sea unharmed.

Scotland's top celebrity chefs Nick Nairn, Rick Stein and John Quigley have endorsed SCAD's aims and objectives and many food organisations acknowledge the fact that when quality is the issue whole shellfish caught by sustainable methods are a far more appealing product.

Consumers similarly want to know that their favourite Scottish seafood treats can be caught by local, traditional methods that do not damage Scotland's marine environment. With Scotland's enviable reputation for producing the finest shellfish for markets around the world, it's ironic that most of it ends up in Europe rather than on tables at home.

But Alisatir Sinclair wants to change that. He said: 'It would be great news if the British consumer became more aware that the langoustines, lobsters, scallops and other delicacies they so readily consume whilst holidaying abroad, are most likely to have been caught in Scottish waters by creelers and divers.'

'If researched thoroughly it would be possible to create a market place where the UK public would be able to enjoy what their seas have

to offer. Not only that, the UK could enjoy the continental diet afforded to our European counterparts, which we are denied, only to be referred to as the 'Sick Man of Europe'. Something of a paradox given the origin of the product!'

Economically the creelers and divers around Scotland's coast can be important sources of employment and income in rural economies, supporting small scale industry and harvesting a world-renowned quality product.

The value of the sustainably sourced product is much greater than that achieved by competing trawlers and scallop dredgers.

As competition for shellfish stocks have dramatically spiralled in recent years, traditional creelers and divers have suffered a great deal.

Inshore prawn trawlers fishing for Scampi compete with creelers for the langoustines.

Recent technological advances have allowed scallop dredgers to move into rocky, inshore grounds that were traditionally the sole domain of scallop divers, due to their difficult access.

Scallop dredgers drag heavy metal chains with teeth across the seabed crushing or catching everything in their wake.

The group aims to bring



Alistair Sinclair working on board his creel boat *The Guess Again*.

together all licensed creelers and divers for the purpose of ensuring proper and equal opportunities within local Management Groups proposed by Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD).

The need for proper representation at all levels of decision making has never been greater due to what many see as the excessive

effort being placed upon inshore shellfish stocks around the coastline of Scotland (mainly Nephrops, (Langoustine), Dublin Bay Prawn) Scallops, Lobster and several crab species).

Alistair Sinclair added: 'In the past Scotland's creelers and divers have been represented by associations mainly made up of the trawling sector and many feel that at best their repre-

sentation has been a fudge. We may be regarded as small fry; however our economic and environmental benefits speak for themselves.'

'The launching of the Scottish Creelers and Divers (SCAD) group, is exactly the kind of measures that need to be taken in order to protect the future and achieve sustainable fishing,' Rick Stein



A creel fishing boat rests on the peaceful waters of Loch Fyne.

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# Kintyre District Drama Festival

WHAT's your favourite type of play? Comedy? Drama? Farce? A thriller, perhaps?

Whatever your taste, Kintyre District Drama Festival has got the lot!

From Wednesday February 22 to Friday February 24, Campbeltown Grammar School will ring with applause and laughter as once again drama groups from throughout Kintyre and Mid Argyll vie with each other for

a place at the SCDA Divisional Finals.

Tickets go on sale tomorrow (Saturday) from 11 am til 12noon in the White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown.

The festival opens with last year's winners, Dunaverty Players, performing a hilarious version of *The Church Meeting*, by Garry Watson. The new minister and his wife are welcomed to the parish.

This is followed by more mayhem when Carradale Drama Club presents *Melons at the Parsonage*, by Nick Warburton. What happens when there are two winners at a festival, and it goes to a tie-break?

Accent Juniors will finish the evening with *The Dust of the Streets*, by Harry Glass, the story of a group of children trying to survive in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Thursday evening will be super value, as there are no less than four plays on the programme.

Firstly, Carradale Juniors make a welcome return with *Dream Jobs*, by Graham Jones, which shows the hopes and aspirations of five young people searching for their first jobs.

Second on the bill will be Accent Players with David Campton's *Cards, Cups and Crystal Ball*. Three sisters try to make a living by telling fortunes.

Next, Fyneside Drama Club will present *One of the Family*, by Isabella C Rae, a deliciously funny play about an adopted girl searching for her family.

Finally, Lochgilthead will present *Too Long an Autumn*, Jimmy Chinn's excellent play set in a retirement home for theatricals.

On Friday, the final evening, Peninver Players will present *The Eagle Eye* in

their own inimitable style. Peter Rolls' play shows what ensues when the vicar's wife hosts a creative writing club.

Tarbert Academy will then perform *Fireflies*, Harry Glass' disconcerting play about the Chernobyl disaster seen through children's eyes.

The festival will end on a high note with Lochgilthead Drama Club's farce *Husbands Supplied*, by Falkland L Cary.

It is a busy day at the marriage bureau! So there you have it - a feast of entertainment awaits.

The adjudicator will choose two teams to go forward to the Divisional Finals, plus a junior team to represent Kintyre District at the Junior Divisional Finals.

Tickets will also be available at the venue and refreshments will be on sale at each interval. The local bus will travel to the Grammar School each evening in time for curtain up.

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**Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30 p.m.**  
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 Carradale: "Melons at the Parsonage"  
 Accent Juniors: "The Dust of the Streets"  
**Thursday 23rd February at 7.30 p.m.**  
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 Accent: "Cards, Cups and Crystal Ball"  
 Fyneside: "One of the Family"  
 Lochgilthead: "Too Long an Autumn"  
**Friday 24th February at 7.30 p.m.**  
 Peninver: "The Eagle Eye"  
 Tarbert Academy: "Fireflies"  
 Lochgilthead: "Husbands Supplied"  
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 Local bus (7p.m. route) to Grammar School each evening  
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**White Hart Hotel Campbeltown**  
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## Choir visits Argyll

THE COUNCIL Chambers, Kilmory, will be the venue for tomorrow's monthly concert given by the Schubert Male Voice Quartet, presented by the Mid Argyll Arts Association in conjunction with Argyll and Bute Concert Tours.

The four singers - Nicholas Drew, Alex Laing, William Coleman and John Dallas - have all sung with Scottish Opera. In fact, they formed their quartet following a visit to Vienna, during which they paid homage to the composer by singing some of his part songs at his tomb in the Friedhof.

The quartet is presenting a well-balanced and varied programme, including not only the Schubert songs, but also glees and madrigals, ballads, spirituals, songs of Yale and finally Scottish songs - something for everyone.

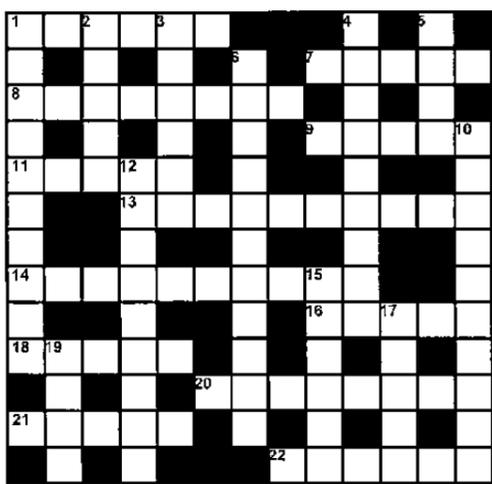
The recital is taking place in the splendid surroundings and acoustics of the council chambers, and begins at 7.30pm. Places must be reserved in advance by calling 01546 886 384.

Next Tuesday evening, the same concert will be performed for the Kintyre Music Club in the Lorne and Lowland Church Hall, Campbeltown, at 7.30pm.

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### THE THINKER

#### ACROSS

- 1 Her Majesty wears hats for fun (5)
- 7 In the open there's no opportunity to pry (5)
- 8 Spoil a period by the sea (8)
- 9 Arrive with telescope - start to see this (5)
- 11 Least likely to give credit (5)
- 13 Opposition got in a man's way (10)
- 14 Take secondary route with material for paper (10)
- 16 Book of oil exploration (5)
- 18 Some feel it explains ruling group (5)
- 20 Introduce girl to a snow leopard (8)
- 21 Used nose to extract metal (5)
- 22 Mean to inflict pain? Yes (6)

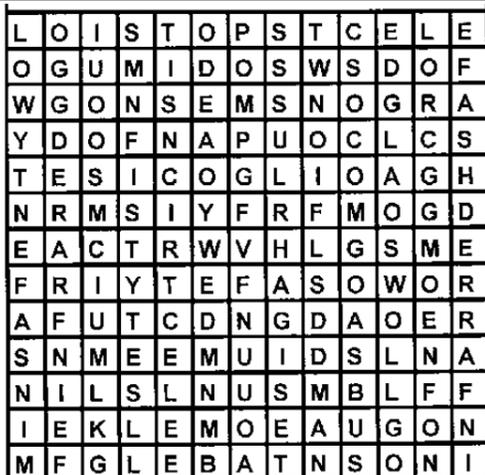
#### DOWN

- 1 Climb to see new variety - edible (10)
- 2 Clothing for someone stopping car, we hear (5)
- 3 Gone off to rent new location (6)
- 4 Slap icing on to ensure it's disguised (9)
- 5 Went up for a flower (4)
- 6 I am taking fruit, intended, I say, for trial (11)
- 10 Stubbed my toe on floor messing about (10)
- 12 Surprise natural at discovering this creature (9)
- 15 Trying to prepare offer on time (6)
- 17 Row with Pole? That's the stuff (5)
- 19 Solid piece of plum duff (4)

#### SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1.Dreams 4.Pliant 9.Plaster 10.Vegan 11.Tips  
12.Downpour 14.Weevil 15.Gerbil 18.Aperture 20.Snap  
23.Ochre 24.Section 25.Thrust 26.Crisis  
DOWN: 1.Depot 2.Example 3.Mate 5.Lavender 6.Aggro  
7.Tendrils 8.Groom 13.Distress 14.Wear out 16.Bandits  
17.Brisk 19.Ether 21.Ponds 22.Acar

## FIND THE WORDS



Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Lights & Lamps: Desk, Sun, Spot, Safety, Fog, Gas, Electric, Flash, Arc, Flood, Miner's, Oil, Neon, Argon, Table, Sodium, Infra-red, Osmium, Davy, Glow

## BRAIN STRAIN



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: 15 Maestro: 19+

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"Altica strikes a successful balance between flowing and sporty lines. This car is an original and futuristic vision of the sporty estate car, while its graphic identity is both bold and innovative." Patrick le Quément, Renault's Senior Vice President, Corporate Design. Renault has taken the wraps off its new concept car, Altica, a sporty estate that combines flowing lines with a spacious interior. Its dynamic stance is underpinned by a long bonnet and curved forms, while its modular interior ensures outstanding load capacity. Altica stands out as a dynamic vision of the estate, combining the practicality of the latter, the sports appeal of a coupé and a high standard of travelling comfort.

### Flowing, sporty lines

The panoramic windscreen and rear window underline the car's fluid aerodynamics. The two-tone paintwork accentuates the side design and also asserts Altica's graphic identity. The car's overall stance – low-slung lines, long bonnet, prominent wings – and proportions express true sports car dynamics. Comprised of a mosaic of transparent panes, the rear quarter lights suggest forward movement. Altica's interior mirrors its sporty, dynamic exterior design. The suspended drive station is held in place by four profiled rods that hint at the world of Formula 1. The transparent roof and panoramic windscreen erase the boundary between the interior and the outside world and also ensure a brightly-lit cabin. The mosaic design of the rear quarter lights

allows sunlight to filter into the cabin much like it does through stained glass windows and gives the interior a more welcoming feel. The layout and angling of the panes ensure good three-quarter rear visibility for the driver which is indispensable when parking. The headlamps feature four different modes – daytime running lights (DRL), sidelights, dipped beam and main beam – and function using rows of diodes. They also produce a halo effect when the DRL mode is selected. This is achieved in two ways. First of all, each polycarbonate headlamp module cover is speckled with thousands of small, micro-engraved nicks. Invisible to the naked eye, these nicks have no effect on the beams and permit light to pass unhindered. In the daytime running mode, however, the surface of the module

cover is illuminated from the edge. The light is accordingly trapped inside the mass and spreads out like a fluid over the entire surface to produce an original and effective halo effect for the DRL and sidelight functions. **An estate with the accent on style** Altica's sports pedigree is reinforced by its scissor doors, the form of which ensures easy access to this low vehicle. The generous interior volumes of Altica provide a very high standard of travelling comfort despite the car's sporty characteristics. Each of the four individual seats boasts outstanding comfort. Instead of the seats, which are fixed, it is the drive station and pedal assembly that adjust to match the driver's physique thanks to a motorized mechanism. The height-adjustable centre armrest deploys

automatically as the driver sits down. The vertical positioning of the dashboard takes its inspiration from the world of aeronautics and permits the driver to feel at one with the car. The centrally-positioned dial features two display modes: "comfort" and "sport". The "comfort" mode indicates the car's speed in the centre of the display while the perimeter shows the legal speed limits which turn red if exceeded. In the "sport" mode, the speed continues to be displayed in the middle of the dial but the perimeter becomes a digital rev counter and turbo pressure indicator. The graphics of the high-resolution screen provide a distinctly human touch to this high-tech display which itself suggests watchmaker-like precision and sophistication. Altica features a number of clever storage spaces, including the shell-like



Renault Altica Concept - a sports estate to debut at the Geneva motorshow

glove box, concertina-style storage compartment in the armrests and a tray situated underneath the floor at the rear. The rear seat backs can be folded into the flat floor which is equipped with straps that permit heavy or bulky loads to be held secure. This layout transforms Altica into a two-seater sports coupé with a vast 1,300-litre boot, while the boot lid provides very easy access and an extremely low loading sill. **Driving pleasure, power and control** Altica is a dynamic sporty estate that combines driving pleasure with a sensation of power and control. With its long bonnet, sports dimensions (length: 4.27m; width: 1.83m) and very low centre of gravity, Altica offers remarkable performance. Altica's new 177hp 2.0 dCi particulate filter-equipped diesel engine takes the car from a standing start to 100kph in just 7.5s. Coupled with a six-speed gearbox, this powerplant – which boasts maximum torque of 380Nm – provides excellent pull-away and mid-range acceleration. This hasn't been achieved to the detriment of fuel consumption, however. The Renault-Nissan Alliance engine is very inexpensive to run and fuel consumption is equivalent to 140g of CO<sub>2</sub> per kilometre. In terms of both performance and driving pleasure, it stands out as the best diesel engine in its class and a version of which, without the particle filter, debuts in the Laguna GT dCi 175 this month. Altica's low fuel consumption also stems from its exceptional aerodynamics. Located at the extremity of the roof at the point where the vehicle and the passing air flow separate, a discreet mechanical system

generates jets of air which are alternately blown and sucked through a 2mm wide slit. Known as "Synthetic Jet", the system actively controls the separation of the air flow according to the vehicle's speed. This innovative technique, which reduces drag and controls the structure of the air flow, is a registered Renault patent and reduces the car's Cd at 80mph by 15% for an energy consumption of just 10W. **Valeo** Altica's lights employ high-performance light emitting diodes (LEDs). The dipped and main beam functions are housed in a single module which tops a linear directional light. The LED control unit permanently adapts the quantity and orientation of the beam as a function of the conditions. During motorway driving, the LEDs that ensure long range visibility are automatically activated and controlled to guarantee optimum visibility at all times without dazzle. The colour of the light emitted by the LEDs is similar to that of daylight for enhanced optical comfort and visibility. The daytime running light (DRL) mode, which is activated most of the time while the car is moving, also use LEDs. Their high efficiency and the low amount of energy they require significantly reduce the power that is consumed compared with a conventional light source. The life expectancy of LEDs is also much longer than that of all contemporary light sources. As a world first, the sidelight function is ensured by a veil of light that covers the entire headlamp thanks to Valeo's exclusive MicroOptique technology.

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# LAND ROVER G4 CHALLENGE: UK COMPETITOR SELECTED FOR 2006 COMPETITION

Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire, 3 February 2006 – Brian Reynolds, a railway engineer from Chesterfield in Derbyshire, has beaten two other UK finalists in the Land Rover G4 Challenge 'International Selections' to take his place as the UK representative on the 2006 global competition. At the end of five gruelling days of international selections at Land Rover's off-road driving home, Eastnor Castle in Herefordshire, Brian was the clear winner in the final trials stage before the G4 ultimate global adventure kicks off in Bangkok on 23 April. The two other competitors – RAF doctor Andy Grieve from Tiverton and tour guide Suzanna Madge from Brighton – made it very difficult for him, and it was only on Friday afternoon, the last day of the selections, that Brian confirmed his place on the 2006 Challenge. The international

selections, which hosted three competitors from each of the 18 nations taking part in this year's G4 Challenge, saw blood, sweat and tears at the freezing cold Eastnor estate with competitors camping throughout the week with frequent surprise middle-of-the-night challenges to test the competitors' character. Challenge director, Niki Davies, said: "This has been an extremely tough week for the competitors, with the temperature gauge seldom rising above zero. We wanted to select the best all-rounder from each country; physical ability is just a part of it – strategic thinking, endurance and team-working skills are all key to success in the G4 Challenge. You really get the measure of someone's spirit when they are awoken from a tent at 4.00am at -3 degrees C to recover a vehicle from a freezing cold lake – followed by

17 hours of competition before returning to camp." Brian Reynolds added: "I am worn out, exhausted and just about ready to drop, but it's the most amazing feeling to have got this far. I tried to qualify for the 2003 Challenge, but didn't make it into the top ten UK competitors, so I went away, assessed the areas where I felt I was weakest and worked extremely hard on my endurance, mountain biking and kayaking skills. It has paid off, and I am ecstatic to be representing my country at last – it was my dream, and it's come true. I can't wait for the actual Challenge in April, and I will be training my heart out from now until then." The Land Rover G4 Challenge 2006 takes place over four weeks from 23 April, incorporating 4x4 driving and multi-sport challenges in Thailand, Laos, Brazil and Bolivia.



Land Rover G4 Challenge 2006 : UK competitor - Brian Reynolds

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*A' Chleit in the Autumn* by Chris McCallum, Turl Street, Oxford.



*Helicopter at Machrihanish* by Peter Craig, John Street, Campbeltown.



Left: *Window View From Carrick Farm* by Eileen Craig, Baddens Park, Lochgilhead.



*Collecting Pollen on Gigha* by Rhona Crawford, Stewarton, East Ayrshire.



Bottom left: *Afternoon Tea with Grandad* by Mrs K Clark, Adaern Cottage, Crinan Harbour.



*West Loch Tarbert at Sunset* by Ron Miller, Bayview, Harbour Street, Tarbert.



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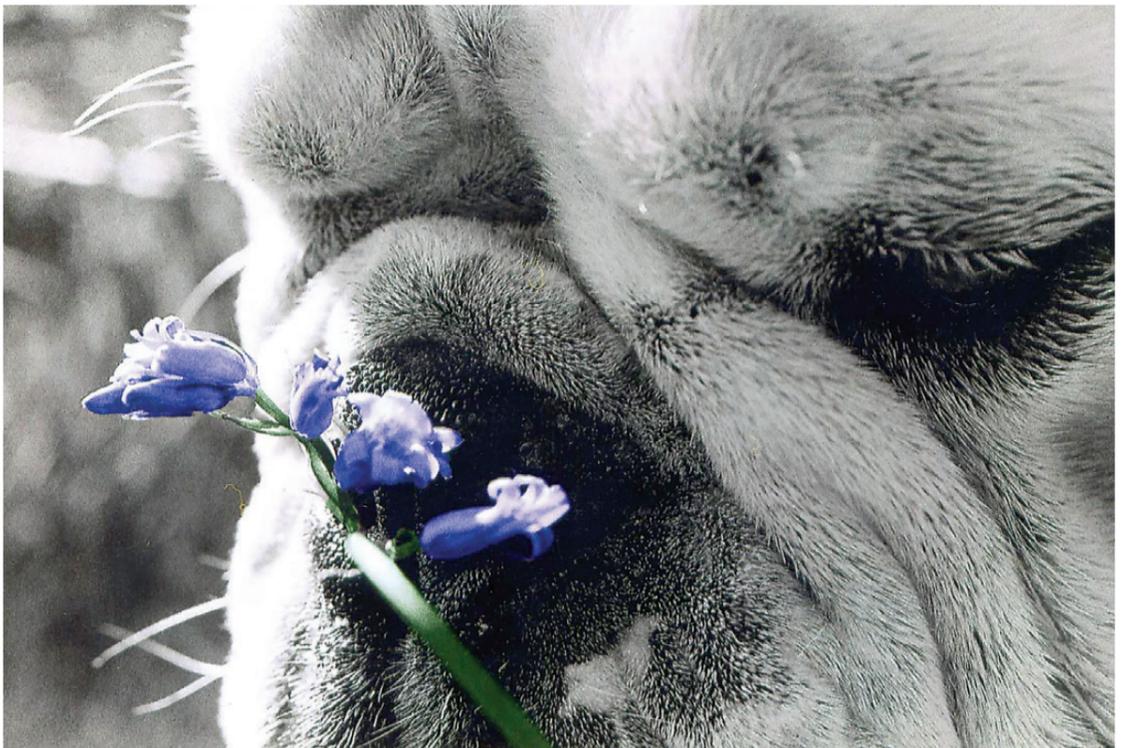
Right: *Barley in the Croft* by Roger Rowland, Cnoc Araich, Southend.



Left: *Winter Tree, Loch Sween* by Gordon Doughty, Kilmory, Knap, Achnamara.



Left: *Swans at Sunrise* by Una Breckenridge, Orchard Park, Ardrishaig.



Right: *My Dog Maney* by Nichola Willcocks, Achnamara Cottage, Achnamara.



**The deadline for photo competition entries was Monday January 30.**

Left: *Who Said Argyll Roads are Busy?* by Jean Haworth, Salen Tayvallich.



*Lochnell Street Sunset* by Pete Barker, The Old Post Office, Clachan.

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VALENTINE'S Day is this Tuesday and it's a time for love and showing people that you care. Here at *The Campbeltown Courier* and *Argyllshire Advertiser* we have come up with a simple but effective plan to let your other half know that they're really special.

## Make some cookies

Why not get cooking in the kitchen and make some romantic heart-shaped cookies for your loved one. For something a little bit different why not dip them in chocolate or decorate them with sprinkles.

## Have a movie night

Create your very own cinema in your living room and cuddle up together on the sofa. Buy some popcorn, put on your favourite film, dim the lights and sit back and relax.

## Get creative

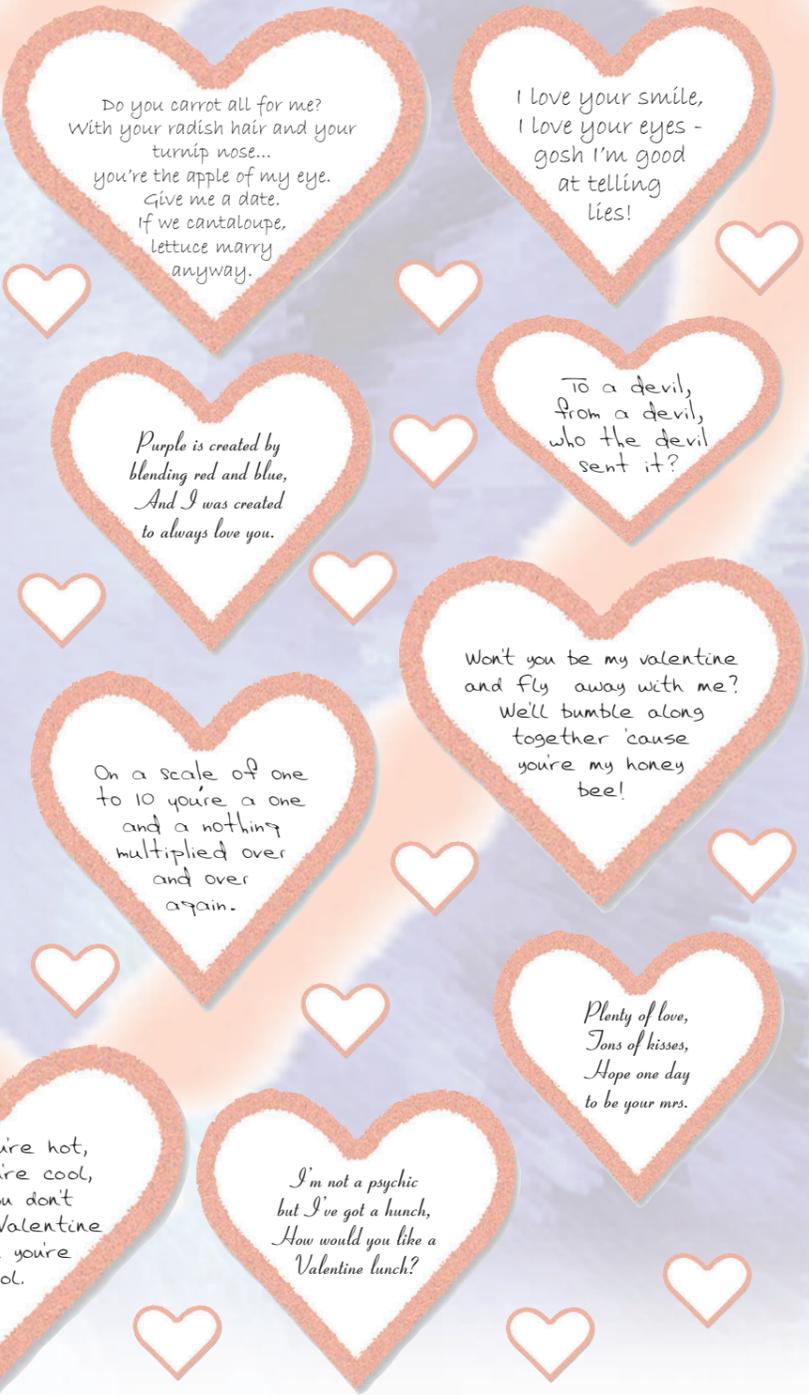
A traditional home-made Valentine's card is so romantic. It shows that you have really put some careful thought into the day.

## Make a CD

Nothing beats a gift that comes straight from the heart and creating your own CD will do exactly this. Spend some time compiling songs that remind you of your loved one and record them in such a way that it tells the story of your relationship from the first time you went out to the present day.

## Surprise them

When you've been dating someone for a while things can start to seem like a routine but you can keep your relationship alive with surprises. Give them an impromptu kiss, buy them a present or take up a new activity together.



Do you carrot all for me?  
With your radish hair and your  
turnip nose...  
you're the apple of my eye.  
Give me a date.  
If we cantaloupe,  
lettuce marry  
anyway.

I love your smile,  
I love your eyes -  
gosh I'm good  
at telling  
lies!

To a devil,  
from a devil,  
who the devil  
sent it?

Purple is created by  
blending red and blue,  
And I was created  
to always love you.

Wont you be my valentine  
and fly away with me?  
We'll bumble along  
together 'cause  
you're my honey  
bee!

Plenty of love,  
Tons of hisses,  
Hope one day  
to be your mrs.

I think you're hot,  
I think you're cool,  
But if you don't  
become my Valentine  
I'll think you're  
a fool.

I'm not a psychic  
but I've got a hunch,  
How would you like a  
Valentine lunch?

**The Scotch Heather Shop**  
Inveraray Tel- 01499 302033

**Have a heart, give flowers on St Valentine's Day**

Deluxe red rose bouquets with all the trimmings £30

Look out too for red tulips, carnations, lilies, gerberas & orchids

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Mobile Beauty & Holistic Therapies

Show how much you love someone this year with a Special Valentines Gift

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1/2 hr Indian Head Massage **£15**  
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Deluxe Manicure, Hand Massage & Nail Polish **£15**

**Ladies Fancy Something A Little Different ????**  
Have Cupids Heart Shape Bikini Wax **£10**

Gift Vouchers Available  
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Love is in the Air!

Celebrate Valentine's Day at Crinan Hotel  
Candlelit dinner in the bar or in our Westward Restaurant

Saturday 11th February or Saturday 18th February

A glass of Pink Champagne to begin your evening  
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# Drive Times

## Cars and Commercial Vehicles

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V-reg metallic silver, 78K, tax and long MOT, Excellent safety features and usual Volvo refinements. 170 bhp. New clutch, flywheel and timing belt fitted. Superb car, very good condition.

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**£3900** 2

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**£1100**  
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**£1700**

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Telephone  
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Low mileage (43k), metallic gold, remote central locking, electric windows, air conditioning, alloy wheels, power steering, alarm and immobiliser, excellent condition. MOT'D until September 06, TAXED until June 06

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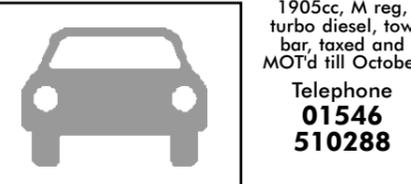


Taxed and MOT'd 77,000 miles

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**£450 o.n.o.** 2

**CITROEN ESTATE**

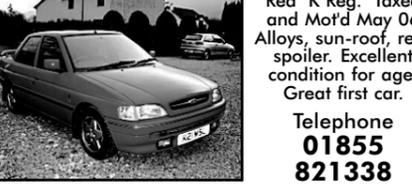


1905cc, M reg, turbo diesel, tow bar, taxed and MOT'd till October

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**£1000**

**FORD ORION GHIA 1.8**



Red K Reg. Taxed and Mot'd May 06 Alloys, sun-roof, rear spoiler. Excellent condition for age. Great first car.

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**£650 Secures**

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**£18,000 o.n.o.**  
Telephone  
**01631 562041 07796 684033**

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1800cc, 52 plate, 48,000 miles, MOT Nov 06, factory immobiliser, half leather seats, 17" Alloy wheels, CD Player. Excellent condition, must be seen.

Telephone  
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**£5250** 3

**CORSA 1.2 SXI 16V**

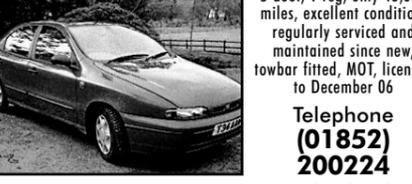


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5 door red, electric front windows, new May 02, taxed April 06, Mot May 06, 17000 miles, immaculate condition

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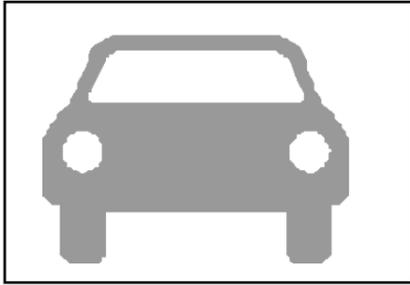
**£3800 ono**

# Drive Times



## Cars and Commercial Vehicles

### ROVER 1.4 5DR HATCHBACK



N Reg, 80,000 miles, Mot June 06, petrol, blue in colour. Towbar fitted. Good condition for year.

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Telephone  
**07767 795210**  
(Oban Area)

### SEAT LEON CUPRA R

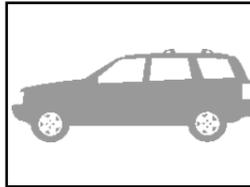


5 door hatchback, red 225bhp, Brembo brakes, 18" alloys, A/C, radio/CD, electric windows, only 6,900miles, excellent condition

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£14,574 – £15,189

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Strong admin support means the world to us. From supervising mail processing to looking after the office kit – keeping an up to date inventory – you'll offer just that. You'll also sort out stationary requisitions, and maintain the local report and license premises registries. Confidence working with numbers is essential and you'll work 17.5 hours per week. (Ref: R297/05/OB)

Wherever you join, you'll need to enjoy working with others, and communicating with confidence and clarity – whoever you're talking to. Integrity, flexibility and customer focus make up the rest.

Click online to find out more, email [recruiting.forcesupport@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk](mailto:recruiting.forcesupport@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk) or call 01355 566350. Closing date – 23 February 2006.

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

Ref: L/18/06 – Staffing Unit, tel (01349) 868640 (24 hours)

Ref: L/14/06 – tel (01397) 709048 or email: [james.beagrie@highland.gov.uk](mailto:james.beagrie@highland.gov.uk)

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A vacancy exists for the position of Assistant Water Bailiff for the River Naver Fisheries on the North Coast of Scotland.

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Attractive remuneration package including modern three bedroom cottage, with schooling nearby, heating allowance, and contributory pension scheme.

Applications in writing with details of past experience to:  
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Based within Mid Argyll Hospital, you should possess a recognised ENP qualification preferably at degree level and have 6 months' experience.

A 24 hour ENP service operates, with the ENP taking the lead role in A&E. When no clinical input is required in A&E the ENP will work on the acute ward.

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**DOMESTIC ASSISTANT**

£5.70 per hour (Under Review)

14 hours per week

You will undertake the cleaning of all ward areas, high risk and other clinical areas, departments, offices and residential accommodation as allocated to clean within Campbeltown Hospital. You must be able to work on your own as well as part of a team, experience is not essential, as training will be given. Ref: 05la/2058.

For an application pack, quoting appropriate reference, please contact our Recruitment Team on our 24 hour answer service by calling 0141 314 0425 or email: [recruitment.line@achb.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:recruitment.line@achb.scot.nhs.uk)

Closing date for all posts 27th February 2006.

For a full list of current vacancies visit [www.nhsac.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsac.scot.nhs.uk)

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Applicants should have good knowledge and experience of red and roe deer management and hill keeping.

Written applications accompanied by a current CV to James Adamson, Savills (L&P) Ltd, 55 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EH. [jadamson@savills.com](mailto:jadamson@savills.com)

# Customer Manager

UK and Ireland, based in Campbeltown, Argyll

Vestas Celtic Wind Technology Ltd have a customer base of over 60 clients, ranging from private developers owning a single wind turbine or small wind farm to the large utility-owned wind turbine 'power plants'.

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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## Freshwater Engineer

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.

The preferred candidate should possess the following attributes:

- Four-six years' experience in an electro-mechanical environment
- Hold a recognised certificate of competence or apprenticeship
- Working knowledge of pumps, valves, hydraulics, electrical systems and installations
- Experience in small fabrication using steel, stainless steel and fibre glass
- Competent in PVC pipework installation, modification and repair
- Structured approach to problem identification and solving
- Team player and strong communicator
- Demonstrate confidence within a team and especially in front of customers

In addition to the above, the candidate should demonstrate a continuous drive to enhance efficiency in all processes whilst supporting the Freshwater Production team to maintain high quality stock production, through flexibility and efficient planning and scheduling.

If you would like to play a part in the development of this dynamic local industry then please apply in writing, enclosing your CV to:

Claire Robertson  
Scottish Sea Farms Ltd  
Laurel House  
Laurelhill Business Park  
Stirling FK7 9JQ

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Closing Date: Friday 3rd March 2006



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# ESTATE WORKER

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## West Highland Housing Association Ltd



Location: OBAN

### Development Officer

EVH Grade 7 £23,287- £25,617 [salary under review]

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We would now like to appoint a Development Officer to help us take the Association forward in a sustainable and environmentally friendly approach to new developments and initiatives in our local communities. Reporting to the Senior Development Officer you will assist; with implementation and control of our development programme, identification and acquisition of suitable sites, procurement of relevant grants and effective project management of all development schemes.

You must be educated to HNC, HND or degree level or equivalent and be able to demonstrate a clear understanding of the issues and solutions for sustainable rural and island development, excellent leadership, communication, negotiation and people skills, IT competency, preferably 5 years senior level experience in housing or the construction industry [including finance/budgetary experience]. Car ownership, possession of a current full driving licence, and the ability to work out with the office and office hours are essential.

To apply for this post please contact our recruitment advisers EVH at Tel: 0141 352 7445 Email Audrey@evh.org.uk, or download an application pack from www.evh.org.uk [No CV's accepted].

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This is an ideal role for someone interested in public health issues and with demonstrable good communication, interpersonal and organisational skills. You must possess a minimum of 2 Higher Grades or equivalent qualifications/experience and a valid driving licence. Experience in enforcement work and in preparing/presenting promotional material would be an advantage, whilst experience and skill in the use of MS Office (Word and Excel) would be desirable.  
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An ONC/SVQ level or equivalent relevant experience is desirable and good literacy, numeracy and communication skills, both written and oral, are essential along with knowledge of relevant regulatory procedures and experience in the piers or fishing industry being desirable. Cash handling experience would be an advantage, you must be capable of dealing with confrontational situations in a calm and self-confident manner and be motivated and able to meet targets under pressure. A valid driving licence is essential along with the ability to travel within a specified geographical area and availability for working out with normal hours including weekends and evening work when appropriate. Ref: OSR00626.  
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You will undertake administration tasks as delegated by the head teacher such as typing, word processing, photocopying, filing, reception/telephone duties and any other relevant duties as required.  
You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) or equivalent qualifications/experience.

**Classroom Assistant\* (3 posts)**

£9,945 - £14,220 pro rata  
Ref: CSE53490 - Lochnell Primary School  
11.25 hours per week term-time  
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You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) to include English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. A working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and Access) is desirable. Ref: SH3518.  
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You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) to include English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. You must be computer literate with knowledge of Microsoft Office and one year's finance/administrative experience would be desirable. Ref: CPF23128.  
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● **Ref No: 06/00178/DET**  
Applicant: Scottish Water  
Proposal: Construction of public septic tank and tanker access  
Site Address: Unoccupied Land Off A83 Opposite Muasdale Cottages Muasdale Tarbert Argyll  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan  
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days  
● **Ref No: 05/02494/ADV**  
Applicant: Tarbert And Skipness Community Council  
Proposal: Erection of signage  
Site Address: Forestry Signboard At Junction Of A83 And A8015 Tarbert Argyll PA29 6UD  
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert  
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days  
● **Ref No: 06/00177/OUT**  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Twinn  
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house  
Site Address: Plot 2 Torran Farm Ford Lochgilphead Argyll  
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office  
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days  
● **Ref No: 06/00164/LIB**  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs J. Paton  
Proposal: Internal alterations to existing en-suite  
Site Address: Lower Flat Seabank, Askomil Road, Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6EP  
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office  
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day  
● **Ref No: 05/01498/DET**  
Applicant: G And S Cotterill  
Proposal: Erection of greenhouse and summerhouse  
Site Address: Poltalloch East Lodge Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8QF  
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office  
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 And always knew how to have a good time  
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 In the pubs of Dunning he now gets full  
 But he'll always be a "Grey Gull"  
 Its not long since he was just a lad  
 Now it's hard to believe he's a dad  
 But he's not too old to kick up a stink  
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**Happy Birthday N.B**

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**Donnie and Maureen** would like to thank the staff and regulars of the **Comm Bar** for the lovely presents they received.

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We would like to thank all the staff past and present but especially Davy and Mary who between them have worked 37 years in the bar.

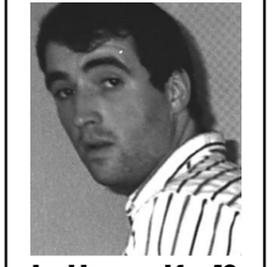
Very best wishes to Stephen, Karen and family who now take over looking after The Comm (probably the best bar in the West Highlands!)

**J.G - yes I've got a lad!**



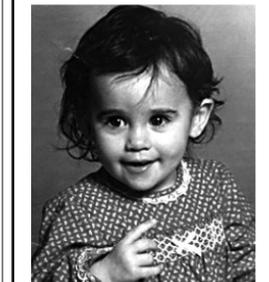
Born in the Calton in '85  
 Jet black hair and big dark eyes  
 Works in Eaglesome with Aunty Mo  
 Selling whisky and making dough  
 On Sunday 12th she'll be 21  
 So let your hair down and have loads of fun.  
**Happy Birthday**  
 Love Mum, Nicola & Kenny

## Happy Birthday old yin!



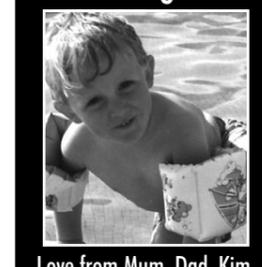
**Looking good for 40**  
 Love Joanne, David, Christopher and Leanne xxxx

## Happy 18th Claire



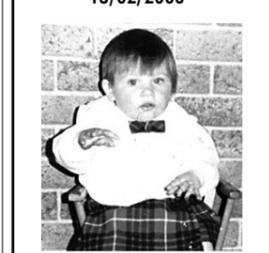
Love you lots  
 Mum, Shannon, Papa and everyone that knows you.

## Happy 18th Birthday Iain



Love from Mum, Dad, Kim, Laura, Gran Dot, Grandpa John & (Rebel)

## Happy 21st Birthday Christopher (Colly) 13/02/2006



Love Mum, Dad, Vikki, Ian, Alexander, Kitty & your wee princess Ashley.

## 50th Birthday Mary Ann Gillies



From all the family xxx

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 Love Mum & Dad

To my gorgeous Ross.  
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Who would have thought  
 That we would date,  
 Let alone that we would mate  
 27 years on and going strong  
 Yes babe, we proved them wrong  
**LUVS YA HUN**

**Look, Our Uncle's 30!**  
  
**Lots of Love**  
 Amy & Matthew XXX

**David Stewart**  
**HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY**  
 From Ellen and Tina xx

Randolph  
 I love you with all my heart  
 always and forever!!!  
 Sarah xxxx

LTM  
 A valentines message is sealed with a kiss  
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**BIRTHS**



**BYERS - GILLIES** - Stephen and Catherine are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Bethany Mary Anne on January 29, 2006 at RAH, Paisley. Thanks to all midwives involved especially midwives at Mid Argyll Hospital.

**MEIKLE** - Colin and Gillian are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Ethan David on February 3, 2006 at the R.A.H, Paisley. A lovely wee brother for Ewan and Ellis. Thank you to all in attendance.

**DEATHS**

**MACCOLL** - Peacefully, at Duncuan Hospital on Thursday February 2, 2006, Barbara Jane (Jean) MacColl, in her 98<sup>th</sup> year, formerly of 18 Rowan Park, Lochgilphead. Beloved wife of the late Ian MacColl. Much loved Mum of Fiona, Billy and the late Iain. A dear mother-in-law, cherished granny and great-granny. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Monday, February 6, followed by interment at Ach-na-breac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**McGUIRE** - Peacefully, at home, Killochra Cottage, Bellochantuy, on February 7, 2006, Andrew Clarkson McGuire (Mac), in his 86<sup>th</sup> year, dearly beloved husband of Betty, much loved father of Sue and a loving grandad and great-grandad.

**McVEY** - Suddenly, at home, 20 Saddell Street, Campbeltown, on January 24, 2006, Joan McLellan, in her 63<sup>rd</sup> year, dearly beloved wife of the late John McVey, dearly beloved mother of Gloria, Lorraine, Davina, Anthony and Shaun and a loving and much loved grannie.

**STEWART** - Peacefully, at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, on February 7, 2006, Gordon Calderwood Stewart in his 85<sup>th</sup> year, formerly of Balegreggan Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Minnie Rankin McCallum, dearly loved father of Lorna and Susan and loving grandfather of Alison, Iain, Vicky and Calum. Service in the Lorne and Lowland Church, Campbeltown on

Saturday, February 11, 2006, at 1 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only, a retiral collection will be held in the Church in aid of the R.N.L.I., Campbeltown.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

**DAVIDSON** - The family of the late Philip Davidson would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support. Special thanks to Dr Mackie and all the District Nurses for their care and attention during Philip's last week at home. Sincere thanks also to Rev. Roddy MacLeod for his comforting words of remembrance for Philip. Donald MacDonald, funeral directors, for professional and dignified arrangements, and to the Galley of Lorne for excellent catering.

**DURNAN** - The family of Robert Moore Durnan (Roy) would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind support and expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff at the Beatson and Campbeltown Hospital. Thanks also to his home helps, Macmillan Nurses and Cancer and Palliative Care Services. Our thanks to Rev. P. Burroughs for his comforting services, Alasdair and Kenny Blair for their professional services, and the Argyll Hotel for catering. The sum of £627 was collected for Cancer and Palliative Care Services.

**MACALISTER** - The family of the late Angus MacAlister would like to thank the many relatives and friends who joined us in the celebration of Angus's life in Gigha Church. Thank you to all who sent cards and letters, to the firm of Hamish Hoey & Son for the efficient funeral arrangements. Donald Kelly, organist, the Rev. Rosemary Legge for a lovely service and to Robert Gillies and Rev. Bill Bristow for their tributes to Angus, grateful thanks to the staff of Ward B, Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, for their care and to all the district nurses on Gigha who attended to and befriended Angus over the years. Thanks also to the staff of Gigha Hotel for catering and to the ferry crew for all their efforts in difficult circumstances. Finally, our heartfelt thanks to all Angus's neighbours and friends who were so kind to him on a daily basis. We are grateful for your donations to The Royal National Mission To Deep Sea Fishermen which totalled £1484.54.

**McKEGNEY** (née Fletcher) - Douglas, Campbell, Ann, Susan and family, and Jean have been overwhelmed by the very many expressions of sympathy and support received following the death of their beloved Mary. Very many thanks to you all. They were very moved by the large number, some travelling long distances who attended the celebration of Mary's life in Edinburgh on February 3.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**HENDERSON** - In loving memory of a dear mum and granny, Helen, died February 12, 2005. No words can say How much we miss you every day. Loved, always.

- Archie, Barbara, Archie and Kirsty.  
**McCUSKER** (Campbell Sinclair) - In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret, who passed away February 14, 1996.

- Sadly missed by daughter Patricia, grandchildren and great grandchildren and all family and friends.

**LAWSON** - In loving memory of Stuart, died February 11, 2005.

In times of deepest sorrow When tears may cloud our eyes It seems our grief is endless But then we realise That sorrow is the memory Of a happy yesterday And memories live on and on While sorrows fade away. Always in our hearts. - Mam, Jackie, Bill and Andrew xxx.

**ROBERTSON** - Loving memories of our dear brother, Donald, died February 6, 2003.

If only we could see you For just a little while To tell you that we love you And just to see your smile To put our arms around you But this we cannot do Until we meet again May God take care of you. Loved always. - Sisters Mattie and Moira.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

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

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Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon  
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Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.  
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Evening Worship .... 6.30 p.m.  
**Rev. Philip Burroughs**  
**Monday 13 February 2006**  
The Guild ..... 7.30 p.m.  
**Tuesday 14 February 2006**  
Mothers and Toddlers 9.45 a.m.  
Young Women's Group 8 p.m. (New Hall)  
**Thursday 16 February 2006**  
Choir Practice ..... 7.30 p.m.  
**Friday 17 February 2006**  
Lunch Club ..... 12.15 p.m.



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**Sunday 12 February 2006**  
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**Tuesday 14 February 2006**  
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Kirk Street Hall  
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6.30 p.m. .... Evening Service  
**Monday 13 February 2006**  
Discipleship Course  
**Wednesday 15 February 2006**  
Discipleship Course  
**Thursday 16 February 2006**  
Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club  
12 noon until 2 p.m.  
**Friday 17 February 2006**  
10-11.30 a.m.  
Jumpstart Group

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10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
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1.45 p.m. .... Home League (Ladies Meeting)  
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# Argyll athletes qualify for Scottish final

## Archie is hot shot

### Athletics

A GROUP of 39 young athletes representing Argyll travelled to the Playdrome in Clydebank recently to compete in the West of Scotland Regional Final of Sports Hall Athletics.

The Argyll squad consisted of two boys' teams and two girls' teams in the U13 and U15 age groups, backed by a large travelling support of parents and coaches.

#### Clean sweep

Seven districts entered teams for this regional final. After more than three hours of intense competition, all four Argyll teams were not only successful in qualifying for the Scottish Final in February but also completed a clean sweep, winning outright in each team contest.

The U13 girls were convincing winners, scoring 734 points, well ahead of West Dunbartonshire on 560, and Dumfries and Galloway and East Ayrshire, both on 440. South Lanarkshire, Inverclyde and Glasgow filled the last three places.

Team captain Eilidh Campbell from Lochgilphead set a great example by winning the four-lap race and placing third in the standing long jump. Eilidh



combined with Eilidh Elkin from Minard to win the eight-lap Paarlaf relay. Eilidh Elkin also contributed to the points total with second places in the six-lap time trial and the speed bounce. Ruth Semple from Southend gained valuable points with second in the four-lap race and second in the vertical jump. Other individual winners in a great victory included Laura Fyfe from Inveraray in the shot putt. Two Kintyre girls, Nicole Anderson from Campbeltown and Nicola Paterson from Carradale also excelled, Nicole second in the standing triple jump, Nicola third in the high jump.

#### Dominated

The U15 girls also dominated, winning overall with 684 points, ahead of West Dunbartonshire on 579, South Lanarkshire with 555 and Dumfries and Galloway

on 490 points. Lucy MacNulty from Dalmally was top individual with 142 points. Christie Roxburgh from Achnamara won the shot putt and placed third in the standing long jump.

#### Relays

The Argyll girls won both relays, starting with Lucy MacNulty and Erin Elkin from Minard in the eight-lap paarlaf. The four x two-lap relay team of Christie Roxburgh, Zoe Fleming, Holly Crawford from Lochgilphead and Heather Lazarus from Campbeltown had to work hard to finish ahead of South Lanarkshire.

The Argyll U15 boys' teams have an impressive record, reaching the UK Sports Hall Final six times since 1999. This year they started their challenge in fine style, scoring 644 points to win ahead of Dumfries and Galloway (602), East Ayrshire (514), West

Dunbartonshire (508), and South Lanarkshire (482). Sam Jespersen from Oban was top individual with 142 points. John Kennedy from Lochgilphead easily won the shot putt and was third in the triple jump.

The U13 boys ensured their place at the Scottish final with the most emphatic win of the day, finishing more than 200 points ahead of the second place district. The Argyll boys scored 748 points, far ahead of South Lanarkshire on 540, Dumfries and Galloway on 518 and West Dunbartonshire on 505.

#### Depleted

The team was even depleted prior to the competition with talented high jumper Steven Higson from Tobermory struck down with flu and team captain Iain MacDowell not fully recovered. Argyll winners included Ian Hamish Paton

from Strachur, who won the vertical jump. Fraser Meechan from Lochgilphead won the triple jump and Ben Boss from Ardrishaig won the four-lap final. An additional top two placing was achieved by Ross Robinson from Lochgilphead in the triple jump.

#### Style

Argyll won all four relays in style, starting with the obstacle relay in which Angus MacCallum, John MacPhee, Rhys Campbell (Dunoon) and John Crawford (Lochgilphead) won by half the length of the hall. Angus, Rhys, John Crawford and Innes Muir won the four x one-lap event and it was the same outcome in the four x two-lap relay in which Ian Hamish Paton, Ben Boss, Ross Robinson and Fraser Meechan won by a wide margin.

The success at Clydebank is a big step in the development of athletics in Argyll and underlines the abundance of talent throughout the district. The unfortunate fact is that Argyll is never likely to have all-weather outdoor facilities for athletics, which is a shame considering the many individual and team successes in recent years.

The four Argyll teams have qualified to compete in the Scottish Final at the International Sports Complex

in Dundee on Saturday February 25, with the incentive that winning in Dundee will ensure qualification for the UK Final in Birmingham in March.

All the athletes competing at Clydebank will be selected for the Scottish Final in just over three weeks' time. Any team members unable to compete in Dundee are advised to contact the Argyll Sports Hall organiser, Bill MacCallum, on 01546 602664 as soon as possible.

### Shooting

SUNDAY February 5 saw a large turnout of shooters for the latest leg of Tarbert Gun Club's winter league team shoot.

With the competition resuming as a down the line contest, the dull day with no wind helped most competitors to high scores. Hot-shot of the day was Archie MacGilp, whose second round of targets was outstanding. Archie was an easy winner in his class and helped his team to another win in the team competition.

#### Winners

##### Class A

- 1= John Paton
- 3= Ronald Jenkins
- 3= Bob McColl
- 4= Hugh O'Neil

##### Class B

- 1= Jonathan Gargan
- 2= Peter Smith
- 3= Norman MacDonald

##### Class C

- 1= Malcolm Holder
- 1= Pierre Godts
- 3= Duncan MacAlister
- 4= Alan Campbell

##### Class D

- 1= Calum MacDonald
- 2= Alison Jones
- 3= Alisdair MacCallum

##### Class E

- 1= Archie MacGilp
- 2= Craig Wright
- 3= Fergie MacLarty

#### Winning Team

- Team A: Bob McColl, Jonathan Gargan, Stewart MacAlister, Calum MacDonald, Archie MacGilp

## Cairnbaan lose in bowls semi-final

### Bowls

CAIRNBAAN Bowling Club were defeated 6-2 by Kilmore in the Lorn Carpet Bowling Knock-out Cup semi-final.

In the other match, Bendoiloch recorded a 5-3 win over Easdale. Winners of the Broadfoot Memorial Cup was the Kilmore team of J Jones, S MacLean, I MacLean and N McCorkindale. A and G Cruickshanks won the open doubles competition. Singles winner was N McCorkindale of Kilmore. Doubles winners were A Dickie and A MacFadyen, also of Kilmore.

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# Tarbert produce top performance of year

**SAFL Division Two  
Tarbert AFC 5  
Eaglesham 'B' 1**

TARBERT produced their best performance of the season at Cil Andreis on Saturday February 4 to clinch another victory and continue their good start to the season.

The Dookers, sponsored by the Islay Frigate Hotel, had to raise their game after the previous week's poor show against Millerston. James Prentice and Mike Connor worked hard up front to give the visiting defence a torrid

time, ably supported by Harris and young Nicky McDougall in wide midfield. Scott Robertson also put in a great shift alongside Duncan MacDougall in the centre of the park.

In a fast first half, Prentice was unlucky to hit the post and see efforts deflected wide. Robertson's shot was clawed away by Eaglesham's goalkeeper before Tarbert's pressure was rewarded in the 30th minute.

Connor finished well from a Prentice lay off to set the Dookers on their

## Football

way. The closest Eaglesham came to scoring was from their aerial threat, McDougall doing well to head off the line, a later header narrowly clearing the bar.

Tarbert needed another goal, and their play deserved it, but they had to break up a dangerous move by Eaglesham to stay ahead, the visitors determined to equalise.

Prentice finally doubled Tarbert's advantage when he completed a fine move,

meeting a cross at the back post. Dougie Guy was played through by Connor to score the third running from defence to net a fine goal, finishing the move with a celebration to match. Substitute Ian Johnson headed in from a McDougall corner to score Tarbert's fourth, the visiting defence unable to cope with the home side after the break.

Tarbert replaced Martin and McDougall with Ian MacKay and Ronald to

complete their substitutions. Eaglesham reduced the deficit in the 75th minute, a cross to the far post falling kindly for their substitute, who knocked the ball into the net.

Any hopes Eaglesham had of a comeback were ended five minutes later when Prentice curled a brilliant free kick into the net to complete the scoring.

Player-manager Alex Johnstone was pleased with the performance and the result, the team showing good commitment to

record a convincing win. Tarbert would like to thank J and C Prentice, Tarbert Shellfish Ltd, for sponsoring Saturday's match ball and helping with future travel costs.

Tomorrow (Saturday February 11) Tarbert have another home fixture, facing Strathkelvin Thistle at Cil Andreis. Kick off is at 2.30pm.

Tarbert: Blair, Martin, Maxwell, Laing, Guy, D MacDougall, Robertson, Harris, N McDougall, Prentice, Connor. Subs: Johnson, Ronald, MacKay.

## Sinclair reaches fourth consecutive winter league final

ROSS Sinclair teed off in Lochgilthead Golf Club's winter league safe in the knowledge that whatever happened, his name is already engraved three times on the knockout singles trophy.

After a very close match, fought in a sporting mood, Ross emerged victorious, reaching his fourth consecutive final.

The match was refereed by Eric Capocci, who was playing some excellent shots of his own. Eric was only beaten to the win by Iain McGlynn after a countback over the last six holes. Eric birdied the fourth in his first round and the 12th and 16th in his second. He was also nearest the pin at the 16th, scooping the jackpot whilst moving to third on the leaderboard.

Alex MacAulay was in good form once again, his birdie at the fourth taking him out in one under. Further birdies followed at the 13th and 16th, and Alex finished level par nett.

Solid in 10th overall, Davy Wilson was out in 18 with a skilful birdie two at the ninth. Ross Sinclair found it easy at the 16th when he needed only two

## Golf

shots to find the cup and Tom Campbell forfeited sleep in his quest for points, his birdie at the fourth helped him take five points.

Iain MacInnes hit the ball miles all day and he sits safely in ninth overall, whilst three players tied for eighth, Donald Carmichael emerging at the top of the heap after a countback, home in 19 with a no score worthy of a pat on the back.

Tom Cullen never gives up, the veteran hitting a birdie at the tricky 17th for four points and ninth spot. The last point on the day went to David Sinclair, who stretched his overall lead to four points, a beautiful two at the 16th worth three.

Just outside the points, Donald Johnson had seven threes, including birdies at the eighth and 15th, whilst Martin Barber carded a birdie at the 13th. Robbie Wilson was the winner of the nearest the pin at the ninth, with 63 inches.

Iain McLeod, who was a guest player on the day, started at the third hole and faced a testing second shot downhill onto the sloping green. His shot bounced once a rolled straight into

the cup for a birdie and level par outward nine.

Week 17	overall
1 I McGlynn	12
2 E Capocci	3
3 A MacAulay	6
4 D Wilson	10
5 R Sinclair	5
6 T Campbell	8
7 I MacInnes	9
8 D Carmichael	11
9 T Cullen	26
10 D Sinclair	1

## Tarbert lotto jackpot rises again

### Lottery

THE WINNING numbers from Tarbert AFC's lotto draw on Monday February 6 were one, six and 11. As there were no winners, the jackpot for the draw on Monday February 13 will be £500.

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S1 pupils from Lochgilthead High School model the new Argyll Development Squad strips, alongside David Renwick, Raymond Flanagan and Roddy Morrison of Mid Argyll Round Table and Argyll and Bute football development officer Dylan Kerr. a04f001

## Argyll squad receives new strips from Mid Argyll Round Table

ARGYLL and Bute's football development squad has been presented with new set of strips, courtesy of Mid Argyll Round Table.

The strip was presented to members of the squad on Wednesday January 17 by Raymond Flanagan, chairman of Mid Argyll Round Table, at Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Argyll's S1 development squad, selected from all

## Football

secondary schools in Argyll and Bute, plays against teams from other council areas.

The squad's first match was against Inverclyde in Port Glasgow in November.

Football development officer Dylan Kerr said: 'I'm very pleased that the round table was able to sponsor the strip and I hope it will

encourage more youngsters to want to wear it by becoming involved with the squad.'

Mr Kerr hopes to have Argyll select squads competing against teams from across Scotland at every level from junior to senior by this summer.

## Red Star at home to Whitehill FP

### Football

LOCHGILPHEAD Red Star are at home tomorrow (Saturday February 11), when they face Whitehill FP at Ropework Park.

Manager Michael Todd should have a full squad at his disposal for the match, which will give the home side a chance to exact revenge for their 8-4 defeat a month ago.

The club have received no applications for the manager's job, which will become vacant when Michael Todd stands down at the end of the current season. All applicants will be considered for the post. For more information, contact Lorraine Campbell, 8 Brae Road, Ardrishaig. The closing date is Tuesday February 28.

## Grand up for grabs at Inveraray

### Football

THERE were no winners from Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday February 6, when the numbers drawn were eight, 10 and 11.

The jackpot for the draw on Monday February 13 will be £1,000.

## No Kilmory lottery draw winners

### Football

THERE were no winners from Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday February 6, when the numbers drawn were four, eight and nine.

As a result, the jackpot for the draw on Monday February 13 will be £300.



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