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Hospital housing design decision

FYNE Homes has revealed the winning architect in its competition to design a proposal for a housing development on the site of the old Mid Argyll Hospital in Lochgilphead.

The housing association announced this week that CP Architects from Oban was the preferred choice in the contest. The decision was partly based on a vote by members of the public.

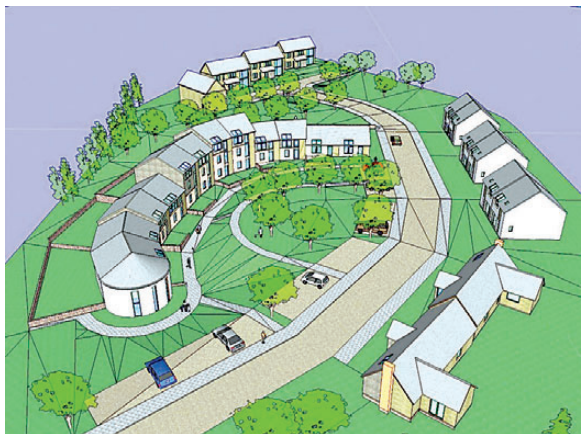
Three candidates went head-to-head to compete for the opportunity to create a design that would 'embody affordability and sustainability in environmental terms and in wider social and economic terms'.

Fyne Homes' social economy director Peter McDonald said: 'The architecture competition has been a great success and it was also a great opportunity to get the local community involved.

'These homes are being created for the local community and so they have to be happy with the design proposals.

'It is important that they are able to live in a vibrant and comfortable environment and create their own community, and we believe that CP Architects will be able to create this.'

The three candidates - Bracewell Stirling Architects, CP Architects and Davies Duncan Architects - displayed their proposals to the local community and schoolchildren at Lochgilphead Parish Church last week.



CP Architects' winning design for proposed housing on the Mid Argyll Hospital site

The community's views accounted for 25 per cent of the final vote, whilst the views of Lochgilphead High School's fourth year pupils, who were given the chance to interview the architects, made up 15 per cent of the final vote.

Fyne Homes is now in talks with Argyll and Bute Council to begin development on the hospital next summer. The proposed development will consist of 24 family homes, which will be built with a focus on Scottish wood, using timber panels and wood fuel heating, as well as a proposed community space within the development.

Ian Campbell of CP Architects said: 'We are delighted to have won the competition and believe that this is a great opportunity as an Argyll-based company to demonstrate our ability to design affordable new build houses.

'It is also a great opportunity to work along side Fyne Homes and I believe that the format of the competition was an excellent means to involve the public and the children of the local community.'

Plans for the redevelopment of the Blarbuie Road site currently occupied by Lochgilphead High School were also displayed at Lochgilphead Parish Church last week.

Although Argyll and Bute Council has yet to make a decision on what to do with the site when it is vacated next summer, it gave its permission for the site to be included in Fyne Homes' competition.

Lochgilphead High School, Lochgilphead Primary School and White Gates Nursery will all move into the new joint campus building next year.

Christmas is coming to Mid Argyll!

DECEMBER is here, which can only mean one thing - Christmas is coming!

Mid Argyll got into the festive spirit last weekend when Santa Claus visited the Rotary Club of Lochgilphead's Christmas Fayre in the Community Centre.

Children (and a few grown-ups) queued up for the chance to meet the man himself and tell hime what they would like for Christmas.

This weekend's celebrations promise to be just as exciting, with Lochgilphead's first ever Christmas lights display being switched on at 8pm tomorrow (Saturday December 2).

There will be a variety of entertainment on display in Colchester Square in the hours leading up to the big switch on, whilst many of Lochgilphead's businesses will remain open for the evening.

Lochgilphead Christmas Lights Festival's grand raffle draw will also take place at 8.30pm.

Left: Eight-year-old Aaron Hossack from Lochgilphead and his three-year-old sister Tara had big smiles and a lot of paint on their faces when they met Santa Claus at the Rotary Club of Lochgilphead's Christmas Fayre in Lochgilphead Community Centre on Saturday. Turn to page 14 for more photographs from the event. a48san18

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Councillor warns of climate danger

A MID Argyll councillor has spoken out about the dangers of climate change.

Speaking in her capacity as COSLA spokeswoman for the environment, sustainability and community safety, councillor Alison Hay stressed her worries about climate change, following publication of the Stern review on the effects of global warming.

She said: 'I am delighted to see the level of debate generated by the publication of Sir Nicholas Stern's report on the implications of climate change.

'While most of us have been long aware of the implications of carrying on as we are in terms of destroying the planet, this report seems to have focused minds in a way that we have not done before.

'All of us have a role to play in terms of addressing climate change whether it be the individual on the street, a business big or small, or those of us in government, at local, national and international levels.'

Councillor Hay also stressed the importance of local councillors acting to save the environment. She said: 'We in Scottish local government are committed to doing our bit. We have developed the Scottish Climate Change Declaration, which commits local authorities to putting measures in place to make a verifiable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

'We will seek the Scottish Executive's support to extend this across the public sector.

'As the report clearly demonstrates, time is running out. Scottish local government will do all that we can, but success is only achievable if, as Sir Nicholas says, we all work together to address the issue and start doing so now.'

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Shona's car is a star!

Shona Davies with her Triumph GT6 Mark III, which is set to appear on the BBC's *Castle In The Country*. A48car01

AN ARDRISHAIG woman and her classic car are set to appear on BBC television this month as part of its *Castle In The Country* programme.

Shona Davies' 1974 Triumph GT6 Mark III will feature on the programme, presented by John Craven and Nicki Chapman, within the next few weeks.

Speaking to *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, Shona said: 'The makers of the programme were looking for interesting vehicles and people. A friend of mine from Glasgow, who is a car club enthusiast, urged me to apply. Mine is one of five classic cars that will feature on the programme.'

Shona, who works as an administrator for Shanks, explained that she has had a long-term love affair with vintage vehicles.

'In the past I've had MG V8s and I always said that if I won the lottery I would buy a Jaguar E-Type,' she said.

'They're very expensive though, so I started looking for a Triumph GT6, which is often called 'the poor man's E-Type'. When I first bought this car, she was red, but I had her resprayed at Kilmartin Garage.' The BBC's camera crew filmed Shona, who is a member of the Mid Argyll Free Wheelers vintage and interesting vehicles club, in Ardrishaig, Kilmichael, Dunadd, Bellanoch and around the Crinan Canal. *Castle In The Country* airs on weekdays at 3.15pm on BBC Two.

Council enters renewable energy agreements

ARGYLL and Bute council is entering into a series of agreements with renewable energy companies operating within its boundaries.

In doing so the council aims to make sure that its communities get the maximum benefit from and sustainable energy development, which might take place.

Renewable

The first of the series of agreements is a historic renewable energy concordat signed with Scottish and Southern Energy.

The council has described this as 'strategic'.

Councillor Robin Banks, who is the council's spokesman for development and the environment, signed the concordat on behalf of the council. 'There are many untapped renewable resources within some of our most remote and fragile areas,' he said.

Committed

'The council is committed to making sure these resources are used in a way that supports its communities and secures their long-term viability.

'There is a great deal to be gained from working with the renewable energy companies,' councillor Banks added.

In signing the concordat, Jennifer McGregor of Scottish and Southern Energy said that the company had been working in Argyll and Bute for more than 50 years.

'This concordat is another indication that we are in the area to stay; sustainable energy is our business.'

The company will be working with Argyll and Bute council and ALIengery the Argyll, Lomond and the islands Energy Agency to help tackle fuel poverty, promote energy efficiency and 'make the best possible use' of microgeneration across the area.

ALIenergy

Knapdale Councillor Bruce Robertson, who chairs the board of ALIenergy, welcomed the move.

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Police Files

Ardfern accident

NO-ONE was injured when one vehicle was involved in an accident on the A816 near Ardfern on the morning of Tuesday November 21.

Car vandalised

POLICE are continuing their inquiries after a car had its window broken whilst parked on Lorne Street, Lochgilphead, on Tuesday November 21.

Driver reported

ONE DRIVER has been reported to the procurator after two vehicles were involved in an accident on Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, at 12.30pm on Tuesday November 21. No-one was injured in the incident.

Window smashed

A GLASS panel window at a shop on Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, was smashed on the morning of Wednesday November 22. As yet, no-one has been reported for the incident.

Slight injuries

ONE PERSON sustained slight injuries when two vehicles were involved in an accident on the A83 near the Kilberry junction on the afternoon of Wednesday November 22.

Vehicle sought

POLICE are appealing for information after two vehicles were involved in an accident in Church Square, Inveraray, at around 6pm on Wednesday November 22. One vehicle, a dark-coloured people carrier, hit another and drove off without stopping. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident is asked to contact Sergeant Colin Hunter at Lochgilphead Police Station.

Left road

ONE VEHICLE left the B8024 Kilberry road near Tarbert on the morning of Thursday November 23. No-one was injured.

Lochgilphead Police Station 01546 702200

Light smashed

A LIGHT on the promenade at Tarbert Harbour was smashed overnight between Wednesday November 22 and Thursday November 23. Anyone with information should contact Lochgilphead Police Station.

Fencing damaged

FENCING at a house on Bank Park, Lochgilphead, was damaged on Thursday November 23. Police are continuing their inquiries.

Peace breached

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal following an alleged breach of the peace in Tarbert on the evening of Thursday November 23.

Lochgilphead arrest

FOLLOWING an alleged breach of the peace on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, in the early hours of Friday November 24, a man has been reported to the procurator fiscal.

Bishopton accident

ALLEGED careless driving on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, at 4pm on Saturday November 25 resulted in one driver being reported to the procurator fiscal.

Window broken

POLICE are appealing for information after a window was broken at a house on Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, on the afternoon of Sunday November 26.

Hospital arrest

A MAN was arrested in the grounds of the Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, on the afternoon of Sunday November 26 for alleged indecency.

ACHA welcomes first new tenants

Jane Hepburn, left, ACHA's housing and neighbourhood services assistant for Ardrishaig and housing and neighbourhood services manager Yvonne Litster welcome the housing association's first new tenants Fiona Margach and John Frier. A48ach01

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) has welcomed its first new tenants.

Fiona Margach and partner John Frier picked up the keys to their new home in Ardrishaig on Thursday November 23, becoming the first tenants to sign a new lease with ACHA, which assumed control of Argyll and Bute Council's housing stock on Tuesday November 21.

The couple and their children Liam, aged 10, and seven-year-old Lella, hope to move into the three-bedroom house within the next few weeks.

Handing over the keys and a commemorative bunch of flowers, ACHA's neighbourhood services manager Yvonne Litster said: 'As well as becoming the first new tenants to sign a new tenancy agreement with ACHA, Fiona and John are also the first tenants to benefit from ACHA's newly-implemented minimum letting standard.

'This standard is higher than that previously used by the council.'

Council to consult on outdoor access

ARGYLL and Bute Council will be undertaking a series of consultations on outdoor access early in the new year to kick off the first phase of a project designed to develop a core path plan for the area.

Explaining the plans, councillor Robin Banks, council spokesman for development and environment issues said: 'Core path plans will identify those paths which meet basic access needs of local people, and those that provide opportunities for walking, cycling, riding, canoeing and other activities for people of all ages and abilities.

'The focus of the plans will be to identify existing paths that are important to people, and possibly some new key links, rather than on the development of new paths. Core paths can include the path you regularly use to walk your dog, sites where you launch your canoe or an off-road traffic-free path you use to get the shops.

'The aim of the core path plan will be to help integrate access with land management and other land uses and to raise the awareness and confidence of both residents and visitors when using paths for access."

Argyll and Bute Council carried out extensive consultations in 2002, to find out about the outdoor access needs of people living and working in the area. This, along with other more recent consultations, has highlighted a number of paths that people value.

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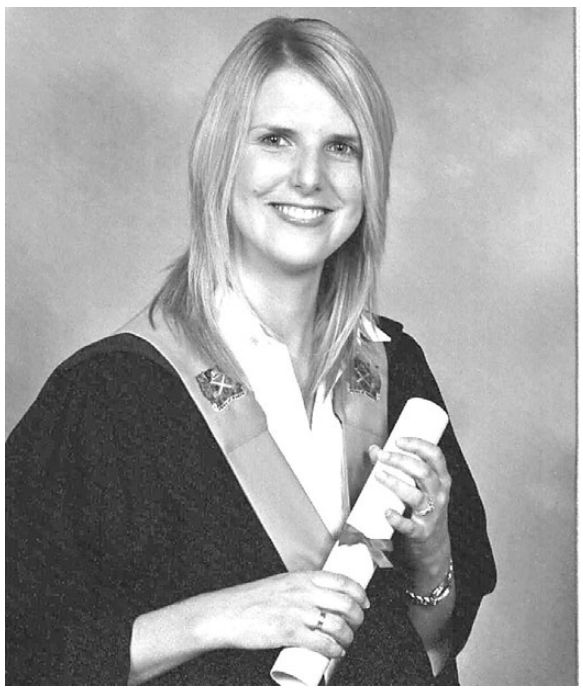
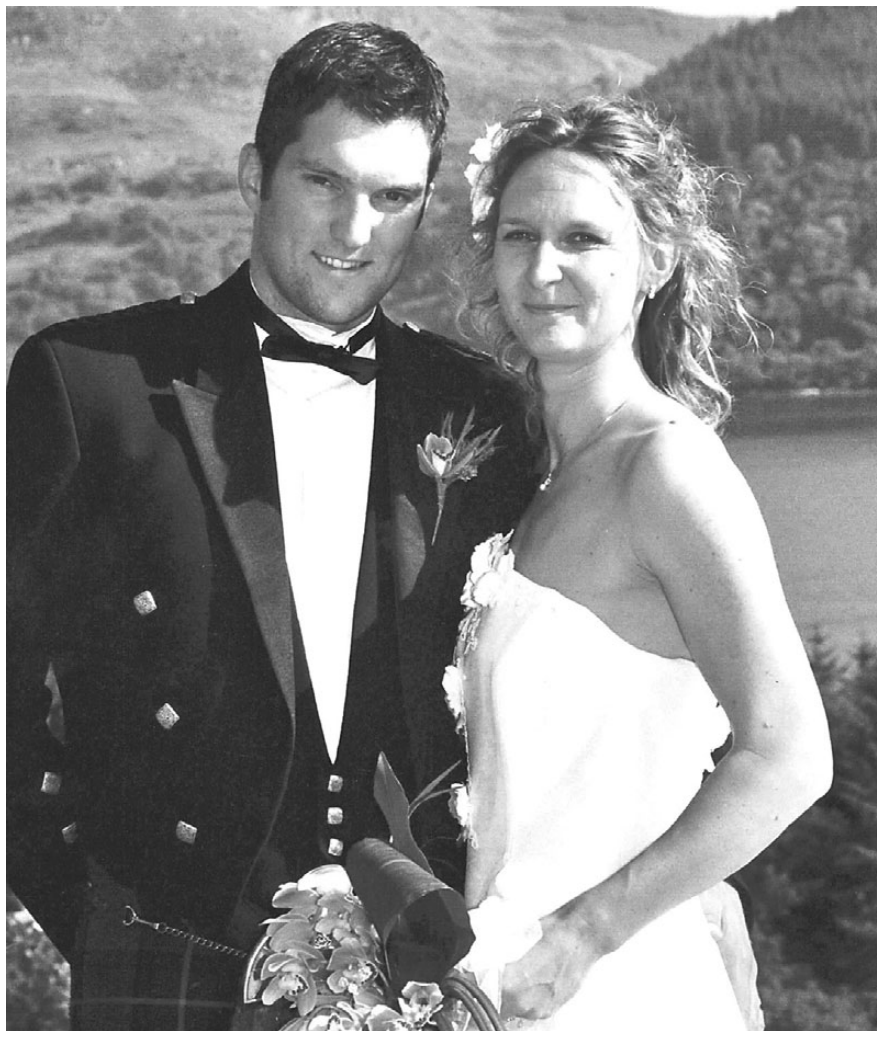


ABOVE: Diana C Mackenzie (nee Brodie) recently graduated from Perth College with an HNC in Administration and Information Management. Diana is the daughter of Diana Brodie and the late John Brodie and has recently been appointed as the Project Co-ordinator for Kintyre Healthy Living Partnership.

RIGHT: Laura Williamson of Campbeltown, the daughter of James and Allison Williamson, graduated from Adam Smith College in Kirkcaldy Fife with an advanced diploma in interactive graphic design.

RIGHT: Congratulations to Jack Shepherd of Springbank Terrace, Campbeltown, seen here cutting his cake on the occasion of his 95th birthday. His family and friends joined in the celebrations at the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy.



Fiona Geddes, Inverneill, married Robert Shaw, Ardfern, on Saturday September 9 at Craignish Village Hall, Ardfern. A wonderful day was had by all.

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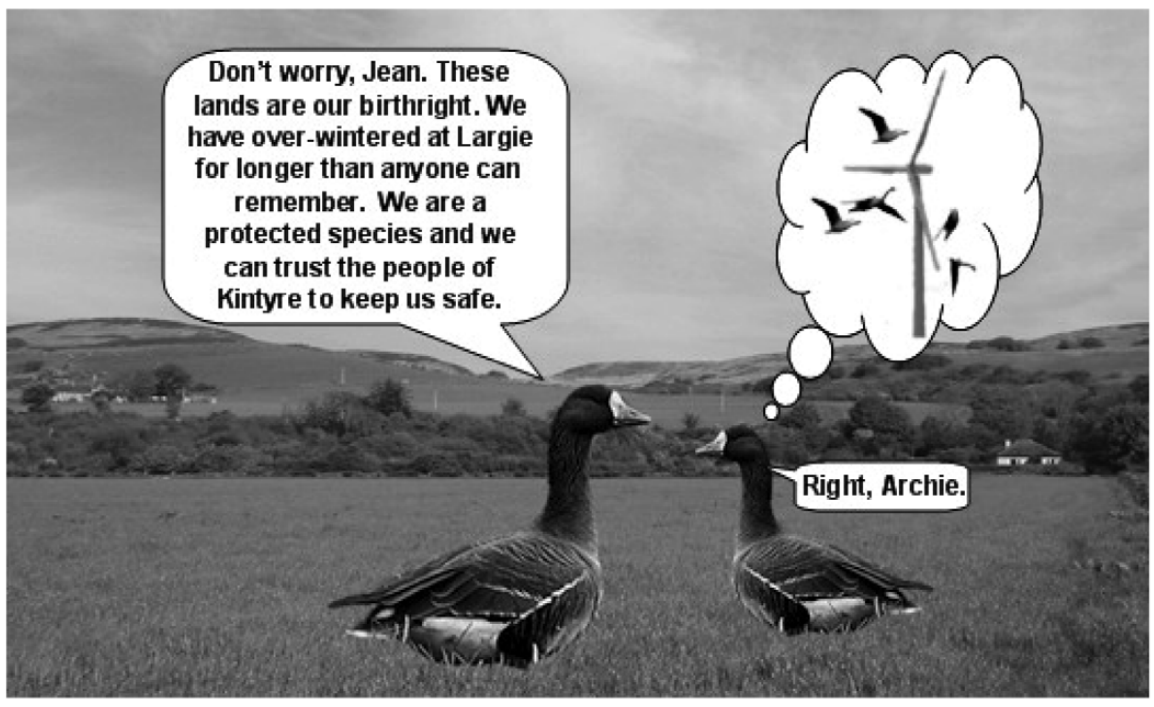

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Dochas Centre to host carers' rights day

HUNDREDS of people in the Mid Argyll and Kintyre area may be missing out on the support they are entitled to for looking after a sick or disabled relative at home, including benefits such as Carer's Allowance and Pension Credit.

They can find out more by attending a special Carers' Rights Day event jointly organised by the Dochas Centre and the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) on Friday December 8 at the Dochas Centre, 50 Campbell Street, Lochgilphead.

The Dochas Centre and the CAB are two of 500 groups across the UK taking part in Carers' Rights Day, a national awareness day organised by Carers Scotland. The aim of the day is to inform carers of the benefits and services available and any important recent changes to these.

The Dochas Centre will feature displays outlining the services offered by the Dochas carers' centre, the Citizens Advice Bureau and both the welfare rights officer for the area and an advisor from Jobcentre Plus will also be in attendance to answer questions from carers.

Catherine Paterson, co-founder of the Dochas Fund, said: 'Anyone looking after a sick or disabled person on an unpaid basis is a carer and may be able to get help.

'They are very welcome to come along to our Carers' Rights Day meeting and pick up a copy of *Looking After Someone? – A Guide To Carers' Rights and Benefits* that has been produced by Carers Scotland or have a chat with the advisers at the event.

'Many carers are unaware of the benefits and services available to them. Research tells us that carers' own health is twice as likely to suffer as a result of the stresses of caring and it is vital that carers know their rights, to ensure they get the support they need.

'Carers should contact their local social security office, local Citizens Advice Bureau or Carers Scotland, who will be able to advise you on any financial help you can get. You should also contact social services to ask for an assessment of your needs.'

Carers' rights change all the time - for example, carers have recently won new rights under the Work and Families Act 2006 to request flexible working from April 2007. Come along to the Dochas Centre between 10am and 3pm on Friday December 8 to learn more. Call the Dochas Centre on 01546 600022 for more details.

Voluntary organisations hold joint AGM

Jamie McGrigor MSP presented Facilitator for STEPS certificates to Maryanne Stewart (left) and Eileen McCrory of Argyll CVS and Certificates of Excellence to Alison Crossan, Pat Logan and Eleanor McKinnon of the Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre.

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THREE local voluntary organisations joined forces last week for a combined meeting in Argyll and Bute Council's chambers at Kilmory Castle.

At the joint annual general meeting, members of the Argyll and Bute Volunteer Centre, Argyll CVS and Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau discussed how they could improve their services by working together, and the implications of new regulations from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) on the work carried out by voluntary organisations.

Presentation

David Rice from the OSCR also gave a presentation. Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor addressed the meeting before presenting certificates to some of those present.

Tarbert pupils are quick on the draw

Pupils from Tarbert Primary School added the finishing touches to their Big Draw project last week, working with local artist Kathleen Russell on a large drawing of the village. The pupils received advice and tips from Kathleen during the nationwide Big Draw project in October, adding all of the final pieces to the final artwork at a session in Tarbert's Templars Arts and Leisure Centre on Thursday November 23. a48tps01

Port Ellen wins despite TV vote

TWO ARGYLL projects have each won £50,000 despite going head-to-head in a phone vote on national television.

A playpark and picnic area in Glendaruel and an all-weather sports pitch and play area at Port Ellen Primary School, Islay, were the two projects and, although the Cowal project won, Port Ellen was given the same as runners-up. STV news programme *Scotland Today* pitted the two Argyll projects against each other last Wednesday in its People's Millions competition which ran every day between November 13-17. The Argyll projects competed last Wednesday with Colintraive and Glendarual Playpark Committee winning. However Port Ellen's Brilliant Beginnings Committee attracted so many votes, it was announced as the best runner-up in Central region. Kath Johnston of the Brilliant Beginnings Committee, Port Ellen, said: 'We are absolutely delighted and relieved. We heard last Thursday we hadn't won and were really disappointed.'

On hearing they had won the runner-up prize, Kath admitted some members of staff shed a few tears of joy.

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Thought for the week

THERE were two brothers. The younger one couldn't wait for his share of the family money to be off spending it on having a good time. His older brother stayed at home and worked on the family farm, but how he grudged his young brother his freedom! Dutiful the older brother certainly was, but he was only dutiful. When the young lad was penniless – and friendless – he headed for home. Working on the farm as a labourer, he decided, was better than starving in a strange country. After all, his father's workmen were much better off than he was.

The old man was delighted to see his son coming along the road towards home, so delighted that by the time his older son knew what was happening the celebration was in full swing. Was the older brother pleased? No, he was not! It's a good story, one of Jesus' best known stories. Jesus put these words in the father's mouth: 'This brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' Jesus' story paints a picture of heaven – and of the welcome a poor lost sinner receives when he trusts in Jesus. (see Luke 15:11-32)

Irene Howat

Down Memory Lane

This week's down memory lane photograph, submitted by James Mitchell, shows the Ardrishaig Bell being loaded in Colchester Square, Lochgilphead. James doesn't know much more about the photograph, but believes it was taken in the early 20th century. A bus serving Craignish and Ardrishaig can also be seen in the photograph, taken outside D MacBrayne Ironmonger and Cycle Dealer.

Why not share your old photographs with *The Argyllshire Advertiser* readers? Post them to: *The Argyllshire Advertiser*, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8NB, or email them to: editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk. All photographs are returned to their owners.

Those Were The Days

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'Freeze council expenses' move fails

A BUTE councillor's moves to freeze the travelling and subsistenceallowances paid to council members and staff failed at a meeting of Argyll and Bute District Council last week.

Mr Robert Reid (Kyles and Bute) tabled a motion to the effect that a Scottish Development Department circular raising the upper limit of refundable expenses should not be adopted in Argyll and Bute in this financial year.

'We're telling everyone that we're in financial difficulties as a council, and we should set an example ourselves,' he said.

Islay and Jura councillor Mr Frank Spears, chairing the meeting, replied that the circular merely raised the upper limit of claims, and did not mean that everyone would automatically be claiming the full amount.

'It's a matter between oneself and one's conscience,' agreed Col A G Miller (Mull). He did not think it would particularly impress the public if the resolution were adopted.

Ratepayers face jump

RATEPAYERS throughout Strathclyde may on average have to pay in excess of £1 a week more next year, following a four per cent cut in the government's rate grant from 72.5 per cent to 68.5 per cent. Councillor Charles O'Halloran, chairman of the regional council's finance committee, said after meeting the Secretary of State for Scotland last week: 'It means in round figures that Strathclyde will lose something like £25 million, which means an increase in regional rates of about 17p in the pound over and above the figures already calculated.

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Council must improve recycling

Sir,

Since learning of the possibility of having our rubbish collection reduced to fortnightly, we have been trying to get up to speed on recycling and waste reduction. Our neighbourhood has kerbside recycling for cardboard and paper. Not being gardeners, we're a bit slow to embrace composting, but we will try. We have bought plastic tubs into which we sort our cans, plastics, and glass. The GRAB (Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute) web site has helped us to understand local recycling opportunities.

I am not sure that this is making that big a dent in our waste. We fill our wheelie bin weekly. One problem is that not everything is locally recyclable - particularly many plastics. According to GRAB, we should be able to take many things to the 'local Civic Amenity Site'. I'm not sure I even know what this is, or where it would be located.

If halving the frequency of collection spurs us to recycle more, then I can't argue with it. However, I hope the council will make a point of enabling the public to recycle as much as possible - perhaps with kerbside bins or more options at the local drop-off sites.

Katherine Radcliffe, Minard

Argyll's dangerous winter roads

Sir,

I read the item in the Advestiser regarding icy roads and two cars leaving the road at Stonefield.

I write to ask how low does the temperature have to fall, or how icy do the roads have to become before they are gritted?

I travelled to work in Lochgilphead at 6.30am on Sunday November 19 and the road from Barfad onwards was atrocious. I came down the steep hill after Stonefield on the wrong side of the road, sideways at 10mph. A journey that normally takes me about 30 minutes took 50 minutes that morning due to the road resembling a sheet of glass.

There is a new company with the roads contract, but roads remain in the same condition. Some things never change.

Katrine Drummond, Tarbert

Thank you to Lochgair supporters

Sir,

Scottish Water's proposed plans to construct a sewage works in Lochgair have aroused widespread disquiet; village residents are united in their opposition to this scheme and recently a public inquiry was held, in the Lochgair Hotel, into these proposals.

The inquiry lasted four days and several individuals gave generously of their time, knowledge and expertise to appear as witnesses on behalf of the objectors. On behalf of The Lochgair Association and of all those who opposed Scottish Water's plans, I would like to express our gratitude to Alan Reid MP, George Lyon MSP, John Carmichael, Martin Stewart, Reverend Brian Wilkinson, Fraser Bell, Douglas Murray, Cliff Culley and Jeff Grant.

Lochgair is a very small village; Scottish Water has a £3 billion budget. The contribution made by these witnesses to support the villagers in their protest against Scottish Water's plans was absolutely invaluable and is deeply appreciated.

We are also immensely obliged to Councillor Alison Hay for her unfailing support.

Val Richardson, Secretary, The Lochgair Association, 6 Gallanach, Lochgair

Hospital plans solve wrong problem

Sir,

I inspected the three proposed layouts for the Fyne Homes competition for the development of the land left over from the new hospital development and to be (on the face of it) freed up with the opening of the new school.

Working to a quite ridiculous brief, produced by Fyne Homes without discussion with the planning authority, resulted in 100 per cent 'mixed tenure sustainable family housing' alias 'affordable housing' alias 'low cost housing' wall-to-wall at densities of more than 10 to the acre.

The hard-working architects had done their stuff and produced layouts that were interesting and in some cases novel, but generally solved the wrong problems required by the brief.

The sports centre was demolished and built over! So was the Millennium Garden and all the laid-out and fenced playing surfaces. The well-used grass areas needed by the children from neighbouring houses were also lost and who is going to bus all these children in the holidays and in the summer evenings away out to the new school for that purpose?

The scope to enhance the town with a prestigious modern residential housing development on the NHS land overlooking Blarbuie Road and the Cuilarstich Burn (with top dollar to the NHS for the land) was lost in the brief, as was the scope for sports such as outdoor tennis until the town can afford indoor facilities and a hockey pitch for the girls at the far end of the site.

One of the things Argyll has in general abundance is land and Lochgilphead looks to have plenty that is less damaging, flatter and generally more suitable for the type of housing proposed in the Fyne Homes competition.

Fyne Homes should persuade the council to approve enough of it for the local need. That should not be too difficult for a not-for-profit company for very good causes like theirs.

Ian A McCallum, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead

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Executive funds to improve schools

FACILITIES in Argyll and Bute's schools are to be improved through a funding package from the Scottish Executive.

Education Minister Hugh Henry announced this week that the region will receive £402,000 for capital projects and a further £721,000 for extra education resources as part of a £60m package of investment across Scotland.

A council spokeswoman explained that the funds for capital projects would be used for 'priority issues' including the refurbishment of toilets, playgrounds, dedicated staff areas and changing rooms.

The £721,000 for extra education resources will be devolved directly to schools as extra funding on top of existing budgets. Individual schools will then allocate the cash as they see fit.

'The council is delighted to receive these extra funds from the Scottish Executive, which will help to improve facilities in Argyll and Bute's schools,' said the council spokeswoman.

Mr Henry said: 'It's often the small thing that makes a big difference and that's what I want this cash to deliver.

'In our drive to make every school an excellent school, this £60m boost demonstrates our continuing determination to modernise schools across Scotland, creating an environment that supports and enhances learning.

'Upgrading sometimes neglected areas like pupil toilets, staff bases and playgrounds will make a world of difference to the comfort of both staff and pupils, and I want to see real improvement in these areas.

'I also hope that the additional funds for education resources, all of which must be devolved to schools on top of existing budgets, will allow head teachers to make their wish lists a reality. Every school's requirements will be different - some will want interactive whiteboards or computers, others may want more IT software, musical instruments, sports kit or play equipment. This money must go to schools.

'For my colleagues and me, sustaining and further developing the best education system in the world is our ambition. We have already invested billions of pounds in building, refurbishing and improving schools and providing modern equipment for classrooms.

'This significant extra cash for head teachers will support teachers and help strengthen learning opportunities for pupils across Scotland, confirming our priority of putting education first.'

Health network calls for sensible festive drinking

THE MID Argyll Public Health Network's alcohol sub group who are working to raise public awareness on how to use alcohol is urging people to enjoy Christmas without damaging their physical or mental health.

Next week, the group will be distributing leaflets giving information about alcohol and tips on drinking safely and sensibly. The leaflets will be distributed in a wide range of venues including GP surgeries and a number of shops. They will also give the contact number for the local alcohol information and advice agency. As one of the partners of the alcohol sub group, Strathclyde Police will also be asking hotels and bars to display a range of posters highlighting the dangers of encouraging friends to drink to excess when out for an evening. For more information call Peter on 01546 602880.

Mid Argyll primary pupils take part in school council enterprise

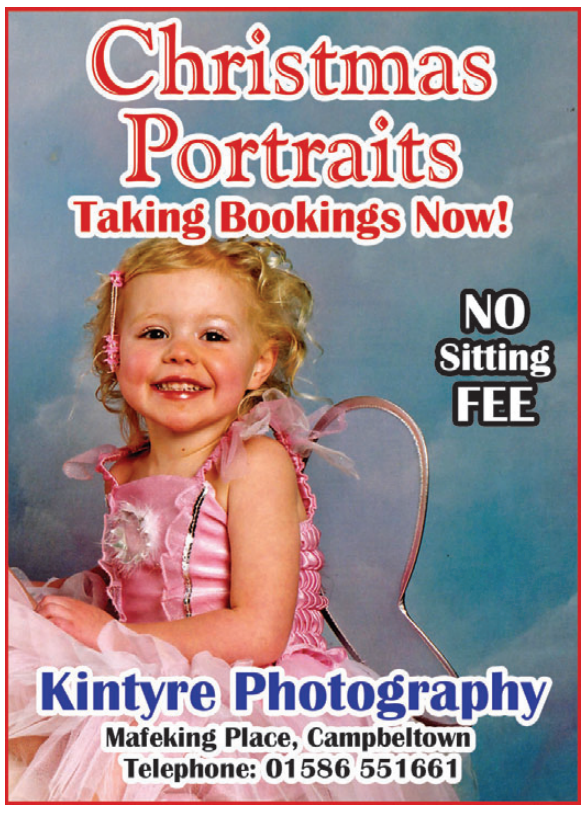
PUPILS from Mid Argyll's primary schools last week took part in the second meeting of the area's school council.

Representatives of all 13 schools in Mid Argyll met in the council chambers at Kilmory Castle, where they discussed a number of issues.

The pupils agreed to raise funds to bring a teacher from Malawi to Mid Argyll next year. This teacher will visit the area to determine what unused school equipment could be used in Malawi. Each school will now begin planning fundraising efforts to raise its share of the money needed to bring the teacher to Mid Argyll.

Members of the school council, which held the first of its meetings in September, also agreed to send dressing up clothes to under-privileged schools in South Africa, and to hold a display in Ardrishaig on February 23 next year of all their enterprise projects from recent years

Members of the Mid Argyll schools council with Councillor Alison Hay, who added her support to the gathering, held last week in Argyll and Bute Council's chambers in Kilmory Castle. Last week's meeting was the second of four to be held by the group a48cou01



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American school exchange proves successful

Lochgilphead High School pupil Sheila Luke reports on the visit to Jefferson High School in Georgia

FOR THE eighth year running a group of Lochgilphead High School's sixth year students were selected to participate in the annual exchange with Jefferson High School, Georgia, USA.

The connection was first made when Jefferson contacted the British Embassy to enquire about creating an exchange with a UK school. The Embassy suggested Argyll and Bute and thus an exchange began between the Georgian School and Lochgilphead High School, Campbeltown Grammar and Hermitage Academy.

The exchange is a rare opportunity to meet new people from a different background and a chance for the Scottish students to explore their own heritage whilst promoting it to those from further afield.

The selection process consisted of a written application followed by an interview with the staff involved in co-ordinating the exchange. Eight pupils were offered a place – almost double the number selected in previous years, since Campbeltown were unfortunately forced to withdraw at the last minute.

The first leg of the exchange took place in June when 8 Americans accompanied by 2 teachers travelled to Mid Argyll for a busy 2 weeks. At first the prospect of hosting a stranger seemed rather daunting yet exciting but after the first few days strong friendships had been formed.

The Americans were shown around the area at the beginning of their visit seeing the renowned sights of the Standing Stones, Dunadd Fort, Carnasserie Castle and an enjoyable trip to Kilmartin Museum.

The group also spent a day in Fort William, also taking in the sights of Glen Coe on the journey back to Lochgilphead.

This year for the first time there was a Music Night held in the ARMs Centre, where teachers and students from both sides of the Atlantic performed. The highlight of the Scotland Leg each year tends to be the weekend in Edinburgh. The Lochgilphead students met up with the group from Helensburgh for this part of the visit. This was enjoyed by all and gave the Jefferson pupils a chance to see their friends stationed at Hermitage Academy.

Lochgilphead High School pupils and their Jefferson exchange partners.

The weekend included a tour of the historic city and castle, the Princes Street shopping experience and a ghost tour. The group also visited The Wallace Monument, Roslyn Chapel and the Falkirk Wheel en route.

The end of the Americans' time in Scotland was marked by a day in Inveraray which both groups took part in. The day was packed with a trip to the Jail, Castle and Ceilidh at night. The Ceilidh was attended by the host families and participants of the 2005 exchange. It was a memorable and enjoyable evening.

In October both the Scottish pupils from Hermitage and Lochgilphead travelled to Jefferson to take part in the American Leg.

The students arrived in Atlanta and were driven to Jefferson in a yellow school bus – much to the delight of the Scots!

Our schedule was just as busy as the one in Scotland and meant that the 2 weeks in Georgia passed almost too quickly. There was a tour of the Jefferson area similar to the one of Mid Argyll which included a talk at a heritage farm, lunch at a beauty spot and the Crawford W Long museum.

The museum is a tribute to the first ever use of anaesthesia which took place in Jefferson by Crawford W Long.

We also visited the University of Georgia in Athens which was very interesting as the majority of the students intend to study at university next year.

There were many differences between a Scottish university and the University of Georgia, the most striking was that it was of a much larger scale than any that the Scottish students had seen previously.

We also visited a gold mine in a town called Dahlonega where they were given the chance to pan for gold which was enjoyed by all.

The day in Atlanta was busy taking in Cyclorama – the world's largest oil painting depicting a battle from the Civil War, the Martin Luther King Center, the CNN Center for lunch and the Georgia Aquarium.

Our American equivalent of the weekend in Edinburgh was the visit to Savannah on the coast of Georgia.

The group stayed at a beach side hotel and took part in a historic ghost walk in Downtown Savannah.

The highlight of the visit to the Eastern side of the state was the day at Okefenokee Swamp where the students went on a boat ride surrounded by Alligators.

This was frightening at first, however the animals were very docile and was a unique experience.

The days in school were extremely interesting and a wonderful insight into the American education system. School begins in Jefferson at 8am and finishes at 3pm with only a 20 minute break for lunch in the day. The Scottish students accompanied their host to some classes and also visited the Elementary and Middle Schools to meet with the younger children to promote Scotland and the exchange.

Although the exchange is over for another year, some of the friendships made will be long-lasting. The memories that both the Americans and Scots have from both legs of the programme will stay with them for many years to come and this is part of what makes it such a special and unique opportunity.

The exchange is set to take place again next year with Tarbert Academy participating for the first time. This should continue the success of previous years and build on the range of activities included in the Scotland Leg.

All of the participants of the exchange this year would like to thank the school and this year's sponsors for assistance in hosting the Americans in June and their parents for their help in funding the visit to Jefferson and for their support throughout the duration of the two legs.

Special thanks to Mr Finlay and Mrs Hunter for co-ordinating the exchange and to Miss Simpson and Ms Davidson for accompanying the group to Jefferson.

Campbell Street Centre holds curry night and karaoke fundraiser

THE CAMPBELL Street MS Therapy Centre's curry karaoke in the Stag Hotel was a great success, raising £323 with cash still coming in. The evening's compere Johnnie Mullaney was in great voice, especially when having his legs, back and chest waxed. Johnnie also had his head shaved, as did Gill Hutton in a spur of the moment decision.

Thanks to them both. The raffle was a great success, thanks to all who donated prizes and bought tickets on the night.

A big thank you also to Shirley and Torquil for providing the Indian cuisine. All profits go to your local independently funded MS centre providing therapies for people affected by MS.

Jeanne Stoddart, Johnnie Mullaney, Shirley Nicholson, Karen McCurry and Russell Cameron enjoying the ARMS Centre's curry-oke. a48arm01

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Some of the youngsters who took part in the first event of Kintyre Piping Society's recital season.

Piping society's recital season well underway

KINTYRE Piping Society's recital season is well underway after kicking off on Saturday November 4.

The season got off to a great start with some young local pipers. The small but appreciative crowd was entertained by some excellent piping from these talented youngsters.

Future

Fraser Wylie, Julie Blue and Gavin Ferguson were the old stagers on the night with Lewis Anderson, Campbell McFadyen, Craig Barbour and Frank Rochford the up and coming talent of the future.

The audience was treated to excellent piping and superb play on the fiddle. Apart from the solo piping from all, there were piping duets and duets with piper and fiddler, also quartets with the youngsters putting on a fantastic show. What a pity more people were not there to see it.

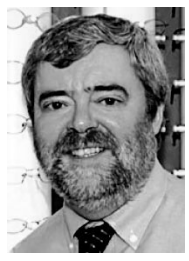
Tomorrow night (Saturday December 2) the society has two excellent pipers coming from Glasgow, they are Margaret and Alistair Dunn. Margaret and Alistair hail from Ireland and Alistair is pipe sergeant of the world famous Field Marshall Montgomery Pipe Band.

Successful

Both are successful pipers on the solo circuit winning many many prizes culminating with Alistair winning this year's Gold Medal at the Northern Meeting.

The society are hoping a large audience will come and enjoy the playing of these talented pipers.

Eye to Eye with John Wallace



Learning to Read

YOU might recall I mentioned my son David started school in August. He is progressing well and his reading is coming along nicely. It is quite amazing how we learn to read. Systems have certainly changed since I learned to read nearly half a century ago. Gone are the days of learning by rote. David is learning to read using word recognition. I remember all too well when I was in primary school and learning to spell, we each received 'one of the belt' for every spelling mistake we made in the daily class test. How things have changed.

Today's youngsters are putting their eyes under a lot more pressure than I ever did as a child. Watching TV was limited to Children's Hour on BBC and all television finished at ten o'clock in the evening. Now youngsters have virtually 24 hour dedicated kids' satellite channels, DVDs and computer games.

The vast majority of prefives will have had a basic pre-school vision screening. This screening is designed to detect gross abnormalities and can often miss more subtle vision problems which can have a very adverse effect on children's vision and their subsequent performance at school. Nationally, one in five school children have a problem reading. Of this group, with reading problems, nearly 80 per cent have some form of vision problem which needs remedied prior to further investigation.

Children do learn to read at different rates and in David's class several classmates are ahead of him and many more are slightly behind him. There is always the danger that we become over anxious parents and expect too much too soon of our children. However, if you are in any way concerned about your child's reading not being up to standard please arrange for your child to have an thorough eye examination by your optometrist. Children's eye examinations and basic spectacles are free through the NHS.

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Phoenix Fiddle Club players soldier on

DESPITE two last minute call-offs through sickness, the Phoenix Accordion and Fiddle Club soldiered on regardless, and the usual first class evening's entertainment ensued.

Missing were Kevin McGlynn and Archie MacVicar, both integral parts of the Phoenix mechanism. Thankfully both were soon on the mend and hopefully looking forward to this month.

The guest artistes for the evening were the ever-popular MacAllister Brothers, and they certainly did not disappoint with two tremendous spots, the second of which lasted almost an hour.

Supporting local artists also gave a good account of themselves, making sure the 'faithful' went home fully sated. Ensuring the locals were well represented were Fraser McGlynn, Ryan McGlynn, Christopher Robertson, Johnny Fisher, John Holt, Rodger Gillespie, Duncan MacAllister and John Weaks on accordion and Roddy MacCallum on fiddle.

Accompanying the players were Sandy Black on double bass and Donald MacDonald and Ryan McGlynn on drums.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this month's guest artistes will now be the Sileas Sinclair Trio, performing in The Argyll Arms, Ardrishaig, on Wednesday December 6.

Local author's latest book on sale

GIGHA publishers Ardminish Press have this week released a double header in time for Christmas, in the form of a book plus a completely new concept – a fishing DVD.

The book, entitled *The Magic of Gigha* is the ninth to come from the pen of well-known local author Freddy Gillies, who has spent almost 11 years in residence on the island. It is partly a rehash of an earlier version written some time ago, but, as Freddy says, has become 'seriously dated', and he has responded to requests from retail outlets to update the title.

The Magic of Gigha recounts 20th century life on 'God's Island' in the years before the ground-breaking community buy-out of 2002. The author, whilst briefly referring to the takeover and detailing certain facts and figures, is at pains to suggest that it is much too early to write a definitive account of the historic event.

The text is supplemented by 40 mainly colour photographs, which present an evocative picture of the way things were on the Gigha of not so very long ago.

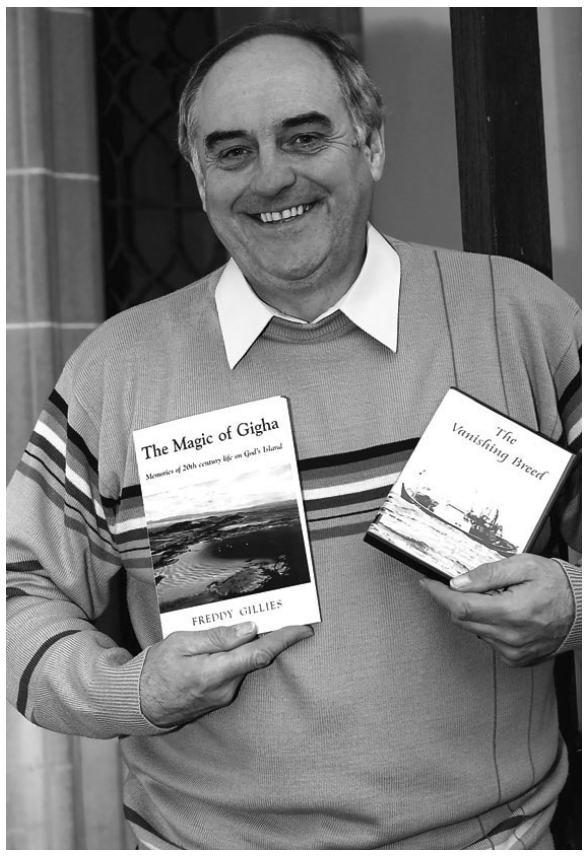
The DVD is entitled *The Vanishing Breed*, and is a tribute to Scottish west coast fishermen, in particular the greatly reduced numbers who are still actively involved in the industry.

There has been a considerable downturn in the west coast fishing industry during the past two decades, and Freddy felt the time had come to create a visual record of the main methods deployed. Using Gigha as a base, which very many Clyde boats did during the second half of the 20th century, Freddy went to sea and filmed the fishermen at work.

The double DVD runs for two hours and fifteen minutes, and contains first hand footage of lobster creeling, twin-rig prawn trawling (big heaps of prawns!) and scallop dredging on Campbeltown, Carradale and Gigha vessels.

To ensure a quality product, Ardminish Press teamed up with H&M Video, of Broxburn, and the result is a professionally edited and very interesting portrayal of inshore fishing life.

Both the book and DVD are available at the company's usual outlets throughout Argyll, or from Ardminish Press, Isle of Gigha, Argyll PA41 7AA. Book: £8.99 plus £1 p&p. DVD: £15.99, postage free.



Freddy Gillies with his new book *The Magic of Gigha,* on sale on from Ardminish Press.

Forthcoming events at Kilmartin House Museum

TOMORROW (Saturday December 2) Kilmartin House Museum hosts a Scottish Produce Evening.

The evening, starting at 7.30pm, will take the form of a nine course taster meal cooked by Vanessa Lilof.

Coming up in January is the fourth module of Ed Tyler's Permaculture Design Course, which runs on January 27 and January 28.

For more information, call 01546 510278.

Inveraray historians' interesting meeting

INVERARAY and District Local History Society held its November meeting recently, a large audience gathering in expectation of a lively and well-illustrated talk from local architectural historian Michael Davis.

Mr Davis' subject was Argyllshire mansions, in particular those in the revivalist 'Scots Baronial' style of the Victorian and Edwardian periods. Deriving ultimately from Inveraray Castle, a form originally intended for the defensive buildings of magnates was adapted for the gracious country life of the very rich in a Scotland that had become a land of romance and sport.

The earliest of the three architects to be considered in detail was David Bryce, who from the 1840s to the 1870s specialised in very large and massive structures. He borrowed details from every previous period and style and effectively, if brutally, moulded them into coherent wholes. A typical example is Torosay Castle on Mull.

The work of William Leiper from the 1870s was more refined and aesthetic. He adapted older buildings to modern purposes as at Ballimore and Glendaruel. He also produced fine interiors. The remarkable Argyll Mansions in Oban was the work of Leiper's assistant William McNab.

Sir Robert Lorimer came closer to restoration than rebuilding and he displays a much greater sympathy with his originals. Examples in Argyll are Ardkinglas and especially Dunderave, where he completely retained the exterior.

In conclusion Mr Davis discussed whether old buildings, especially castles, should be kept as they are, with consolidation if needed, or restored to use. While admitting there are arguments on both sides, he would accept sympathetic restoration. The vote of thanks was proposed by Robert Rogerson, who noted that the Scots Baronial was part of our heritage and should not be despised or neglected. The next meeting will be on December 5, when Kenneth Thomson will talk on the Gaelic Songs of Argyll.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE
SIXTY SIX (12a), SHOWING Saturday 2nd December for five days (not Monday) is a tragic-comic story about a Jewish boy whose coming-of-age ceremony clashes with the final for the Sixty-Six Football World Cup, the boy is beautifully played by EDDIE MARSAN and his mother by HELENA BONHAM CARTER. Another triumph from the makers of "Four Weddings and a Funeral".
The First Monday presentation on 4th December is THE HISTORY BOYS (15), based on Alan Bennett's award-winning comedy, which tells the story of an unruly class of bright, funny history students in pursuit of an undergraduate place at Oxford or Cambridge. Highly recommended.

The Crarae Christmas Tree Festival
9 & 10 December, 11am - 4pm
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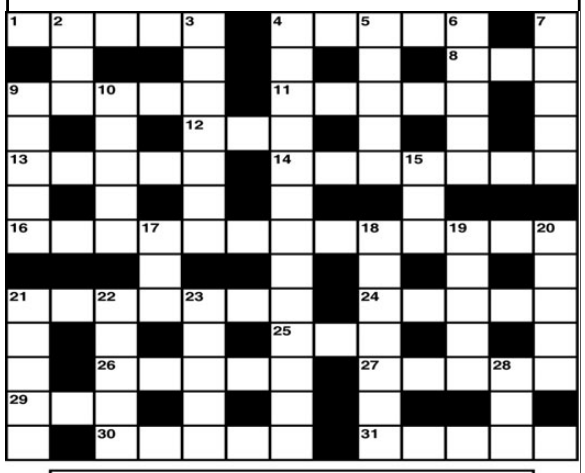

THE THINKER

ACROSS
1 Get down and end up holding nothing (5)
4 Beer swilling novice is a non-conformist (5)
8 Four, having a year in a trailer (3)
9 Overlook finishing early at Smith's (5)
11 Board present strategy to king (5)
12 Note heard from a distance (3)
13 Artist embraces drunken bum in a dance (5)
14 Former partner looks after the elastic (7)
16 Some rude man is committing minor crimes (13)
21 Whale in hologram pushed out of water (7)
24 Mickey's friend left, up to no good (5)
25 Anger starts in royal kitchens (3)
26 Feel pain when sitting in bathrobe (5)
27 At home - place for information (5)
29 Musicians from university break up party (3)
30 Show her my poem (5)
31 Barely able to interrupt a good man (5)

DOWN
2 Heading to a duck as well (3)
3 Walk round referee, having a few opening words (7)
4 Too bad her peril's been exposed (13)
5 Almost stable, lacking energy to explode (5)
6 Compare drug in fresh link (5)
7 Best way to hold variable data (5)
9 Return of strange discussion group (5)
10 Plays in proms ensemble (5)
15 Thus losing right to be oneself (3)
17 Mother turned crazy (3)
18 Have a snooze on relative's linen (7)
19 Endlessly pursue rabble to take power (5)
20 He'll be prepared to check ahead (5)
21 Pleased to enter first woodland clearing (5)
22 Wild cat, golden, seen at play (5)
23 Relaxation time for the politicians (5)
28 Run around, gone to pot (3)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 1.Proof 4.Impress 7.Commission 9.Oath 10.Shrouded 12.Screen 14.Speech 17.Purchase 20.Mean 21.Tambourine 23.Adaptor 24.Emmet
DOWN: 1.Packs 2.Ormer 3.Failure 4.Instep 5.Pro 6.Subtracts 8.Noise 11.Hackneyed 13.Event 15.Picture 16.Lumber 18.Axiom 19.Exert 22.Art

FIND THE WORDS

FIND THE WORDS

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Quick:
Quick, Pronto, Zippy, Rapid, Keen, Nippy, Brisk, Speedy, Pacy, Snappy, Swift, Fleet, Express, Fast, Race, Alive, Dash, Chase, Sprint, Scurry

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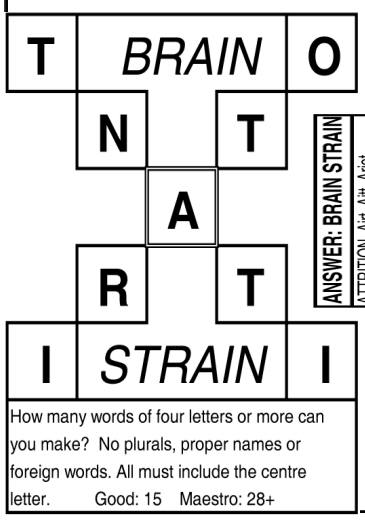

ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 15 Maestro: 28+

Mid Argyll artist's latest exhibition opens

KILMARTIN House Museum recently held the open evening for Alexander Hamilton's solo exhibition. The evening was very well attended and created much discussion as the work is an eclectic mix of paint and multimedia pieces.

Alexander says of his work: 'I aim for evocative art, both in my paintings and the constructed pieces, which often include locally sourced materials.'

Alex trained as a property maker at a free-lance studio supplying mostly London's West End theatres and major tours. In 1966 he became head of the Props Department at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre where for some 16 years or so he made and designed props, and trained props makers and stage managers.

Having been head-hunted by the BBC to set up a props making department at Pebble Mill, Birmingham, he left to start a prop-making studio, with his wife Polly. Pollex Props was based in Sutton Coldfield, and supplied props, costumes and art works to theatres, television and film companies throughout the UK and overseas. Firebrand was added to Pollex Props in 1993, enlarging the range of services on offer to include flaming torches and special fire effects, which are used by theatre companies all over the world.

During the course of his career Alex has worked with such eminent designers as Ralph Koltai, John Bury, Henry Bardon, and John Napier, and has been responsible for many coups de théâtre including an on-stage beheading and a deus ex machina in the form of a flying Viking galley.

Since moving to Argyll in 1996 Alex has had the opportunity to develop his interests and has become a successful artist. Having spent so long realising other designers' ideas, in recent years he has thoroughly enjoyed exploring texture and form for his own pleasure, and the range of techniques acquired during 40 years as a prop maker informs his idiosyncratic portrayal of the world around him. His fine art interpretation of the environment ranges from impressionist landscape through collage, and assemblages, to wood and metal sculpture. Alex has exhibited at Kilmartin House Museum; the MACK, and Luckenbooth Galleries in Tarbert; The Archway, and other local exhibitions in Lochgilphead; and the Equine Exhibition, Ludlow Festival.

The exhibition runs until December 23.

Alexander Hamilton with some of his work on display in Kilmartin House Museum.

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Saturday 9th December
at 2 pm
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Usual Stalls &
Santa's Grotto

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Coffee morning
Saturday 2nd December 2006
10am - 12noon
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Usual stalls

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The "Big Switch-On"
Saturday 2nd December
8pm
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Pubs with entertainment
Free ceilidh in the community centre from 8.30pm
raffle
Fun starts at 5pm

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Coffee morning
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Red Cross Hall, Lochgilphead
10am - 1pm
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Santa visits Mid Argyll

Lochgilphead Community Centre hosted a very special guest on Saturday November 25 when Santa Claus visited as a guest of the Rotary Club of Lochgilphead at its Christmas Fayre.

Six-year-old Ben Duncan from Castleton receives his present from Santa Claus. a48san04

Eight-year-old Shannon Gallacher and her five-year-old sister Erin tell Santa Claus what they would like for Christmas. a48san17

Little Holly Gilthorpe, aged nine months, met Santa Claus for the first time at Lochgilphead Community Centre, when she was accompanied by her brother Cameron, aged six. a48san07

Seven-year-old Lochgilphead lass Niamh Adams-McGilp had her face painted before entering Santa's grotto. a48san10

Four-year-old Rebecca McCurry was so excited about meeting Santa that she dressed as an elf for the occasion and took dad Brian with her. a48san09

Ardrishaig Primary School classmates Cameron Kidd and Eve Maxwell with Santa Claus. a48san16

Four-year-old Yasmine Bowden from Lochgilphead had a huge grin when she met Santa Claus. a48san12

Leah MacKenzie, aged three, and her baby brother Zander, from Lochgilphead, receive their presents from Santa Claus. a48san14

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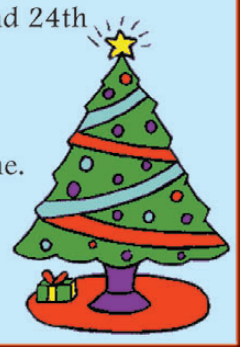

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LOCHGILPHEAD ILLUMINATED

LIFE in Lochgilphead will be brightened up this Christmas when the town's first ever Christmas lights display is switched on for the first time tomorrow (Saturday December 2).

Members of the Lochgilphead Christmas Lights Festival committee have been working hard to raise funds all year, and their efforts have been rewarded with a fantastic display set to make Lochgilphead's town centre a place to be proud of this festive period.

The town's Princess of Light will switch on the lights at 8pm – but the entertainment doesn't start there.

Bands will perform on a stage in Colchester Square from 5.30pm and there will be plenty happening to keep the whole family entertained. Many of Lochgilphead's shops, including those away from the main street, will be staying open until late to help people find those last minute Christmas presents.

After the switch-on, the first prize in the Christmas Lights Festival raffle will be drawn, with subsequent prizes to be drawn at a free ceilidh taking place in Lochgilphead Community Centre from 8.30pm. Lochgilphead's pubs will also host various entertainments.

Brian Christie, chairman of Lochgilphead Christmas Lights Festival committee, said: 'We would like to thank our many sponsors for their generosity. There is a full list of all the businesses that sponsored the festival in the window of Ferguson's Butcher on Argyll Street.

'We are also greatly indebted to the Scottish Co-op for its donation of £1,000.

'Lastly, the committee wishes everyone a de-LIGHT-ful Christmas!'

The Lochgilphead Christmas Local Food Festival ensures you'll be 'stuffed' over the festive season

SATISFY your appetite this festive season at Lochgilphead Christmas Local Food Festival, taking place on Saturday December 9.

The festival, taking place in the car park at Dalriada House on Argyll Street, will give visitors the chance to purchase hot and cold food from stalls set up in marquees. Amongst the produce on sale – all of which is produced locally – will be seasonal birds, beef, lamb, vegetables, pork, pies, seafood, cheese, eggs, local ales, home baking, jams and preserves and Christmas cakes.

Christmas wreaths will also be on sale at the festival, which will include a cookery demonstration from a leading local chef.

One lucky visitor will also win an extra special gift just in time for Christmas – a luxury Christmas hamper packed with local produce to help make this festive feast that little bit bigger!

A health promotion stand will also show the benefits of eating fresh food produced in Argyll, and the benefits to the environment of eating food grown and reared on your doorstep. Many of the businesses appearing at the festival are members of the Argyll Producers Supply Chain Network, a group that aims to promote locally-produced goods.

The festival has been organised jointly by Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum and Argyll Country Markets, with support from Argyll and Bute Council, and follows the successful first festival held in September on Lochgilphead's Front Green.

For more information on the Lochgilphead Christmas Local Food Festival on Saturday December 9, call Fergus Younger on 01586 552502 or Katie Ritchie on 01852 500271.

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Argyll breeding comes through at Winter Fair

ABOVE:
Winter Fair supreme champion, the Belgian Blue - Limousin heifer Mini Me from Rosemary Hamilton, East Kilbride

THERE was considerable west coast interest in the outcome of the judging at this year's Winter fair held at the Ingliston centre, near Edinburgh - although the connection may not have been obvious at first.

Among the top award winners in the cattle lines were several animals which were bred in Argyll.

Standing reserve overall champion to Rosemary Hamilton, East Kilbride's Belgian Blue cross Limousin heifer Mini Me, was a cross Limousin - Charolais bred in Kintyre.

Dippen

Shown by Wendy Hunter, daughter of Bert Paton, Spott, Glenprossen, the lightweight bullock and overall steer champion, Dizzy Rascal, was bought at Stirling for £1,250 from Duncan Semple, Dippen Farm, Carradale. Out of a Charolais cross cow and by a Limouisn bull, the bullock had previously been awarded the technical championship at AgriScot and may make further show appearances after a bid of £2,800 was rejected in the after-show sale ring.

Another reserve champions' ticket with Argyll breeding came when judges selected the Charolais cross heifer Honey from Audrey Forsyth, Mid Bishopton, Whithorn.

This 18-month old heifer, out of a Belgian Blue cross dam and by Klibreck Oscar was purchased at the ANM September Spectacular Sale for £2,800 from Tiree brothers Kenneth and Niall MacKinnon, Hillcrest.

The heifer had previously been placed champion Charolais calf at Thainstone and will continue in the showring after been turnout of the Winter fauir sale ring unsold.

She is destined for the Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet this coming Frday and Saturday - the show which now replaces the once famous Smithfield.

Reserve

Taking the reserve male title and champion heavy steer was a Limousin - Belgian Blue cross from Donald MacPherson, Baldersbury Hill, Berwick and Mill Farm, Benderloch.

Also bought at the Thainstone September Spectacular, the bullock, Danny Boy, had previously been the champion st the Sutherland Show for Inverness crofter/breeder Donnie Dalgetty.

In the Highland cattle section there was more Argyll connections to be found with RW Thomson's champion Armunn 1st of Cuilfoich being closely followed by the reserve from the Benderloch-based Shenavallie Fold of Duncan Buchanan, with the steer An-T-Oglach of Hope, by Uillean Buidhe of Shenavallie.

Duncan Buchanan said he was delighted with the result of his very first Winter Fair outing, and is hoping to return to the event next year.

In the sale ring, Caroline Ronald of Saulmore Farm Shop on the outskirts of Oban, bought both the reserve and champion Highlanders.

Caroline said this week: 'We always support the Winter Fair as the standard of stock is always of a high quality, and we are also supporters of the Highland Cattle Society.

'The fact the reserve champion was local was a big factor in our decision to buy it.

'The beasts are now hanging up in time for Christmas.'

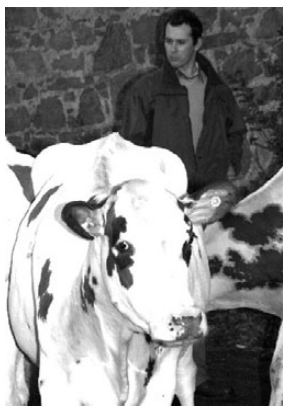
Duncan Buchanan was pleased his steer came back to Argyll.

'It's great that somebody local bought the bullock, and I have known Caroline for a while,' he said.

'I bought the bullock, An-T-Oglach of Hope about two years ago. He was bred at Hope and Melness Farms in Sutherland.'

Annual Ayrshire heifer competition

The Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held its annual heifer competition on Wednesday with James Howie, Muirdale, Dumfries,right, as judge.
See next week's paper for more pictures and full report.



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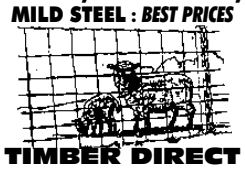
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· Maintenance intervals increased to 2 years or 20,000 miles
· New technology such as pneumatic rear suspension
· New Expert Combi range

The new generation Expert, launched in the UK in February 2007, is the result of Peugeot using all its expertise to produce two new ranges of vehicles: one a commercial vehicle range, the "Peugeot Expert" compact van and the other within the car range, the Peugeot Expert Combi.

Peugeot has been making both cars and commercial vehicles for more than a century. The latter have always occupied an important position in the range. In total, more than 5 million units have been produced since Peugeot was founded.

The "Expert" range of commercial vehicles made its appearance in the autumn of 1995 as one of the pioneers of the compact van market segment (useful volume of between 4 and 7 m3). In 11 years, two generations of the Peugeot Expert have been launched and more than 300,000 Experts have been produced.

Today, this third generation Expert, again developed by PSA Peugeot Citroën in partnership with Fiat, marks a turning point for Peugeot, thanks to the improvement in standard equipment levels, performance and the greater versatility offered by both of the new vehicle ranges.

The new Expert has been designed around all the strengths of the current model, namely, handling, ride comfort and driving position and introduces equipment levels similar to those found in a modern car.

Both the van range and the new Combi range will be available with sliding side doors on both sides.

As for the dimensions of the van, they have been developed to meet the new and demanding expectations of business customers as closely as possible.

Peugeot's new Expert van

The new Peugeot Expert van, which is part of the commercial vehicle range, is now available in more versions (two wheelbases and two roof heights creating a total of three versions) and with increased load capacities in terms of volume and weight while still maintaining low running costs.

A new long wheelbase and high roof version is offered making it possible to carry a volume of up to 7 m3 and a payload of 1200 kg.

A new and real innovation to be found on the new Expert is the pneumatic rear suspension. It makes it possible to lower the overall height of the van to 1.894 m, enabling it to enter underground car parks.

It also improves loading and gives the vehicle a constant ride height whatever the load.

A manual control can be used to adjust the load height when stationary. Because of its square shape, large load area and clever internal storage, it can easily accommodate such things as a "Euro" pallet.

Particular care has been taken with regards to the security of both the occupants and the load area. The driver can lock or unlock the rear load area independently of the passenger cab, either remotely by using the three button remote control key

or from the driving position.

The body structure has also been strengthened and now includes deformable areas designed to reduce impact damage in the event of a collision and thereby lower repair costs.

The driving qualities of the vehicle and the excellent road holding of the new Expert are strengthened by a new range of engines.

The Expert Combi represents a new way of travelling. It is intended for families that want space when they travel and transport for their leisure equipment, or for professionals in the "Private-Hire" industry looking for a luxurious and refined vehicle.

Peugeot's new Combi makes the road handling, safety and comfort qualities of the Expert van range available to all types of users. It has the same engines, gearboxes and excellent suspension and steering. It is also available in both wheelbase lengths.

The new Expert Combi is distinguished from the outside by the unique design touches to the bodywork and in particular by the single mirror glass exterior mirrors.

Inside, two rows of seats can be arranged in the rear, with the back-row passengers accessing their seats via the sliding side door and the "easy entry" system to tilt the outer seat.

Depending on the internal configuration, it is possible to carry from 2 to 9 people. The individual seats and the double bench seats can be folded, tilted or removed to arrange the interior to suit individual requirements. All the seats are individual, including the double bench seats, so that passengers are guaranteed to travel in optimum comfort.

All rows of seats are protected by curtain airbags integrated into the roof. In total, there are six airbags (front, side and curtain) depending on the equipment level, designed to protect the occupants in the event of a collision.

The luggage space has been specially designed. In the long wheelbase version it can reach 1239 litres (VDA standard) under the roof with three rows of seats in place.

The large glazed area (5.84 m² on the long wheelbase version) and the stepped configuration of the rear seats guarantee all occupants an excellent view of the road and a passenger compartment that is full of light.

A lot of attention has been paid to the interior noise levels to ensure that passengers can converse easily, which is very important in this type of vehicle.

A sophisticated interior temperature control system is fitted to ensure maximum comfort for all occupants. An additional rear heating and air conditioning unit means that the desired temperature can be reached very quickly and above all very evenly. The heated or cooled air is distributed by conventional vents at the front but also by individual air vents located in the roof above each row of seats and at floor level by lower ducts for the rear row of seats. This system provides unequalled comfort and can be controlled by the passengers in the rear seats from a control panel located at roof level.

The safety, driving assistance and comfort equipment fitted on the Combi range provides both a high level of safety and makes driving easier.

Three trim levels are available in the new Expert Combi range: Comfort, Leisure and Premium. The higher levels have a unique interior colour scheme for the fascia panel, seat covers, trim in the rear and the design of the door handles.

This clever differentiation means each version can be distinguished by the particular interior environment that is created by the different equipment levels.

The new Expert Combi provides a safe environment for travelling, combined with a high level of comfort and a well thought-out, large and adaptable interior space, while at the same time it is exceptionally enjoyable to drive.

The New Peugeot Expert range goes on sale in the UK in February 2007.

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The new Renault Trafic

Renault's revised Trafic van has only just gone on sale, but it's already winning awards, not just new customers. This time, it's taken the highly coveted 'Best Small Panel Van' title at the What Van? Awards 2006, for the third time.

Citing a whole host of reasons behind the Trafic's win (and sister re-badged products Nissan Primastar and Vauxhall Vivaro), the What Van? judges started by commending it on its driving characteristics, interior and styling, all of which were refined earlier this year by Renault's designers.

"Styling that still looks fresh and exciting even after several years, sharp handling, compliant suspension, a well-designed cab and a user-friendly optional automated manual transmission. In our book they're all good reasons for awarding Renault's recently revised Trafic our Small Panel Van of the Year award for 2006."

Their praise for the performance improvements and variety of Trafic's new Euro 4 engine line-up, plus its Quickshift6 automated manual transmission was equally unequivocal, "Those revisions include the introduction of a new 2.0-litre diesel engine up for grabs at either 90bhp or 115bhp. That's a useful increase in power compared with the 82bhp and 100bhp offered by the 1.9-litre diesels fitted previously, and torque increases by up to 26 per cent. If that's not enough beef for you then you can always opt for the reworked version of the 2.5-litre diesel that's also installed. Carried over from the previous model and equipped with a particulate trap (on the exhaust) it boasts 145bhp as opposed to 135bhp. Torque has gone up by 7.4 lb/ft to 234 lb/ft at 1,500rpm…Formerly available solely with the 2.5-litre diesel, the six-speed automated manual transmission referred to earlier can now be specified with the 115bhp version of the 2.0-litre as well. That should result in its virtues being appreciated by a wider audience."

In addition to its innovative design and engine diversity, the Trafic's safety, security and general ease-of-use were also well received by the panel, "ABS comes as standard and what is arguably Britain's most stylish looking small panel van is now available with a three-button ignition key that enables you to lock the cargo area and cab doors separately. It means you can keep the cab secure while you are loading and unloading the vehicle."

A partnership agreement between Renault and GM saw Renault design and engineer the Trafic and GM manufacture all low-roof versions at the IBC plant in Luton, so one of the most pleasing aspects recognised by What Van? was its British production. Indeed, the judges said, "With Britain's motor industry under huge pressure, it's worth noting that Trafic (Vivaro/Primastar) are built in the UK as well as Spain. So in most cases you'll be able to slap a Union Jack on your purchase with a clear conscience."

Collecting the award in London's upmarket St James, Renault UK's LCV Brand Manager, Louise O'Sullivan, beamed, "The original Trafic took the market by storm in 2001 with its radical design, so we're delighted that this latest version, with its refreshed styling and wide range of engines, is continuing where its predecessor left off. We're particularly pleased that the revised Trafic range has won an award so early on, especially in the UK where many of them are built."

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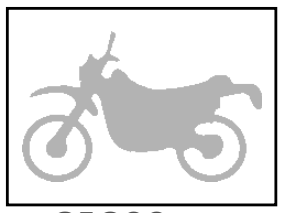

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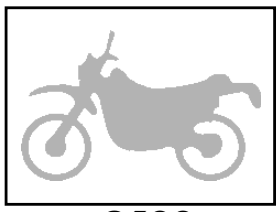

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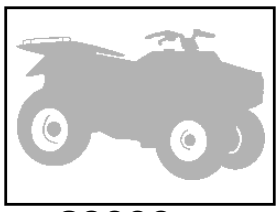


Very Good Condition Serviced. Can Be Viewed On Mull

Telephone
07770 315940

£2000ono

MITSUBISHI L200 SINGLE CAB

Pick up W Reg July 2000
33,000 miles, tax and mot'd July 2007
1 owner from new
V.G.C.

£5,500

inc galvanised trailer, 6ft 6" x 4ft would sell separately

Telephone
077136 31706 or 078473 51337

FORD ESCORT 1.8 GTI

82,000 miles, 10 months MOT, 17" Alloys, Half leather interior. 4 New Tyres, New Clutch and Exhaust. Sunroof , E/W

£1400 o.n.o.

Telephone
07900144472

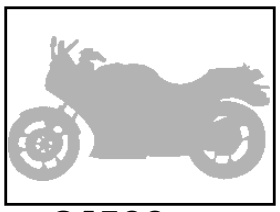
TOYOTA YARIS 1.3 SR / 2001

3 door
4 months tax, 10 months m.o.t.
part-exchange considered

£3800 o.n.o.

Telephone
01770 601235

HONDA 450 E.S.



3 years old, 1900km.Very Good Condition. Can Be Viewed On Mull

Telephone
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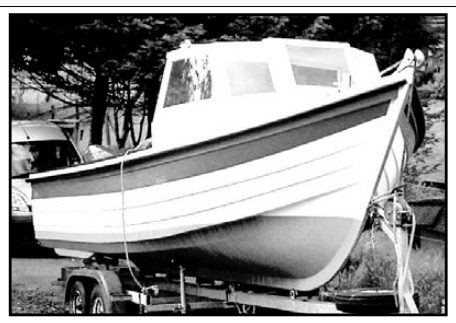
£4500 ono

PRO ANGLER 19



Pro angler 19, Yamaha 60hp 4 stroke 2004 110hrs. commercial hull with twin wheel base galvanized road trailer. colour chartplotter and echo sounder. all excellent condition

£8500 ono

Telephone
01688 301 244

VAUXALL CORSA 1.0L

Enery twinport 04 reg female owner 19.700 miles only very clean genuine car

£4,200 ono

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07786463815

ESCORT FINESSE 5 DOOR ESTATE

W Reg, Silver, 86,000 miles, Air Con, Alloy Wheels, C/L, Factory Immobiliser, Electric Front Windows, MOT to July 2007, Taxed to January 2007. Comprehensive History.

£1550 ono

Telephone
01583 441336

VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 16V SXI '99 (V REG)

Taxed & Mot 11 months, 3 door, black tinted windows, alloys, sunroof, air con, electric windows, cd player. 59,000 miles. Excellent condition. Reluctant sale

£2,250

Telephone
01770 700771 or 07887 551222

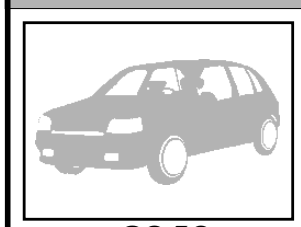
VOLKSWAGEN VENTO

Blue

Telephone
07748 447416

£900

RENAULT CLIO



1994, Red, MOT Mid February, Tax February 2007

Telephone
01546 886288

£260

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AUDI A6 DIESEL ESTATE 1.9TDI

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£8,950

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07766 023038

PEUGEOT 306 LX TD

1.9L Turbo diesel, FULL YEARS MOT, S reg, PAS, C/L, Alloys, sunroof, blue, good cond, runs well, must sell

Telephone
01546
850320

Off/under £800

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2.5 litre Year 2000 (W reg) 49k miles. Mot Jan 07. Taxed Dec06 With ladder rack

Telephone
0795
7335843
(Glencoe)

£2700

ISUZU TROOPER 3.1 TD N REG

SWB dark Blue, 102,000 miles, 2 new tyres, new front shocks, 1 years mot. Good runner.

£1800ono

Telephone
01631 565925

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RENAULT MEGANE

Taxed and MOT'd January 2007, 80,000 miles

Telephone
01546
510251

£500 ono

REG. PLATE FOR SALE

Ideal Christmas present

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(01631)
562 814

LANDROVER 110 CSW

Roof rack, G Reg diesel 133k, MOT Nov 07, tax Jul 07, garage maintained.

Telephone
01397
704738

£3000

FIAT MAREA SALOON

2000 (x reg), 1.8 ELX, 115 BHP, Central locking, A/C , ABS, Power steering, 60,000 miles, New front tyres, Full service history, 12 months MOT, Balance of road tax

£1,200

Telephone
07771 662749 (daytime)
01880 820054 (evening)

COSALT TORINO STATIC CARAVAN

1995 28' x 10', 6 berth, 2 heated bedrooms, vgc, new carpet & curtains, CORGI gas serviced annually

Telephone
01852
314274
(Luing)

£2500 o.n.o.

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PEUGEOT 306 LX TD

1.9L Turbo diesel 5 door, full years MOT, S reg, PAS, C/L, sunroof alloys, metallic blue, good condition, runs really well

Telephone
01546
850320

£1,100 or offer

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ROVER 216 SI 5 DOOR

R reg, excellent runner,used daily, electric windows and sunroof, remote central locking, MOT May, taxed April, metallic green, 74,450 miles, 2 owners from new, new car forces sale

Telephone
07773
059270
(after 6 p.m.)

£1,000 ono

SUZUKI VITARA 1.6 1994

12 months test , 6 months tax, 4 new tyres and timing belt, towbar

£1300 ono

Telephone
01852 200509 or 07749216733
(Oban)

SUBARU IMPREZA 4WD

1998, 92,000 miles,
MOT 01/07, Tax 02/07.
Quick shift box, Turbo boost, Dump valve
Private plate included in sale.

£5,000

Telephone
01583 431398 or 0777 5741642

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RENAULT CLIO SPORT 172

02 Reg, 37,000 miles, FSH, Lenso "Stage 1" Alloys Magnex SS Exhaust, Green induction kit, BB tuning, GRP N E.C.U. Remap

Telephone
01583
421283

£6,500

5.5 M HUMBER RIB

2 man console, compass, sounder. 2 stroke 70hp NOT PTT. Refurbished galvanised trailer. Phone for further details.

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01631
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KAWASAKI GPZ250R

1986 Model, Long MOT and Tax , 3,500 miles from new Completely rebuilt, Re-sprayed, New decals, Braided hose everywhere. All Alloy or Stainless fittings and bolts. Perfect Runner

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DISCOVERY

MOT & Tax to Aug 07, Recent recon/new engine, New clutch, good condition for yr

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07770
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£1750

FIAT PUNTO 1.2 X REG

Only 48000 miles since new. Tax and MOT to Sept '07. waxoyled and has stainless steel exhaust. Cheap tax and very good mpg. Power steering, airbag. Metallic silver

Telephone
01838
400228

1900 ono

VAUXHALL CORSA SXI 1.2L

16v, 3 door hatch
1st Reg Sept 02, 20,000 miles
Tax & MOT Till Sept 2007
CD Player & Sunroof
Excellent Condition

£4350

Telephone
01586 830 264

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SAAB 9000 XS

1991 4 door H/B Reasonable condition for age.
High mileage but very reliable. Many new parts.
Taxed & tested

Telephone
01631
710516

£400 o.n.o.

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YAMAHA EW50 SLIDER 49CC

Plus crash helmet 800 miles genuine taxed & m.o.t. till June, excellent condition

Telephone
01770
860592

£650

FORD ESCORT ENCORE

58,000 miles
MOT May 2007
Good tyres

Telephone
07774
000542

£600 ono

WANTED

SCRAP CARS
Tractors and farm implements
Certificate of destruction supplied

Telephone
07877 450831
07932 034748

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RENAULT ESPACE DT 2.2

S Reg, only 33,000 miles, e/w, e/m captain seats, alarmed, imoblised, remote central locking, clean condition, f.s.h., taxed and mot'd end April 07, any inspection welcome. Reduced for quick sale.

£4995 o.v.n.o.

Telephone
01852 316153
or 07715 001213

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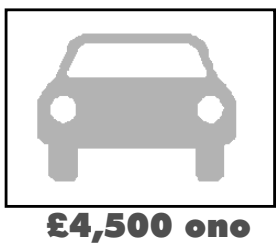
AUDI A4 1.9 TDI SE AVANT



1999, fsh, Jasper green, full electrics, a/c, CD changer, alloys, towbar

Telephone
07776322992

£4,500 ono

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TUDOR OXFORD

35 X 12 FT 3 bedroom, 1997.

£3300

Telephone Tralee Bay Holidays
01631 720255/217

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FIAT BRAVO 155 20V HGT

3 door hatch, 1999, 35,000miles, Mot 1 year, Tax May 07, heated seats, 5 CD changer, new tyres, alloy wheels, remote central locking. Very good condition

£1,425ono

Telephone
07870691474

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TOYOTA MR2 GTS TWIN ENTRY TURBO

Rev 3 T. Bar, very fast, 1993 K reg 1 yr mot, Blitz Dump valve etc. HKS Turbo timer, 17inch momo alloys, Dixie horns, Cat 2 alarm immobiliser, New clutch and more, all receipts, Call for details

£3,900 ono. Waiting fast sale

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01770 302327 or 07929272607

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Automatic, 1992, Straight six petrol, 125,000 miles. 1 years MOT, 6 months tax, towbar, reliable, fast and comfortable 7 seater estate

£1200ono

Telephone
01546 600300
(after 6 p.m.)

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34ft x 10ft 5 berth, 2 bedrooms, gas heated, lovely condition, would suit holiday home or self builder, buyer to remove.

Telephone
07715 001213
(daytime)
01852 316153
(after 6 p.m.)

£1795 o.n.o.
for quick sale

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Scrap, transit vans, Mercedes cars, vans and lorries.

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£2000

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01546 602729

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Argyll & Bute COUNCIL

PLANNING

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

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

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

Ref No: 06/01899/DET
Applicant: Ormsary Farmers
Proposal: Erection of 8 dwelling houses and installation of shared biological treatment plant
Site Address: Land Around Football Pitch Achahoish Ormsary Argyll PA31 8PE
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 Advert - 14 Days

Ref No: 06/01910/DET
Applicant: Ormsary Farmers
Proposal: Erection of 5 dwelling houses and installation of shared biological treatment plant
Site Address: 1-3 Ionad Shonhairlie Achahoish Ormsary Argyll
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert 14 Days

Ref No: 06/01908/DET
Applicant: Ormsary Farmers
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Land North Of Inn Cottage Achahoish Ormsary Argyll
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Section 34 and Article 9 Advert 14 Days

Ref No: 06/02412/DET
Applicant: N R Wilkins
Proposal: Installation of rear dormer windows
Site Address: Argyll Hotel 75 Lochnell Street Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8JN
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days

Ref No: 06/01817/DET
Applicant: Ms E Baird
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house and private access
Site Address: Achnaglach Cottage Campbeltown Road Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6SX
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

Ref No: 06/02420/OUT
Applicant: Steven Stoddart
Proposal: Site for the erection of two dwelling houses and installation of two septic tanks and soakways
Site Address: Land North West Of Keprigan Southend Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999 NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 13 AS APPLIED BY REGULATION 19(2)

Ref: 04/01606/DET

Proposed development at Land South East Of Achnafad, Tayinloan, Tarbert, Argyll

Notice is hereby given that further information in relation to an Environmental Statement has been submitted to Argyll and Bute Council by Eurus Energy UK Limited relating to the planning application in respect of a 7 turbine Windfarm (04/01606/DET) notified under Article 9(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Scotland) Order 1992 on 27.08.04.

A copy of the further information together with the Enviromental Statement and the associated planning application may be inspected at all reasonable hours in the register of planning applications kept by the Planning Authority for the area at the Council offices at 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, and also at Dell Road, Campbeltown, during the period of 28 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Copies of the further information may be purchased from Eurus Energy UK Ltd (tel 0141 952 2649) at a cost of £15.

Any person who wishes to make representations to Argyll and Bute Council should make them in writing within that period to the Council at Development Control and Building Standards, 67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, Argyll, PA30 8DX.

Richard Kerr, Area Team Leader Development Control, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay
24th November 2006

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

Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document.

Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's web site.

The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy.

Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.

Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess

HOUSING STOCK TRANSFER - CONFIRMATION OF TRANSFER

Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll Community Housing Association are pleased to announce that the Council's Housing Service transferred to ACHA on Tuesday 21st November 2006.

All members of the public are asked to note the revised payment arrangements for services provided by the Council and ACHA.

Council Tenants should cease using their Argyll and Bute Council Rent/Insurance Cards and commence using their new ACHA Rent/Insurance Payment Cards from this date. Payment arrangements applicable from 21st November are detailed below.

Council Offices Receiving Payment for Council Services Only - Not Rent Payments

- Eaglesham House, Mountpleasant Road, Rothesay
- Hill Street, Dunoon
- Witchburn Road, Campbeltown
- Dell Road, Campbeltown
- Lorn House, Albany Street, Oban
- Dalriada House, Colchester Square entrance, Lochgilphead
- Tourist Office, Inveraray

Council Offices Receiving Payment for both Council Services and Rent

- Harbour Street, Tarbert
- Crossapol, Isle of Tiree
- Breadalbane Street, Tobermory, Isle of Mull

ACHA/Council Offices Receiving Payment for Council Services and Rent

- Jamieson Street, Bowmore, Isle of Islay
- James Street, Helensburgh

ACHA Offices Receiving Payment for Rent

- Union Street, Rothesay
- Dolphin Hall, Dunoon
- Old Quay Head, Campbeltown
- Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban
- Dalriada House, Lochnell Street entrance, Lochgilphead

AREA COMMITTEE

A meeting of the area committee for Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay will be held in the town hall, Campbeltown on Wednesday 6th December 2006 at 10.30 A.M. Members of the public are welcome to attend and will be invited to have informal discussions with members and officers at the end of the meeting.

Nigel Stewart, Director of Corporate Services

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A chance to have your say on transport priorities for the Highlands and Islands

The **Regional Transport Strategy** is a statutory plan which will set out the objectives and a programme of action to improve transport in the Highlands and Islands (Argyll and Bute; Highland; Moray; Orkney and the Western Isles).

HITRANS has developed a draft Regional Transport Strategy for **consultation and comment.** The final strategy must be submitted to the Minister for Transport by the end of March 2007 and we would welcome your comments.

The draft strategy is available on our website **www.hitrans.org.uk**. A short version is also available from our office by calling 01667 460464 or by writing to HITRANS, Building 25, Inverness Airport, Inverness, IV2 7JB.

The closing date for this consultation is 31 January 2007.

COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949

APPLICATION FOR SLIPWAY AT ARDRISHAIG

Notice is hereby given that Mr Hogbin on behalf of Mid Argyll Sailing Club has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Executive, under section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by the section 36 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out extension to the slipway at the above location in the position(s):

Description	Latitude	Longitude
works	56 00.94N	05 26.84W

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Glendarroch House, Ardrishaig, PA30 8HJ

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

Ports and Harbours Branch, The Scottish Executive, Transport Division 4, Area 2F North, Mailpoint 2V, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ within 28 days of the date of this notice quoting reference: 2SPC\1\5\86.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

WATER ENVIRONMENT AND WATER SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

THE WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2005

SCHEDULE 1 APPENDED TO NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO ADVERTISE THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE IN PURSUANCE OF REGULATION 13

The form of advertisement and text to be included in the advertisement referred to in the attached Notice shall state the following:

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the 2005 Regulations, that an application has been made to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) by Scottish Water to carry out a controlled activity, namely:

1) CAR/L/1010374 – An intermittent discharge of screened sewage effluent from a Combined Sewer Overflow and Emergency Overflow at Transfer Pump Station No 1, Tarbert Road, Ardrishaig, to Loch Gilp at NGR NR 8520 8510.

2) CAR/L/1010376 - An intermittent discharge of screened sewage effluent from a Combined Sewer Overflow and Emergency Overflow at Transfer Pump Station No 2, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig to Loch Gilp at NGR NR 8520 8580.

3) CAR/L/1010377 - An intermittent discharge of screened sewage effluent from a Combined Sewer Overflow and Emergency Overflow at Transfer Pump Station No 7, Lochgilphead Wastewater Treatment Works, Kilmory, Lochgilphead to Loch Gilp at NGR NR 8520 8670.

4) CAR/L/1010378 - An intermittent discharge of screened sewage effluent from an Emergency Overflow at Transfer Pump Station No 4, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig to Loch Gilp at NGR NR 8570 8740.

5) CAR/L/1010379 – An intermittent discharge of screened sewage effluent from an Emergency Overflow at Transfer Pump Station No 6, Lochgilphead Wastewater Treatment Works, Kilmory, Lochgilphead to Loch Gilp at NGR NR 8620 8670 and a discharge of 2149 cubic metres per day of treated sewage effluent from Lochgilphead Wastewater Treatment Works, Kilmory, Lochgilphead to Loch Gilp at NGR NR 8660 8440.

Any person who considers that they are affected or likely to be affected by, or has an interest in, the application and who wishes to make representations about the application, should do so in writing to The Senior Registry Officer, SEPA, Graesser House, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB not later than December 29, 2006, quoting reference number CAR/L/1010374, CAR/L/1010376, CAR/L/1010377, CAR/L/1010378, and/or CAR/L/1010379.

A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge, at the above address, between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except local and national holidays), or by prior arrangement at the SEPA Lochgilphead office, 2 Smithy Lane, Lochgilphead, PA31 8TA (tel no: 01546 602876).

Written representations concerning this application may be made to the SEPA at the above address and if received within 28 days of the advertisement, will be taken into consideration in determining the application. Any such representations made by any person will be entered in a public register unless that person requests in writing that they should not be so entered. Where such a request is made there will be included in the register a statement indicating that representations have been made which has been the subject of such a request.

LODGE ST.JOHN'S CAMPBELTOWN NO.141

A Regular Meeting will be held on Monday 4th December at 7.30pm

BUSINESS:-

Minutes
Applications
Ballots
Passing
Annual Financial Report
Annual Election of Office-Bearers
A.O.C.B

APPLICATION FOR APPORTIONMENT SILVERCRAIGS COMMON GRAZINGS

John Graham, Silvercraigs intends to lodge an application for apportionment of approximately 19.20 hectares to permit the remaining area of common grazing to be apportioned. The share position in the common is as follows. Jon Graham, Shareholder. The applicant has a copy of the application which can be inspected by any person interested. Any comments on the application should be lodged with the Crofter's Commission, Castle Wynd, Inverness IV2 3EQ before 15th December 2006.
A copy of any representations made may be forwarded to the applicant.

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For further information, contact:

Billy Ferrans (Manager)
Kinlochmoidart Hatchery
Billyferrans2006@aol.com
Tel: 01967 431 283(office hours)

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To apply, please send your CV to Angela.Murphy@ScottishPower.plc.uk quoting reference EW-S016-06 or call Angela Murphy on 01698 396476 for an application form.

Closing date for receipt of applications is the 8th of December 2006.

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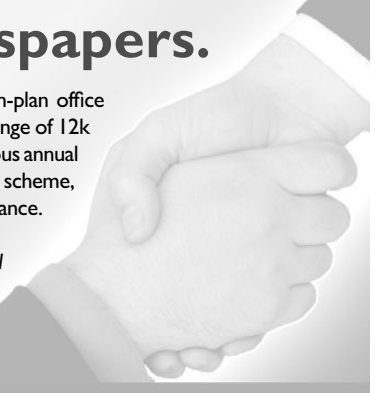

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Written applications, including CV(s) are requested by December 30, 2006.

Applications to:

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Senior Nursery Practitioner

This is an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated and experienced childcare professional to develop their role in an established and exciting nursery.

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Nursery Manager/Proprietor Mrs Ann Burke on

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ARGYLL COLLEGE

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University-level study in the Highlands and Islands

Argyll College is a partner in the UHI Millennium Institute and provides access to a range of further and higher education opportunities. We now require the following post, based in our Tobermory Learning Centre:

Learning Centre Manager

The successful applicant will provide local learning support to students as well as managing, administering and promoting the centre in line with college policy and procedures. Excellent communication skills and a working knowledge of Microsoft Office are essential requirements of the post. Experience in/knowledge of current education and training developments in relation to lifelong learning and in particular the FE sector, would be an advantage. The highest quality service to students will be of prime importance and a high standard of customer care is essential.

This post is for 750 hours per year worked flexibly as agreed. The salary package is £9,463.10 This comprises a salary of £8,186.07 plus an employers contribution of £1,277.03 towards a final salary pension scheme.

Interviews take place in Tobermory on Thursday 14th December

Initial applications in the form of a CV (maximum 2 pages A4) and one page covering letter should be sent by

Friday 8th December 2006 to:
Elaine Munro, Argyll College, Dunstaffnage Learning Centre, Oban, Argyll PA37 1PZ
E mail: elaine.munro@argyllcollege.ac.uk
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Flexible working and the ability to carry out strenuous work are essential, while Manual Handling Training and Health & Safety Awareness are desirable. This posts offers a performance related bonus. **Ref: OSR00516.**

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604658.

Roadworker

£224.28 per week
Full Time **Lochgilphead**

You will be expected to undertake roads maintenance duties and be required to work out with normal working hours to cover winter maintenance demands and emergencies.

Participation in summer and winter maintenance standby and the ability to carry out strenuous work is essential, as is an LGV driving licence.

An SVQ Highway Maintenance Level 1 or 2, SVQ Winter Maintenance and HAUC Certificate would be an advantage, while Manual Handling Training and Health & Safety Awareness are desirable.

You must have experience of Roads Maintenance or equivalent, and be able to work as part of a team. Experience in machine operation is preferred. This post offers a productivity bonus. **Ref: OSR00587.**
For a recruitment pack call 01546 604870.

Gardener/Gravedigger

£224.28 per week
Full Time **Lochgilphead**

You will undertake duties involved in the burial of the dead and the maintenance of cemeteries and grass areas through out the Mid Argyll area.

A current driving licence is essential with C.I.T.B. for mini excavator, PA1 & PA6A pesticide certificates and driving licence category C1+E being desirable.

You must have general work experience in grounds maintenance. The ability to use safely all grounds maintenance tools and machinery is essential. Manual Handling Training and an awareness of Health & Safety would be preferred.

You must be capable of working as part of a team and be able to deal with the public in a friendly and understanding manner. This post offers a 35% bonus after six months. **Ref: OSR00537.**

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Closing date for all posts 15th December 2006.

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Highland Hospice

Shop Manager – Fort William

25 hours per week
3 month contract Salary £17K pro rata

Highland Hospice is the only hospice serving adults with incurable life-limiting disease in the Highlands, and is widely acknowledged as a centre of Palliative Care expertise in the region. You will manage the income and expenditure budget of the Fort William shop and the day to day running of the shop, including monitoring of stock and recruitment, management and development of volunteer staff. You will also manage the rotation of quality donated goods and liaise regularly with your line manager, other shop managers and the wider fundraising team. You should have supervisory experience, preferably of volunteers, in a retail environment.

Requests for job packs may be made to, Susan Ross at Highland Hospice, Ness House, 1 Bishop's Road, Inverness, IV3 5SB, tel 01463 243132 or by email to susan.ross@highlandhospice.org.uk

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ACHA - Putting Tenants First.

ACHA is a new housing association established to take ownership and management of approximately 5300 properties (previously owned by Argyll & Bute Council).

There are a number of exciting posts to which ACHA need to recruit customer focused individuals, seeking a rewarding and challenging career in a forward thinking housing organisation. These posts are key to delivering the quality of services our customers deserve. In return, we will reward the successful applicants with a generous remuneration package, modern work practices, family friendly "people policies" and the opportunity for personal development and training.

Reference F&IT 003
Finance & IT Department
Dalriada House, Lochgilphead
Accountant

Salary Grade 3 (£34,965 - £38,850) + contributory final salary pension scheme + Essential User Car Allowance - 35 hours per week

The job purpose is to ensure a high quality finance support service to the Association.
You require to be a fully qualified financial accountant with a broad experience of strong control; operational and statutory reporting exposure with strong commitment to accuracy, excellence and the provision of outstanding internal and external customer service. You need to have good relationship management skills with experience of dealing with internal and external auditors while providing strong and effective leadership within the team including significant skills in people management and be able to supervise staff involved in leading individual teams within the department. The post requires a high level of written and spoken communication and a flexible in their approach to working times, travel and time management. A current driving licence is essential.

Reference F&IT 006
Finance & IT Department
Dalriada House, Lochgilphead
IT Officer

Salary Grade 5 (£24,098 - £26,775) + contributory final salary pension scheme + Essential User Car Allowance - 35 hours per week

The job purpose is to provide technical support to the Association in the operation of its ICT systems and equipment. We expect the successful candidate to hold a professional qualification; be part qualified or be prepared to commence study towards a qualification at HNC or HND level.

You should establish and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, beneficiary organisations and partners; provide leadership of project teams involving colleagues and other partners; be able to produce reports and have good written and oral communication skills. The postholder will have some control over budgets headings A wide range of technical skills in one discipline is sought; along with a current driving licence.

Reference I&RE 003
Investment & Regeneration Department
Dalriada House, Lochgilphead
Regeneration Manager

Salary Grade 3 (£34,965 - £38,850) + contributory final salary pension scheme + Essential User Car Allowance - 35 hours per week
The job purpose is to co-ordinate the Association's "new business", in particular new building housing along with other wider regeneration activities while ensuring that the Association plays a key role in the community and physical regeneration of Argyll

The successful candidate will require to have a professional background and hold a qualification in a relevant discipline. The post involves developing and maintaining relationships within the department and also with external partners at a local level along with having significant control over the team budget.

The post holder will be expected to provide effective leadership within the team and have significant skills in people management including supervising staff leading individual teams and those involved in professional and administrative work. The candidate needs to have a high level of written and spoken communication which displays individual style and be flexible in their approach to working times, travel and time management. A current driving licence is essential

Reference MIDA 002
Mid Argyll Area Office, Lochgilphead
Assistant Area Housing Manager

Salary Grade 4 (£27,405 - £30,450) + contributory final salary pension scheme + Essential User Car Allowance. 35 hours per week

The job purpose is to ensure that the Association provides the highest quality housing and neighbourhood services to its tenants and other customers.

The successful candidate will require to hold a Professional Housing Qualification, or be part qualified and working towards full qualification; with professional training or experience in this discipline. The post involves developing and maintaining relations with the Association's customers and other colleagues and a degree of contact with external agencies and partners at operational level. The postholder should have significant skills in people management and provide effective leadership within the area team; including supervising junior professional, technical and administrative staff. There is an element of responsibility for budgets at departmental level within defined limits and guidelines and you are expected to organise and manage own workload while operating a degree of discretion over working hours and patterns. A high degree of written and verbal communication skills are required and a current driving licence is essential

Reference MIDA 007
Mid Argyll Area Office, Lochgilphead
Property Services Officer

Salary Grade 5 (£24,098 - £26,775) + contributory final salary pension scheme + Essential User Car Allowance. 35 hours per week

The job purpose is to ensure that the Association delivers a high quality Property and Estate Management and Maintenance service

The successful candidate will require to hold a professional qualification; be part qualified or be prepared to commence study towards a qualification at HNC or HND level and have a wide range of technical skills. The post holder must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, beneficiary organisations and partners; provide leadership of project teams involving colleagues and other partners; have good written and oral communication skills including the ability to produce reports without a pre-determined framework. There will be limited control over a small number of budget headings. A current driving licence is essential

Reference HRCS 0011
Human Resources & Corporate Services
Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig
HR & Corporate Services Assistant

Salary Grade 7 (£14,175 - £15,750) + contributory final salary pension scheme. 35 hours per week

The job purpose is to contribute to delivering high levels of administrative and clerical service support to the Human Resources & Corporate Services Team along with assisting with aspects of human resources and organisational development.

The successful candidate for this post requires to hold a minimum of 3 Standard grades or equivalent and/or a secretarial or administrative qualification, along with relevant work experience and aptitude. The post-holder will have regular contact with customers, staff and members of the Management Committee "on the frontline" therefore a decree of organisational, administrative and communication skills are necessary.

Reference SHRW 003
Lochgair Place, Tarbert
Reference SHRW 011
Ford Spence Court, Benderloch
Relief Wardens - 2 posts

Salary Grade 7 (£14,175 - £15,750) pro rata+ contributory final salary pension scheme - 15.5 hours per week – Shift Work

The job purpose is to manage the Sheltered Housing Scheme during the Wardens absence in order to ensure that tenants can enjoy a secure and comfortable environment.

The successful candidates will require to work flexibly to cover all aspects of the complex on the Wardens days off and during periods of annual leave or sickness including "sleep-over" duties, which involves living on site. The post involves working on a relatively self contained basis with regular contact with customers "on the frontline". The postholder will be expected to maintain effective working relationships within the team and with colleagues; be expected to produce written communications and occasionally represent tenants interests in liaison with other agencies. A current driving licence is essential

Reference SHCL 004
Ford Spence Court, Benderloch
Cleaner

Salary Grade 7 (£14,175 - £15,750) pro rata+ contributory final salary pension scheme – 12.5 hours per week

The job purpose is to maintain the public and communal areas of the sheltered housing complex in a clean and tidy manner.

The successful candidate will require to work on a relatively self contained basis under the direction of the Warden or Relief Warden. The post involves regular contact with tenants in the complex and maintaining effective working relationships within the team and with colleagues.

Reference MIDA 010
Reference MIDA 011
Reference MIDA 012
Mid Argyll Area Office, Lochgilphead
Reference KINT 009
Reference KINT 010
Kintyre Area Office, Campbeltown
Customer Service Assistants – 5 posts

Salary Grade 7 (£14,175 - £15,750) + contributory final salary pension scheme. 35 hours per week

Reference KINT 011
Kintyre Area Office, Campbeltown

Salary Grade 7 (£14,175 - £15,750 pro rata) + contributory final salary pension scheme. 35 hours per week

The job purpose is to assist ensure high levels of administrative and clerical support are provided to the Area Team, assist with all aspects of office management, office supplies and equipment and assist in the delivery of Housing and Neighbourhood Services and Repairs within the Area Team

The successful candidates for these posts require to hold a minimum of 3 Standard grades or equivalent and/or a secretarial or administrative qualification, along with relevant work experience and aptitude. Post-holders will have regular contact with customers, staff and members of the Association's Area Committee "on the frontline" therefore a decree of organisational, administrative and communication skills are necessary.

Disclosure Scotland checks will be required for these posts.

For an application pack please contact Marina MacArthur, HR Officer, HR & Corporate Services Department on 01546 604099 or email marina.macarthur@acha.co.uk, quoting the reference number for the post.

Closing Date for Applications: 15th December 2006

Interviews will be held over a two week period from week commencing 8th January 2007

ACHA welcomes applications from all sections of the community and is committed to promoting equal opportunities.
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PERSONALS

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With lots of love and best wishes from Ally, Dan and Fern xxx

Happy 60th John Gillies

04.12.06
Love from Mary, Eileen, Alec, Joanne, Dave, Steven and Scott

Happy 18th Birthday Debra

Lots of Love Mum, Andrew, family and friends xxxx

Guess who's 21 on Sunday 3rd December

Luv from Mum, Dad, David, Margaret, James, Nicola, Chloe and Liam xxx

Happy 21st Birthday Clam!

Aboard TT Trustful he
fishes the Clyde
The deck filled with prawns
His heart swells with pride
There's a gleam in his eye
As he adds up his tally
It will do him just fine
When he heads back to Caley

The summer is over
And city lights beckon
Clam is ready to party
On December the second xxx

THANK YOU

For all the good wishes, cards and presents we received for our Golden Wedding celebrations, and to all the friends who took part in the entertainment, we would like to say a BIG thank you.

-

Richard & Nettie

Thank You

I would like to thank very much, everyone who came to my "Surprise" Birthday Party on Saturday Night. Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts I received. Special thanks to the White Hart Hotel and staff and those involved in organising the party.

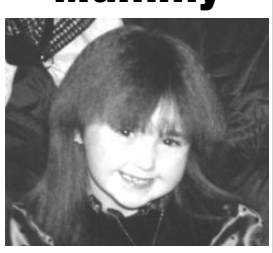
-

John Shields

PERSONALS

John Jackson would like to thank all relatives and friends for their visits, gifts, telephone calls and cards received over the last four months. Sincere thanks to medical staff at the Beatson, S.G.H, Oban and Lorne and Tarbert Medical Centre for their care and attention. Thanks to Amy and Colin, Marleen and Alex, Ann and Jan for their transport services to and from hospital. Special thanks to Margaret and Michael Welsh and Christine and Ronnie Morrison for providing accommodation for Mhairi.

Happy 21st Birthday Mummy



Luv from Keiron xxx

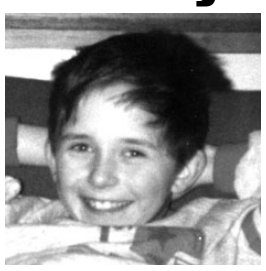
Davie, Lorraine, Zach and Ché would like to thank everyone who contributed in making Ché's official head wetting day a great day! A special thanks to the Grey Gull for a beautiful buffet, fantastic hospitality and "free pizza and ice cream"!

CONGRATULATIONS MUM & DAD

Happy 18th Birthday ELIZABETH

Lots of Love
Mum, Granny, Papa, Bryan & all the Family
XX

Who is 30 today?



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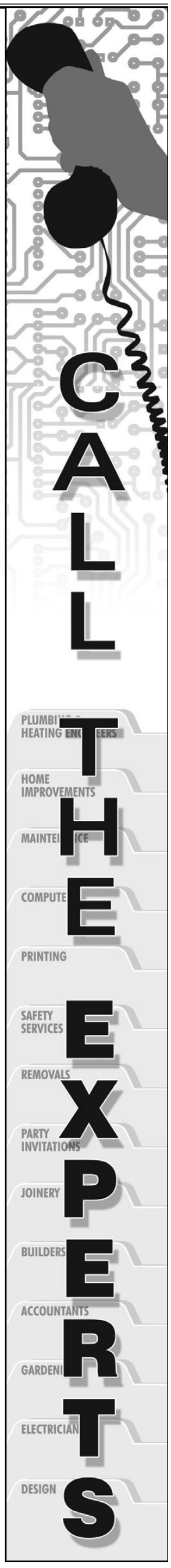


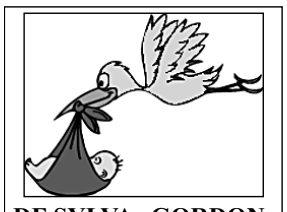
TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, 'took up our infirmities and carried our diseases'
(Matthew 8:17)

BIRTHS

CHRISTIE - At Frankston Hospital, Australia on November 23, 2006, to Stewart and Sandra (née Dowd), daughter Lawren Emily, granddaughter for Col and Kath, Crib Point and Brian and Margaret, Lochgilphead.

CONNER – David and Donna are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Bryony Sarah at Campbeltown Hospital on November 17, 2006, a baby sister for Craig, Ashleigh and Ross. Thanking all midwives, also special thanks to Anna and Elspeth for their care.



DE SYLVA - GORDON- Gina and Nick are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Maya Maria, born on November 23, 2006, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. A wee niece for Sofia Gordon. First Granddaughter for Stewart and Shirley Gordon and Nigel and Pat de Sylva. A special thanks to all midwives at Mid Argyll hospital.

ELLIOT – McKECHNIE - Aileen McKechnie and Danny Elliot are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Chloe, born on November 3, 2006, at R.A.H. Paisley.

HOOD – To Allan Hood and Lisa Rader, on November 23, 2006, in Hobart, Tasmania, a baby girl, Ella. Both well.

MACGUGAN - Alastair and Alison are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Rowan Isabella Wylie, born on October 7, 2006. A little sister for Callum.

McMURCHY – ALLEN – Iain and Karen are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Solana, on November 20, 2006, a beautiful little sister for Conner, Iona-Marie and Jay.

SHAW - James and Lynn are delighted to announce the birth of Campbell James, born on November 11, 2006. A wee brother for Niamh and a grandson for John and Effie Campbell, Glengilp and Duncan and Moira Shaw, Portnacloiche. A special thanks to Mid Argyll Maternity Team.

MARRIAGES

BORLAND – McGLYNN – Both families are delighted to announce the marriage of Ben and Fiona, on Saturday October 28, 2006, at St Kieran's RC Church. A great day was had by all.

RUBY WEDDINGS

FERGUSON - CAMERON - At St Muna Parish Church, Ballachulish, on December 3, 1966, by the late Hector MacLean, James to Kay.

MACMILLAN – BROWN - On December 3, 1966, at Castlehill Church by the Rev John McCormack, Hugh to Agnes, present address, 5 Ashdale Drive, Westhill, Aberdeen.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

NICOLSON – CAMPBELL – At the Longrow Church on December 5, 1956, by the Rev McLean, Alistair to Elizabeth. Present address: 13 Castlepark.

DEATHS

HORNSBY – Peacefully at home, Glenhead, Torrisdale, on November 26, 2006, Anthony Charles Hornsby, in his 73rd year, dearly beloved husband of Jane, dearly loved father of Robert, Sally, Judy and Jim and a much loved grumpy.

McGEACHY – Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 22, 2006, Alexander McGeachy (Alex McGill), in his 86th year, 106 Millknowe, formerly of Kilmichael, Campbeltown, beloved son of the late Alex and Bella McGeachy, dearly loved brother of John and the late Archie, Rosina, Robert and Hector and a much loved uncle, great-uncle and great-great uncle.

McPHERSON – Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 23, 2006, Evelyn McCallum, in her 89th year, dearly beloved wife of the late Archibald McPherson and a much loved mother of Peter and Neil.

OMAN – Peacefully at home, Pier House, Carradale, on November 25, 2006, Helen Sharp McBride, in her 99th year, dearly beloved wife of the late David Bruce Oman, dearly loved mother of Bruce, Alexander, Alen, Kenneth and the late Colin and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother.

PEASE - Unexpectedly at the Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, on Friday 24th November 2006, after a short illness borne with great courage and dignity, Margaret nee Shaw, in her 67th year. A fantastic Mum and dear friend to David, Andrew and Daniel. Adored and wonderfully unconventional Grammy to Victoria, Emily, Tianna and Lily. Much loved mum-in-law, sister, auntie and great friend to so many. Funeral service will be held in Tayvallich Parish Church today Friday December 1, at 1pm, thereafter to Carsaig Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers, if preferred, to Cancer Research UK.

SUTHERLAND – Peacefully, at the Campbeltown Hospital, on November 25, 2006, Helen Adams Milne, in her 87th year Ravenscraig, Gallowhill Lane, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of Fen Sutherland, dearly loved mother of Lesley and Ian and loving grandma to Ross, Rory, Sophie and Keri.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BROWN – Mrs Isabel Brown would like to thank all family and friends who have given so much to ease the pain and suffering of her dearly departed husband Donald, who passed away on Sunday November 19, 2006. Special thanks to the Doctors and Nurses at both Campbeltown and Southern General Hospitals, and a very special thanks to all the District Nurses and the Palliative Team who cared and tended to Donald during his illness, they were all true professionals. Thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their excellent service and to Revered Butler for his words of comfort and prayers at Clydebank Crematorium, also thanks to all who sent flowers and cards.

FERGUSON - The family of the late Rebecca Ferguson would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards and phone calls received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Philips, Dr Ucceta, Nurses and staff of Glenaray Ward at the Mid Argyll Hospital, for their kind care and attention to Rebecca. Thanks also to Rev Walter Ritchie for his comforting services; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for professional services; and to the Argyll Hotel for fine purvey. A final thanks to those who attended at Church and Graveside. Donations raised £225 for Breast Cancer Research.

IRWIN – Jimmy and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Jean. Special thanks to Dr Leftley, District Nurses and Father Azad for his visits and comforting service. Thanks also to Alasdair Blair for very efficient and professional services and to all who paid their respects at the Church and graveside. The sum of £600 was collected in aid of Cancer & Palliative Care Services.

MUIR – Ella and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Jimmy. Special thanks to the Renal Unit, Western Infirmary, Haematology Unit, Southern General Hospital, Dr Hall and District Nurses also Rev Burroughs for his visits and comforting service. Thanks also to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for most efficient and professional service and to all who paid their respects at the Church and graveside. The sum of £504.40 was collected for the Myeloma Foundation.

OMAY - Karen and family would like to thank relatives and friends for the kind support and expressions of sympathy received after the sudden loss of Willie. Special thanks go to Dr Hall, Alasdair Blair, the Rev Martin Forrest of Southend Church and the Argyll Arms Hotel. Special thanks also go to Margaret McSporran and Jamie MacLean for their continued love and support during this difficult time.

SHAW - Willie and the family of the late Catherine Shaw, would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for kind support and for the many expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Dr Elder and staff at Campbeltown Hospital for their dedicated care and attention, sincere thanks also to Duncan and Mary McFarlane for their wonderful kindness, Rev John Vischer, for a comforting service, Carla Smith for her lovely poems from the school children, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for excellent professional services, Tarbert Hotel for catering, and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for Campbeltown Hospital raised £500.

THOMSON – Bruce and Sheila wish to thank relatives and friends for their kindness and support at the time of Rosemary's death. A special thank you to the Management and Staff at Auchinlee Residential Home for the loving care given to Rosemary. Thanks also to Mrs Agnes Stewart for an uplifting and comforting funeral service and thanks to Mrs Marion Paton for her recollections of Rosemary's life. Marion's kindness to Rosemary over the years and especially during her stay at Auchinlee and hospital is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Alasdair Blair for efficient and caring funeral arrangements, to Mrs Nettie Semple for her well chosen music and to Mrs Anne Clark for her lovely flowers in A'Chleit Church, Largieside W.R.I. Ladies' excellent catering was much appreciated. The retiral collection for A'Chleit Church Fund raised £216.

IN MEMORIAMS

EVANS - Treasured memories of a loving wife and mother, Margaret, who died December 4, 2005.
In our hearts your memory is kept
To love, to treasure and never forget
No verse, no flowers, no tears can say
How much we miss you every day.
- Your loving husband John and son Terry.

EVANS - In loving memory of a dear mother and granny, Margaret, who died December 4, 2005.
One year has passed, since that sad day
You closed your eyes and slipped away
You left us quietly, made no fuss
But broke the hearts of all of us.
Forever in our thoughts.
- Jackie, Tom and Stephen.

JOHNSON - In memory of Elizabeth, died December 6, 2001.
Remembered and missed by all the family.

McCALLUM – In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother Christina, who passed away on December 4, 2004.
In our hearts you will always stay
We love and miss you every day.
- From Wilma and family at home and abroad.

McGUINESS - Treasured memories of Annie, a much loved mother, granny and great granny. Died December 1, 2000.
- From the family at home and away.

MARTIN – Treasured memories of Marion (Stewart), died December 2, 1997.
Always in our thoughts.
- Mum and family at home and away.

MARTIN – Loving memories of a dearly loved mum and granny, Marion, who passed away on December 2, 1997.
Love and miss you so much
- Nichola, John, Kyra and Mathew. xxxx

SHAW - In loving memory of my dear husband Donnie, who passed away on December 2, 2005.
Always remembered, never forgotten.
- Flora.

STEWART – Inserted in loving memory of my dear grandmother, Agnes Mitchell McMillan, who died November 29, 1978.
A heart of gold stopped beating
Two willing hands lie still
The one who did so much for me
Is resting at God's will.
Remembering not just today but every day.
- Johnnie.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
10.a.m ... Breaking of Bread
11.15.a.m ..... Family Service with Sunday School and Creche
All Welcome

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

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THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday 3rd December
10.30..... Worship Service
7.00pm
Town Carol Service (Lorne and Lowland Church)

Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
Pensioners' Lunch Club
1.45 p.m. Home League (Ladies' Meeting)

Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall
7 p.m. ..... Bible Study
A warm welcome to all
Major Dolores Thomson

ST COLUMBA'S POLTALLOCH
9am Eucharist
Christ Church, Lochgilphead
11am Eucharist
6.30 Ecumenical Service for Advent Sunday

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 3rd December 2006
Tayvallich..... 11am
Joint service with North Knapdale Parish
followed by light lunch
Rev. Richard West
All most welcome
Saturday 9th December 2006
Coffee morning
10am - 1pm
Red Cross Hall, Lochgilphead
Donations for sales table and Christmas Hamper gratefully received
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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 3rd December 2006
Advent family service 11am
All welcome
The guild meets on
Tuesday 5th December 2006

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 3rd December 2006
Joint Parish Worship
Tayvallich..... 11am
Rev. Richard West
Followed by light lunch in church
Wednesday 6th December 2006
Tayvallich Church
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Advent Sunday
8.30 am.....Holy Communion
10.45 am.....Advent Carols – Preparing for Christmas
11.45 am.....Annual Meeting
Details of services are on the Church door
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Highland Parish Church

Sunday 3rd December 2006
11.15am.....Morning Worship
Creche in church (0-3yrs)
Junior Sunday School (3ys – P5) Kirk St Hall
Senior Sunday School (P6 upwards) in church
7.00pm .. Town Carol Service – Lorne and Lowland Church

Monday 4th December
7.30pm .....Sunday School Teachers meeting – Manse

Tuesday 5th December
Badminton Club – Kirk St Hall
6.30pm -7.45pm.....P1s – P5s
7.45pm – 9.00pm.....P6 upwards

Thursday 7th December
7.00pm.....Bible Study Fellowship - Hall

Friday 8th December
Badminton – Hall
7.00pm – 9.00pm.....S1 upwards
9.00pm.....Adults

Rev Michael J. Lind
Everyone very welcome

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Sunday 3rd December 2006
A Lighthouse in a Dark World
CUMLODDEN (Furnace)
10.30 am
LOCHFYNESIDE (Minard)
12 noon
LOCHGAIR 3 pm
ALL WELCOME
Cumlodden & Lochfyneside Guild

Wednesday 6th December
Cumlodden Church Hall
2.30 pm
Bring & Buy Sale
and Slides of New Zealand

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
Saturday 2nd December 2006
Breakfast 8am
Prayer and Praise 9am

Sunday 3rd December
11am
Worship for all ages
followed by light lunch
Speaker: **Graham McLean**

Thursday 7th December
7.30 p.m.
Praise, worship & sharing
All Welcome
"Come and see"

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Saturday, 2nd December
Walking Group - 10:30 a.m.
(Church car park)

Sunday, 3rd December
Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m.
(Crèche, Sunday School and Bible Class)

Monday, 4th December
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 5th December
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 7th December
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 8th December
Lunch Club - 12:15 p.m.

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome

Sunday 3rd December 2006
11.00am with communion
Family Service
Followed by shared lunch
Evening Service 6.30pm
Joint Christian Aid Service at Christ Church

Monday 10.30 a.m.
Discipleship Course

Tuesday evening @7.20pm
'Coming Alive'
(Study for New Believers)

Wednesday@7
Purpose Driven Church

Thursday
Luncheon Club
12.00 – 2.00pm

Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am
Come along and join us

Friday 1st December
6.30pm – 8.00pm
"The Edge" Kids Club
5yrs to 11 yrs

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 3rd December
Ardrishaig at 11:00am
and Achahoish at 12:30pm
(Holy Communion)
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1st Sunday of Advent
Old Testament Prophecies
Jeremiah 33:14-16
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PACT
for children of all ages
meets in Ardrishaig
at 11 o'clock
Ecumenical Advent Service
Christchurch, Lochgilphead
6:30pm

KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING
to be held on
Friday 1st December
at 7.30 pm in
Springbank Evangelical Church
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"Any Questions" – Panel Night
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Margaret Sinclair, Interim Moderator
For all pastoral care and church inquiries
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Details for funeral directors Alasdair Blair, Stan Lupton and Donald MacDonald can be found on Page 29

Lochgilphead Primary receives new helmets

Lochgilphead Primary School's shinty squad has received new safety helmets from building contractors Mansell. The firm, which is currently building the new Lochgilphead joint campus school at Kilmory, handed 15 helmets over on Monday November 20. Pictured with the school's shinty team are, back row left, Jackie Geddes, Mansell site assistant; back row second from right Lesley Fletcher, office administrator with Mansell; and coach Robert Baxter. The helmets have been made compulsory by the Camanachd Association to ensure the safety of young players. A48shi01

Lorne Bar wins angling

Angling

A WELCOME break in the recent stormy weather opened a brief window of opportunity for the remaining two-man teams competing in the final round of the annual Inter-Pub Sea Angling Competition on Loch Fyne on Sunday.

With the daunting task of closing the 30-point lead established by the Lorne Bar in the first round, the anglers prepared their tackle, bait and tactics on the way to the first fishing mark of the day aboard the *Keltic Lady*.

Ronnie McGinty registered the first points of the day taking a coalfish to put the Lorne into an early lead, however, it was clear that the heavy rainfall had affected this mark and a decision was taken to move to more productive fishing grounds.

Jim McCurdy took advantage of the move to kick things off for the Bridge House with whiting and dogfish.

Derek Kelly followed close behind for Kilmartin while John Taxi, representing Cairnbaan, picked up three species in quick succession. Eventually every angler was into fish taking haddock, whiting and valuable winter mackerel making it a very close run competition in the early stages with only a few points separating the teams.

As the wind picked up, a move to deeper water with shelter from the biting cold wind took the anglers north to the next fishing ground which proved to be the most productive stop of the day.

Robert MacBrayne relished this mark, steadily catching cod and whiting to add to the Lorne's scorecard, but Jim McCurdy was quick to respond and turned up the pressure by adding haddock and pouting to his species tally to put the Bridge House ahead. This lead was consolidated by his partner Chris Cotton who also landed a variety of species.

Persistence paid off for Kilmartin's Derek Kelly and Richard Pate who were also rewarded with catches of whiting, mackerel, cod and dogfish and, while last year's winners Cairnbaan the Bridge House anglers put a serious dent in the first round advantage set by the Lorne, it just wasn't enough to catch the early leaders.

Kilmartin's Derek Kelly with one of 46 dogfish caught and released during the inter-pub competition on Sunday

The cumulative scores over the two days secured victory for the Lorne with the Bridge House only 13 points behind in runner-up position.

Valiant

Kilmartin took third place in their first sea angling competition while Cairnbaan slipped down to fourth, despite the valiant efforts of John Taxi. The Galley of Lorne, who failed to turn up for the second round, brought up the rear.

The winners will be presented with the Keltic Lady Inter Pub Sea Angling Trophy and individual awards at the end of the season.

Final scores: Lorne 142; Bridge House 129; Kilmartin 112; Cairnbaan 66; Galley 21. Top scorer: Jim McCurdy 51; Most species: Jim McCurdy; Top individual catch: Jim McCurdy/ Robert MacBrayne 21 fish; Heaviest fish overall: Chris Brewer 3lb 13oz Pollack. Total number of fish caught and released: 156

SAFL Division One table

Football

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambria B	9	5	3	1	25	20	18
Castlemilk	6	5	1	0	27	6	16
Tarbert	**6**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**17**	**10**	**13**
St Patricks B	8	4	0	4	21	14	12
Rosehill Star	5	2	3	0	13	11	9
L'head Red Star	**7**	**3**	**0**	**4**	**13**	**16**	**9**
Kings Park B	8	2	1	5	17	23	7
Inverkip Thistle	6	1	2	3	9	19	5
Duncanrig FP B	9	0	1	8	10	33	1
Strathkelvin Ths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Mid Argyll Sailing Club members safer at sea

Sailing

MID ARGYLL Sailing Club's members can feel safer at sea now, with the club having taken delivery of a new rescue craft.

The 5.6m Avon RIB, which is fitted with a 60HP Mariner outboard engine, will be used as a rescue craft when the club's members are sailing on Loch Gilp. It was purchased with the help of a grant from the National Lottery Awards for All programme, can travel at speeds of up to 30 miles per hour and can carry up to 10 passengers.

Club commodore Donald McMillan said: 'We have members of all ages who enjoy being out on the water.

'With sailing, there is always the risk of capsize. Having a fast rescue boat means that we can be quickly alongside anyone who is in need of help.

'Wild winds can whip up big seas which is when the RIB will come into its own for rescue work.'

Although the club only formed this year, it has already given more than 20 children the opportunity to learn how to sail in its dinghies. Funding support in the first year of operation has been given by Argyll and the Islands Enterprise, Argyll and Bute Council, the National Lottery and Lakeland Marine Farm. The money has been used to purchase the RIB, two sailing dinghies, buoyancy aids and wetsuits.

The club is affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association and all of its RIB drivers will be expected to pass the RYA powerboat exam before taking up their duty rota as the RIB's coxswain.

Full training can be given to anyone who wishes to become a powerboat driver, with courses due to begin in April.

For more information, call Peter Hogbin on 01546 606774.

Members of Mid Argyll Sailing Club climb aboard their new safety boat for the first time. A48sai01

Capocci capitalises to win round seven

Golf

IT WAS drinks all round at Lochgilphead Golf Club last weekend as Tom Cullen celebrated his birthday.

Eric Capocci's round was the icing on the cake as he topped the day's leaderboard and moved up four places to sixth. He recorded birdies at the fourth and sixth to record a level nett nine including four threes. He was then back in 20 with five threes, two of them birdies, putting him in first place after a three-way tie on two under.

Donald Johnson was again positive and recorded birdies at the fourth, seventh and 17th, and his card had seven threes and a two on it.

Such is Iain MacInnes' form that he beat Donald in the knockout matchplay on the last hole. Iain had seven three-pointers and importantly came home in level par nett. His lead to second is now 10 points. A two at the last for four points was the day's highlight for 'Mr Steady' David Sinclair. Second by one point, David played the course in level fours and will be happy to hear Iain has a couple of weeks off.

Davy Wilson maintained third overall and edged five clear of fourth-placed Ross Sinclair, who missed this round. Only one over nett, Davy was nearest the pin at the ninth.

Hugh Strachan put five more points in the bank but dropped one place to seventh. His birdie at Druim Woods was his most notable achievement on the day, but he was very strong throughout the round.

Jim Hunter went up two places to lie twelfth after only three appearances and only lost his matchplay singles to Iain McGlynn on the last hole. He beat Iain on points though and sensationally birdied the 17th when two down to take the match to the last.

Back in 19 points meant three points for Iain McGlynn, a three, four, three finish his first for a long time. A birdie at the 17th meant level nett home for John Dickinson and a birdie at the eighth for a single championship point plus nearest the pin was a good day's golf for Kenneth MacAulay.

The Christmas singles, doubles and team trophy are on Sunday December 17.

Result week seven: 1: E Capocci; 2: D Johnson; 3: I MacInnes; 4: D Sinclair; 5: D Wilson; 6: H Strachan; 7: J Hunter; 8: I McGlynn; 9: J Dickinson; 10: K MacAulay.

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Golf union elects new committee

Golf

Last Saturday's Argyll and Bute Golf Union AGM took place at Inveraray. Several changes in personnel took place with both Willie McAdam and Walter McLean standing down after some 25 years' service between them. The County owes them a debt of gratitude for all their hard work over the years.

The new executive is now in place with Richard Biggart of Cowal elected president and Murray Sim of Taynuilt his deputy. John Gilchrist of Rothesay takes on the important role of team manager with Derek Street continuing his good work as coaching convener.

Unfortunately the position of secretary/treasurer remains unfilled. If anyone in the area would consider taking on the role, please get in touch with outgoing secretary Graham Bolton on 07720627397 or email ghbolton@yahoo.com.

The new executive is as follows: President: R Biggart; Vice-president: M Sim; Secretary/Treasurer: Unfilled; Executive Members: G Bolton, J Weir, J Gilchrist, R MacDonald, L Pirie, D Street, J McKinlay.

Inveraray lottery prize fund reaches £800

Lottery

THERE were no winners from Inveraray Shinty Club's lottery draw on Monday November 27, when the numbers drawn were 14, 15 and 20. The jackpot for the draw on Monday December 4 will be £800.

Marine Harvest South Division One league table

Shinty

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bute	14	10	3	1	23
Kyles	13	7	5	1	19
B'hulish	14	6	4	4	16
Glas MA	14	6	4	4	16
Glenorchy	14	5	4	5	14
Kilmory	**13**	**5**	**1**	**7**	**11**
Lochside	14	4	3	7	7
Tayforth	14	0	2	12	0

No Kilmory lottery draw winner

Lottery

THERE were no winners from Kilmory Camanachd Club's lottery draw on Monday November 27, when the numbers drawn were 5, 14 and 19.

The jackpot for the draw on Monday December 4 will be £200.

Tarbert lotto

Lottery

GEORGIE Dickson was the lucky winner from Tarbert AFC's lottery draw on Monday November 27, matching the numbers 2, 5 and 12.

The jackpot for the draw on Monday December 4 will be £100.

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