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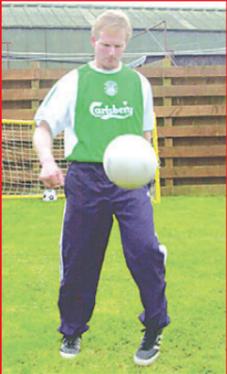
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Companies say no to Irish ferry

FERRY campaigners in Campbeltown have pledged to fight on in their bid to re-start the town's Irish ferry link.

And, in spite of the news earlier in the week that none of the four short-listed companies were prepared to tender, a company headed by a local man has said that it could have a service up and running by Easter if the Scottish Executive is prepared to offer them the contract.

It was announced on Tuesday (January 10) that none of the Scottish Executive's four preferred bidders were had submitted a tender.

It is thought that problems with obtaining a suitable vessel and worries that the £1 million annual subsidy would not be enough to ensure the route would break even are behind the decisions not to tender.

However, James Robertson, owner of the Davaar Bar in Campbeltown and managing director of the newly-formed Dalriada Shipping, a company set up

No tenders submitted but local firm says it could start route by Easter

specifically to operate a route between Campbeltown and Ballycastle, claimed this week that his company is in a position to have the service up and running by Easter.

Dalriada Shipping expressed in interest in running the service earlier this year but, according to Mr Robertson, was rejected because the executive felt that the company did not have the necessary experience.

Mr Robertson, who says that his company is made up of people with extensive experience in the merchant navy, said: 'They rejected us because the company itself did not have enough experience but the executive did acknowledge the collective experience of working on ferries that we had as individuals.' The company has already secured an

agreement for the lease of a suitable vessel, according to Mr Robertson.

While acknowledging that an Easter start would mean the route running at a loss for the first few months due to a lack of advertising, Mr Robertson was adamant that the £1 million subsidy would be enough to enable his company to successfully operate the route, based on the figures from Sea Containers' 1997-99 operation.

He added that MSPs George Lyon and Jim Wallace were trying to arrange a meeting between Mr Robertson and transport minister Tavish Scott.

Mr Scott pledged this week to continue with the efforts to reinstate the service, which was also the subject of a failed tender process in 2002.

More on page two.

Baby Lara is first 2006 arrival



Campbeltown Hospital said hello to its first arrival of 2006 when beautiful little Lara McGeachy was born last Tuesday (January 3), weighing a healthy six pounds and 15½ ounces. Mum Hannah McManus was in labour for 25 hours before baby Lara entered the world at 11.45pm. Hannah and Lara's dad Sean said that they are over the moon at the arrival of their baby daughter and would like to say a huge thank you to the midwives at Campbeltown Hospital.

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Ferry fight will go on

Campaigners will battle on while local company hopes to re-enter the running

DESPITE the news that none of the shortlisted companies have been prepared to tender for the Irish ferry, Kintyre has pledged to keep up the fight for the return of the service.

It was announced this week that the Scottish Executive's four preferred

crushing blow to many businesses in Campbeltown and Kintyre, the words of transport minister Tavish Scott seem to offer some encouragement that the service is not yet dead in the water.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Mr Scott said: 'We have always recognised the importance of this service to the communities in Argyll and Moyle. This was our second attempt to see the service reinstated. We will now explore the reasons for the poor response and investigate what options, if any, are available in the context of this tendering process.'

'There is no guarantee, however, that this will produce a way forward. We will allow a fair and reasonable time for this process and will make further information available in due course.'

James Robertson of Dalriada Shipping intends to revive his company's bid for the route in the light of the other companies' failure to tender. Mr Robertson said that he has received support

from a variety of people since making his company's bid to run the service public on Tuesday.

He said: 'I have been in touch with politicians from the local parliament and some of the Argyll and Bute councillors and they seem happy to give me their support.'

'I want to discuss the matter with DBAG and hope that a meeting can be set up in the very near future.'

'We have been working hard behind closed doors and can be ready to carry passengers and freight as early as Easter if we are successful.'

Responding to claims from some quarters that the level of subsidy is too low, and that 11 months is too

ice in detail and, with the £1 million subsidy, we can make it work for 11 months of the year,' he said.

After hearing from Mr Robertson at its meeting on Monday night, Campbeltown Community Council is giving Dalriada Shipping its backing.

Chairwoman Nancie Smith said: 'While we are obviously disappointed that no-one has put in a formal bid for the service, we are encouraged that a local company which appears to meet the criteria has come forward. Campbeltown Community Council will be giving Mr Robertson's company our 100 per cent support.'

The Dalriada Business Action Group, which has played an important part in the efforts to attract a bid, also said that it was not yet prepared to give up.

A statement on behalf of the group said: 'We have fought this cause for almost three years now, and we do not intend to give up even at this late stage.'

'We are encouraged by the tone of transport minister Tavish Scott's statement in that he does not appear to be slamming the door shut on the route at least in the short term, and to this end we will be seeking urgent talks with Mr Scott and his officials to see how we can take this forward at this stage.'

'It is important that we learn why the tendering exercise was once more a failure and also that we explore all alternative avenues that could lead to securing an operator.'

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The MV Claymore sails out of Campbeltown Loch for Ballycastle during the service's first, and so far only, period of operation.

MSP George Lyon was less positive. He said: 'This was always the last throw of the dice and I believe we now need to examine other options to improve transport links from Campbeltown.'

In the wake of the news, Argyll and Bute Council has said that it intends to maintain the links which have been formed with Moyle District Council at the other side of the link.

Council leader Councillor Allan Macaskill said: 'Whilst we recognise that this particular window of opportunity is now closed, we will not give up hope that a new one might open in the future and we will undertake to explore any opportunity that may present itself.'

A spokesman for Moyle District Council echoed Councillor Macaskill's sentiments.



DBAG's Les Oman

bidders - Harrison's (Clyde) Ltd, Serco Denholm, the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company and Western Ferries - had all declined to submit a formal tender, despite expressing their interest back in September.

While the news is a



Community council chairwoman Nancie Smith

long a period for the service, Mr Robertson was adamant that his company would be able to operate the route on that basis.

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Traders in Campbeltown are amongst those with the greatest interest in seeing a ferry sailing into the harbour.

Marjorie Brown, chairwoman of the Campbeltown Trading Association said: 'We are very sad that no-one has tendered for the service. A lot of hard work and effort has been put into this project so it is disappointing that this is the outcome. The ferry would have meant so much to both Campbeltown and Ballycastle.'

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Highlands and Islands MSP Jim Mather said that the executive must do all that it could to make sure that the service can go ahead.

He said: 'The prospect of restoring the ferry service must not be abandoned at this late stage without considerably more effort from elected members and from the Scottish Executive. If this attempt has failed to attract tenderers or a suitable vessel for the service we expect the executive to dig deeper. In any other country this would be seen for the long term self-funding proposition that it is.'




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

All those living in Argyll and Bute who were born on April 21, 1926 and would

like to have a chance of lunching with The Queen should write in the first instance to the Lieutenantcy Clerk who is George Seaton, Bank of Scotland Buildings, Station Road, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4LN (telephone: 01631 563014) with the copy of their birth certificate by Monday (January 16.) Selection will be by ballot.

Residents hit out at speeding drivers

TWO Campbeltown women have hit out at the speeding drivers who they claim are putting their lives in danger. Moira McMillan and Jenny Fraser said that every time they step out of their front doors in Witchburn Road they fear for their lives due to the speed at which drivers are travelling past their houses.

The two women live in Lorne Cottage, opposite the foot of Dell Road, where only a narrow strip of pavement separates their front doors from the busy road.

After initially contacting community councillor Alec McKerral about their fears, the women attended a meeting of Campbeltown Community Council on Monday night (January 9) to express their concerns.

Speaking at the meeting, Mrs McMillan said: 'The speed these drivers go at is terrible. It is like a speedway outside our front doors sometimes. We are frightened in case we put a foot off the pavement and get knocked down. It is also very dangerous for people who are trying to cross the road, particularly since a lot of older people live in that area.'

Responding to the concerns, Campbeltown police Chief Inspector Harry Miller said that some officers had recently undergone a training course allowing them to use hand-held speed cameras which can be used by all officers, not just those in the traffic department.

The chief inspector said that these cameras had already been used in other areas of Campbeltown and pledged to make sure the area near the women's homes would be targeted to try and slow the flow of traffic past their front doors.

Patient missing

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

Nicholas John Conner, aged 32, failed to return to the hospital after a visit to his family in Helensburgh on Sunday evening. He is described as being five feet 10 inches tall and of heavy build. He has greying hair, a pale complexion and blue eyes. At the time he left his family's home, he was wearing a navy blue tracksuit with white piping and white trainers.

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

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

Work well under way on Southend school extension



Left to right: Head teacher Lesley Ronald, chairwoman of the school board, Anne Baird, councillor Donald Kelly, Fraser Harper, the architect for the project, and Barry Colville from McKinven and Colville during Tuesday's site visit. c02sou01

CONSTRUCTION work at the school board added: 'The Southend Primary School's new extension is now well underway and hopes are high that staff and children at the school will be able to use of it from Easter.'

The extension includes a new hall and canteen area, kitchen, toilets and offices.

During a site visit on Tuesday, councillor Donald Kelly said: 'I'm delighted to have played my part in ensuring that the council made the capital available for this extensive project and I'm sure that the new building will enhance the learning environment for the pupils and will secure the long-term future of Southend Primary School.'

Anne Baird, chairwoman of

the school board is immensely grateful to Councillor Kelly for all the work that he has put into securing the new building and therefore securing the future of the school.'

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Machrihanish set to star on the big screen

A BRITISH film company is planning to use Kintyre as the set for its new film.

JC Crissey, principle producer and director of London Pictures Ltd, visited Kintyre 18 months ago to look at the pros and cons of filming his next movie in the area.

However, another visit last week confirmed that the peninsula is the ideal place for filming and, not only will it be shot here, the story line will be based on Kintyre and the movie will be called *The Kintyre Incident*.

A large part of the filming will take place at the former RAF base at Machrihanish although parts of the surrounding countryside will also be used in Mr Crissey's production.

All that remains now is for the company to get enough funding together to proceed with plans.

All going well, Mr Crissey hopes to begin filming later this year, with the movie being released sometime in

2007. RAF Machrihanish is often associated with Area 51 in the Nevada Desert which, over the years, has been linked with alien activities and this is exactly what Mr Crissey wants to base his new movie on.

While testing a new camera helmet in Kintyre, an ambitious young lieutenant naively propels his platoon into a fight for survival with an unknown alien enemy and in doing so learns the true cost of glory.

Mr Crissey, who was the associated producer for *Blinded* which starred Peter Mullen, said: 'I came here with my wife and we loved the place so decided to film here.'

'We didn't write the script and change it so it could have been filmed anywhere.'

'It can only be filmed here because the story is about Machrihanish.'

'It's all down to the fact that we like the place so much.'

However, Mr Crissey emphasised that this is a low

budget film. 'It's not a Hollywood blockbuster,' he said, 'although all the people involved will be good actors who have done stage work or television and they'll all be Scottish.'

'We'll also probably be looking to bring in some local people to help us make the film, either to be runners or extras,' he said.

Mr Crissey hopes the film will give a welcome boost to the local economy in the same way that *The Blair Witch Project* did to Bunkersville in America.

Bunkersville was a small village with a population of only 50 people but now it is a thriving community.

Mr Crissey said: '[*The Blair Witch Project*] opened up a real revenue of tourism.'

'It's really thriving and there's a lot more employment in the area.'

'It now even has another hotel.'

'To get the same amount of money coming into the local economy here in Kintyre is possible.'

Photo competition

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Men jailed after disturbance

A MAN was sentenced to 60 days in prison at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week after he admitted assaulting a police officer.

George Paton, aged 33, of 26 Main Street, Campbeltown, admitted carrying out the offence in Burnside Street, Campbeltown, on December 1 last year when he was being arrested for committing a breach of the peace.

Appearing before the court, Paton also pled guilty to committing the breach of the peace and was sentenced to 60 days behind bars, to run along-

side his other sentence. His co-accused, Lee Christopher Brogan, aged 27, of 26D Burnside Street, Campbeltown, also admitted committing a breach of the peace and smashing the window of a marked police vehicle, causing three police officers to be showered with glass.

Brogan was fined £300 and £100 respectively and ordered to pay £100 compensation. However, he refused to accept the fines and was sentenced to the alternative of 14 days in prison.

Depute fiscal David Glancy told the

court that at around 10.20pm police officers on duty at a house in Burnside Street were making inquiries about another incident when their attention was drawn to a disturbance in the street outside.

They left the house and made their way to the street where they encountered people fighting.

Amongst the group were Paton and Brogan.

Assistance was requested and every police officer on duty attended.

One of the officers attempted to arrest

Paton but as the officer was about to apply handcuffs to Paton he struck out and hit him before kicking him on the body.

The situation was eventually calmed and Paton and Brogan, along with others, were arrested and taken to Campbeltown Police Office.

On arrival at Campbeltown Police Office Brogan was told to leave the vehicle so that he could be processed at the charge bar.

He refused and kicked the window of the vehicle, causing it to shatter, and three officers who were nearby were

showered with glass. Paton's defence agent Christian Kane said the argument was fairly trivial but was exacerbated because alcohol had been consumed.

'He accepts fully his actions,' said Mr Kane.

Brogan's defence agent David Watt said Brogan went to the rescue of his girlfriend who was being assaulted by another man.

He said Brogan fully accepts responsibility for breaking the window of the police vehicle and makes no excuses for his behaviour.



Pupils deliver Christmas boxes

Senior pupils at Campbeltown Grammar School spent the last few days of the Christmas term filling the school's now traditional Christmas grocery boxes and helping to deliver them to elderly and housebound members of the community. Helped by members of staff, the pupils were soon knocking on doors and delivering some Christmas cheer in Campbeltown and surrounding villages as far afield as Tayinloan, Carradale and Southend. Thanks to a non-uniform day and the proceeds of the school's Christmas dance, 120 boxes were delivered by the pupils, who are pictured above. N/A

Drink-driver banned

DRIVING whilst more than double the legal alcohol limit led to a man being banned from getting behind the wheel for one year at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

John Carmichael, aged 76, of 9 South Moy, Campbeltown, was also fined £300 when he admitted driving with 76mcgs of alcohol in 100mls of breath, the legal limit being 35mcgs per

100ml. Depute fiscal David Glancy told the court that on December 23 last year police officers on duty saw Carmichael driving south in Campbeltown's Glebe Street before turning into Witchburn Road.

Carmichael did not appear to be wearing a seat belt so the officers followed him as he continued his journey on the B842 towards Stewarton. The officers noticed he

was driving 'gingerly'. Carmichael then turned on to the Moy road before stopping. As he got out the vehicle he staggered and officers could smell alcohol from him.

Defence agent Christian Kane said Carmichael has no previous convictions and was fully co-operative with the police.

'He admitted it at the first opportunity,' he said.

Young men fined by court

SMASHING a window at house led to a young man being fined £150 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Robert Gavin David MacLean, aged 19, of 12B Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, was also ordered to pay £60 in damages for the broken window.

His co-accused, Dean Philip Ratcliff, also aged 19, of 5 Rhudal Cottages, Drumlemble, was fined £150 for committing a

breach of the peace. The court heard that on July 9 last year MacLean and Ratcliff were at a party in a house in Mill Street, Campbeltown but an argument ensued and the pair left.

A short while later, however, the occupier of the house saw MacLean and Ratcliff standing outside his living room window.

He then heard a loud smash coming from another room in the house. The occupier went into the bed-

room and found that the window had been broken. Ratcliff was outside shouting.

Ratcliff's defence agent Christian Kane told the court: 'This is a case of an argument which headed the wrong way.'

Mr Kane said the occupier of the house had threatened Ratcliff earlier in the evening and returned to find out why. MacLean, who was not legally represented, made no comment in court.

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Kintyre's 'big cat' sightings on the increase

NUMEROUS sightings of a big cat in Kintyre over the last few weeks have revealed there could be more than one on the prowl.

This comes after one eyewitness is reported to have seen the animal carrying what appeared to be a cub in its mouth in the south Kintyre area.

Another source, who did not want to be named, said he too saw the creature on Boxing Day.

Campbeltown's Robert Brown, was lucky enough to see the animal whilst out walking near Machrihanish last Tuesday (January 3).

Mr Brown said: 'I saw it prowling around at the foot of the cliff and then it appeared to pounce on something.'

'I sat watching it for about 10 or 15 minutes before trying to get a bit closer but it must have seen me and it disappeared. It

was black and about two feet high. It was roughly about three to three and a half feet long.'

These sightings come only weeks after a similar animal was spotted in the Tayinloan area.

Paw prints have also been found in places where the cats have been spotted and Shaun Stevens from the big cat research group, Big Cats in Britain, is currently having faeces which was found analysed by experts.

It is unclear what the animal is but it is believed to be either a black leopard or a Kellas cat.

Both are similar in size, measuring around 20 inches in height and around 42 inches long, but Kellas cats appear to have slightly sharper ears.

Sceptics believe there are no such things as big cats roaming the Scottish countryside but those have seen

them will tell you otherwise. The passing of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act in 1976 forced people keeping wild animals to get a licence.

This is thought to have resulted in many owners releasing them into the wild and there was a dramatic increase of sightings during this period.

A puma was the strongest proof yet when it was caught in a farmer's trap in Inverness in 1980.

A large cage containing feeding bowls was also found in the Dalsmirren area of Kintyre several years ago leading to local speculation that this is where the animal was released.

If you have spotted this animal or have any information on its whereabouts, contact Aileen MacLennan at the *Courier* news desk on 01586 554646.



Some of the group who transmitted from the radio site at Machrihanish last week are pictured above. N/A

Machrihanish station transmits to almost 800 worldwide

THE reactivated radio site at Machrihanish, set up last week to mark the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic radio broadcast, communicated with almost 800 other stations worldwide.

Duncan McArthur, one of the group of local radio enthusiasts who set up the site to pay tribute to Reginald Fessenden, said this week that the only places on the globe which were not broadcast to were South America and the west coast of the USA.

The first transatlantic transmission took place on January 3 1906 between Brant Rock at Marshfield, Massachusetts, and Machrihanish.

Last week, members of Campbeltown Community Council

exchanged messages with their counterparts in Brant Rock. The Machrihanish station, set up in the University of Stirling's premises with equipment loaned from ICOM UK, used up to 400 watts on various short wave frequencies.

Mr McArthur was joined by local operators Willie Hunter, James MacDonald, Brian Thompson and Robin McQuilkan to communicate with the other stations, all of which received a special QSL card designed by Russell Carroll.

Speaking at the conclusion of the week-long event, Mr McArthur said that he would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the broadcasts possible.



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Man fined after taking vehicles from Tarbert

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

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

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

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

At 9am a worker went to the yard and saw that the first vehicle had been moved and was leaking oil. He did not immediately notice that the second vehicle

was missing. A review of the yard's CCTV footage showed Johnstone carrying out the offences.

In a separate incident, Johnstone was also fined a £600 when he pled guilty to assaulting a police officer and another man, whose identity is unknown. He was fined an additional £200 because these offences occurred whilst on bail.

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

The other man appeared to be backing off but

Johnstone was continuing to punch and kick him.

Officers arrested Johnstone but as they did so he lashed out and kicked one of the officers on the chest.

The other man left before his details could be taken.

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

Regarding the second incident, Mr Watt said Johnstone accepts his behaviour was out of order.

Woman admits breach of peace

COMMITTING a breach of the peace led to a woman being ordered to carry out 100 hours of community service.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Elizabeth Jean Williamson, aged 40, of 29A Broad Street, Campbeltown, admitted committing the offence on June 28 last year.

Depute fiscal David Glancy told the court that at around 3pm Williamson was walking in Saddell Street, Campbeltown, when she crossed the road and confronted her son's 15-year-old girlfriend.

Defence agent David Watt said Williamson pled guilty to a fairly early stage and simply felt that she had a mother's right to comment on the behaviour of her son's girlfriend.



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Kintyre Way to bring 5,000 visitors

THE KINTYRE Way, a walk which it is hoped will bring at least 5,000 new visitors to the peninsula each year, is set to open in June this year.

The 89-mile long route winds its way down and across the peninsula from Tarbert to Dunaverty in Southend and has been in the pipeline for a number of years.

Final details for part of the walk have still to be finalised but the Forestry Commission, which has been carrying out much of the work on the project on behalf of the Kintyre Marketing Group, is confident that the weekend of June 10 and 11 will see walkers take their first steps on the route. Outlining the route

to members of Campbeltown Community Council on Monday night (January 9), the Forestry Commission's Colin Hossack said that the 5,000 visitors figure was a conservative estimate based on similar walks in other parts of Britain.

Attractive

Colin said he hoped the Kintyre Way would be attractive to walkers for a number of reasons, not least the magnificent views which the walk will provide, on both sides of the peninsula.

Information boards are to be provided at a number of points along the route, outlining the various places and points of interest that walkers will come across during each stage of the walk.

Some concerns were expressed by the community council about walkers having to walk on a short stretch of the main road near Peninver, but Colin said that he hoped that work to make the verges accessible would alleviate any potential problems.

The Forestry Commission is still trying to find an alternative walk from Campbeltown to Machrihanish as the only plan so far is for walkers to use the main road or use public transport for that part of the route.

Colin also promised that the final route will be put before the public before the walk opens for any further concerns or issues to be raised.

New Year rain damages village road

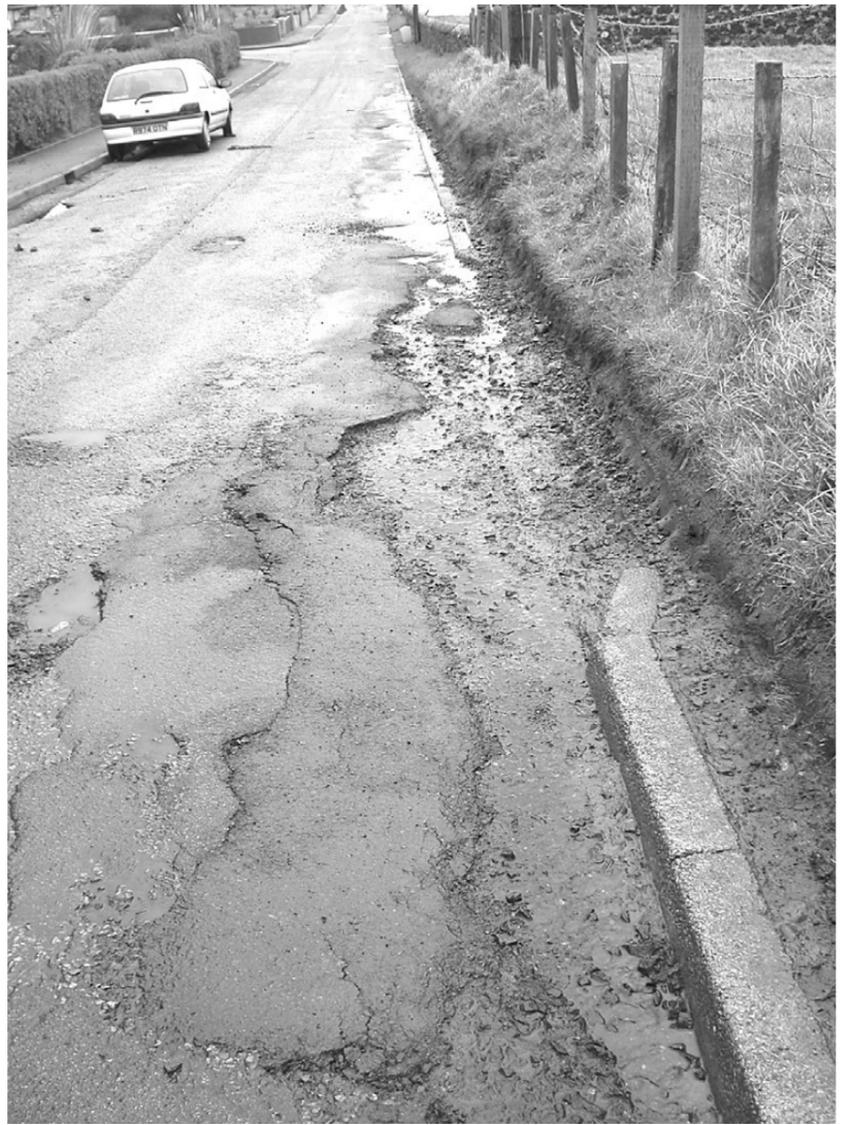
HEAVY rainfall over New Year washed away large parts of the road in Drumlemble (pictured).

Residents woke up on Friday December 30 to find that large holes in the road had appeared and parts of the Tarmac had been lifted.

After seeing *The Campbeltown Courier's* photographs of the damage, Donnie McLeod, Area Roads and Amenity Manager at Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'Some minor surface damage that will require repair as and when resources are available occurred.

'The road is still in a safe condition and is fit for purpose.

'The road will be monitored to ensure that no further significant deterioration occurs.'



Administrator reveals plan for Lochgilphead firm

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

Johnston Heating Engineers Ltd was placed in administration in November, owing its creditors £31,097.41.

A director's loan of £105,826 is also outstanding.

In a letter sent to all of the company's creditors on December 31, David Brown of D Brown and Co Chartered Accountants said: 'In terms of the Insolvency Act 1986 as amended by the Enter-

prise Act 2002 I now enclose my proposals for achieving the purpose of the administration, which is to achieve a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up without first being in administration.'

Meeting

The letter advises that a meeting of all creditors will be held at 2.15pm today (Friday) in the administrator's Glasgow office. Those attending will be asked to consider the administrator's proposals and elect a committee. Creditors have until

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

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

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

In the administrator's proposals, creditors are warned that 'the level of recovery of

the debts is doubtful and there is a possibility that no dividends will be payable'.

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

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

The Courier was unable to contact the company's owner Alan Johnston.

ABREEF's focus on environmental issues

KINTYRE has a unique environment and like many remote areas depends heavily on its environment to support the local economy.

More and more pressure is put on our environment as new initiatives spring up which utilise local environmental resources both to the benefit and detriment of the wider community.

New developments tend to be driven by industry from outside Kintyre which tend to recognise the material advantages in our environment but overlook a significant aspect of Kintyre - its

cultural heritage, how we used to live with our environment.

This year the Kintyre Environmental Group intends to run a series of public activities and events to inform, raise awareness and scrutinise new developments affecting the local environment also a series of public activities and events to highlight our cultural heritage and how we have lived with our local environment.

In recent years the Kintyre Environmental Group has operated the Kintyre Community Organic Garden

with a small number of volunteers. In order to get these new activities and events off the ground more interested active volunteers are needed.

There is no plan yet for what the focus of these activities and events will be.

This will depend on who comes forward and what their interests are but it is hoped that an event similar to the environmental fair ran by ABREEF last year as well as some workshops and public meetings will take place.

Ideas which might be of

interest are marine environment, whales and dolphins, coastline activities, bygone skills, green woodworking, organic growing, how we used to farm, alternative energy, tourism and our environment.

If you have an idea that you want to highlight or just a general interest in becoming involved in the group to help organise these activities then the group wants to hear from you at a public meeting at 7.30pm, in the White Hart Hotel, Campbeltown, on Thursday January 26.

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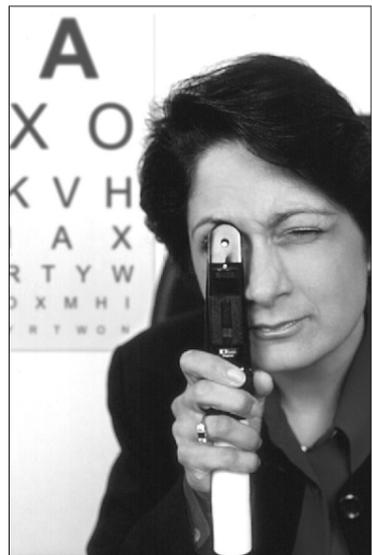
For the past six years, Stewart Wilson from Specsavers in Glenrothes has been running a mobile service to parts of Scotland that have limited access to eyecare, including the Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland, so that everyone can take advantage of the professional, value for money eyecare that Specsavers has become well known for.

Now this service is being taken to the Mull of Kintyre so that even more people can enjoy Specsavers offers.

Value for money

'Mobile eyecare is an extremely rewarding experience,' says Stewart.

'I love getting out and about into the community and being able to offer a high quality eyecare service to lots of people who perhaps wouldn't otherwise have access to a Specsavers store.'



'It's always great to meet new people and we've been heartened by the response we've received in the Western Isles during the last six years.'

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'We intend to provide our customers with the same high professional standards, excellent value for money and choice that they enjoy when visiting one of our stores.'

Opticians generally recommend a complete eye examination every two years. More frequent checks are advised from around the age of 45, when most people begin to need glasses for reading and close work.

'Just as most people go to their dentist every six months for a check-up, so we suggest that you should see your local optician regularly,' says Stewart.

'Regular eye examinations are an essential part of routine healthcare. During a routine eye examination we can spot the early signs of several potential health problems even before the customer is aware of them.'

Wide choice

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or Dead, Quiksilver and Monsoon - and our own original fashion collection Osiris has been expanding over the past few years, offering a variety of options to suit everyone.

'More and more people are buying different pairs of glasses to wear at home and work, for weekends and evenings, or to match different outfits,' says Stewart. 'And with our Two for one offer, when you buy a pair of glasses from our £75 range or above you can have a second pair with our standard PENTAX single vision lenses absolutely free, so you can afford to wear one pair for work and one to play.'

Value for money

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Specsavers will be Visiting the Stewarton Hall, Campbeltown from Monday 30th January to Thursday 2nd February 2006. Telephone 01592 769560 for more details and an appointment.

Thought for the Week

OUR CHRISTMAS box is packed away for another year, and had our daughters been here they would have smiled at one point in the proceedings. The angel that tops our little tree each year has been rather bruised by the years, but she's not going to be replaced. Each year I put her inside a poly bag, straighten her up with a sheet of cardboard and sellotape her in for the year. What would have made the girls laugh is the piece of cardboard. The current bit is just plain and white, but when they were young their names were on the card and the years in which they had each placed the angel on top of the Christmas tree. There was no room for argumentation about whose turn it was, for it was there in black and white!

The Bible tells us: 'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.' Now, that is realistic. We can't live at peace with those who wage war on us, whether nationally or personally. But we can do everything in our power to live at peace, and sometimes that has more to do with sheer common sense than anything more highfaluting! (See Romans 12:18)

Irene Howat



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane photograph was submitted by Neil MacCallum of Ralston Road, Campbeltown, and shows the town's postal staff in the 1970s. Pictured are: back row, left to right: Willie Mowat (postmaster), Bobby McLean, Willie Campbell, Archie Wilson, Alister Gillies, Billy Lafferty, Archie McMillan, Brian Cook. Middle: Jenny McAulay, Johnny Hume, Jean Coffield, Neil S MacCallum, John D Gillies (head postmaster, Oban). Front: Arthur McArthur, Terry Heenan, Callum Brodie, Duncan McGeachy, Archie Kelly.

Those Were The Days

The Campbeltown Courier, January 10 1992

Post Office Gaelic goof

GOODWILL greetings addressed in Gaelic have stirred up a storm of bad feelings after they failed to reach their destination.

The Christmas card from staff at *The Campbeltown Courier* was sent to Argyll and Bute District Council Chief Executive Michael Gossip.

The envelope was addressed using the Gaelic letterhead which appears on all district council correspondence.

But as *The Courier* went to press two weeks later, the card has still not arrived at the Council's Kilmory headquarters.

When contacted, a Campbeltown spokesman said: 'It would be the same as Japanese or Chinese people in the town sending a letter home. They use Chinese characters but must also put the English alongside.'

Leading Gaelic figures in Argyll have reacted with surprise and, in some cases, fury.

District Councillor Donald McKerrell of Islay, chairman of the Gaelic sub-committee at Kilmory, said: 'This is a terrible and ridiculous situation. People have been using Gaelic for centuries. I am disgusted and will bring the matter up at the next meeting of the sub-committee.' But Ar-

gyll and Bute Gaelic Development Officer Margaret Morrison said: 'The Post Office is usually pretty supportive. For example, they have agreed that their Royal Mail vans will have bi-lingual signs on them.'

'There are only about 6,000 Gaelic speakers in Argyll, mostly on Tiree, Islay and Mull. The proportion on the mainland is quite small.'

'We have to be pragmatic and accept that English is the lingua franca of Argyll.'

Kintyre escapes floods

CAMPBELTOWN, South Kintyre and Islay escaped the torrential floods that hit parts of Scotland over the New year period.

A low pressure combined with a high tide caused residents and shops on the seafront to take precaution against a repetition of last year's floods. But although gale force winds and rain did hit the area, flooding worries were misplaced.

Throughout the rest of Scotland towns were hit with gale-force winds and persistent rain led many rivers to burst their banks. The road to Fort William was blocked after a landslide covered the road, and the Shetland Isles were hit by hurricane force winds that ripped the roofs off houses and blew over caravans.

Kintyre not included in marine park

Sir, I refer to your article in last week's *Courier* headed Argyll could be first marine national park and I would suggest that the article should have been more accurately headed The west coast of Argyll excluding Kintyre and Gigha could be first marine national park.

I make this point after checking the subject on Scottish National Heritage's website.

SNH's assessment of suitable areas is at stage two (generation of more specific proposals for possible areas) and it is quite

clear, per the stakeholder group discussion papers, that the west coast of Kintyre is not being considered for inclusion in any Argyll coastal and marine national park.

This means that Kintyre would miss out on all the benefits, including financial, that being part of an Argyll coastal and marine park would bring.

I would urge all interested parties to write to SNH requesting that the west coast of Kintyre to the mull, should be included.

This area has some of Scotland's most outstanding coastal scenery, from the Mull of Kintyre to West Loch Tarbert, important migratory bird flyways and offers superb marine wildlife watching opportunities.

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Councils let down on tax

Sir, Council Leader Alan Macaskill's warning in last week's *Courier* that council tax bills will rise even although services are to be cut is a wake-up call to those who still believe a word that the Liberal/Labour executive has to say on public policy.

Every year the executive and Argyll's MSP, George Lyon, who is now a junior finance minister in the coalition - trumpet 'record' sums of money for council services.

Yet, behind the warm words and soft focus spin, real services on the ground to real people are under threat and weakened.

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

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

The fact is that efficiency is now a permanent way of life for councils.

But efficiency should result in better services not simply a shabby cash-grab by central government.

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

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

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

Ron Wilson, secretary, Campbeltown SNP.

Chairman replies

Sir, Your correspondents of December 30 (re Tarbert Harbour) appear to be under some misapprehensions. The harbour trustees are required by the government's 'guidance' to prepare a strategy plan with the objective of maintaining and improving the harbour facilities for the benefits of all its 'stakeholders'.

The trustees have drafted a consultation document which outlines various proposals to be considered for inclusion in the final strategy plan. Comments and suggestions have been invited from as broad a range of interested parties as possible.

In the light of responses, an amended draft will be produced. Discussion papers are available from the harbour office and when completed should be returned direct to the harbour office, not through self-ap-

pointed and unauthorised third parties. Mrs Smith's assertion that partnership funding could involve 'loss of ownership of the harbour' is disingenuous scaremongering.

Mr Johnson's comments appear to be based on incomplete information and a lack of awareness of the process which is underway. John McAlpine as local councillor has been invited to meet with trustees to discuss the detail of the strategy plan and other related harbour matters.

It is relevant to note that the local plan currently being prepared by Argyll and Bute Council has identified the whole of Tarbert Harbour as an 'area for action'.

This will not preclude any sizeable development from being subject to public scrutiny, and where appropriate

the approval of the harbour trustees. Tarbert is a unique village with an attractive and safe natural harbour. It is principally a fishing port and has the largest fishing fleet in the Clyde area.

Tarbert is also a popular destination for the leisure sailor during the sailing season. Commercial vessels (fish farm, ferry and others) are regular users of the harbour.

The village hotels, shops and other businesses benefit from, and in some cases depend on, the trade generated by this activity. The trustees are committed to the continuing operation of an efficient harbour to the benefit of its users and the community at large.

Ian Y Macintyre, Chairman of Tarbert Harbour Trustees, Harbour Office, Harbour Street, Tarbert.

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Argyll and Bute Excellence Awards - the winners

ARGYLL and Bute Council's first Excellence Awards was a night of celebrations for community groups and projects across the west coast.

But it was undoubtedly Port Ellen Primary School's night; the school picked up three of the six awards including the Leading Rural Area Overall award for the school's eco-group, Brilliant Beginnings.

The group, which received the Eco Schools Green Flag award earlier this year, was formed by pupils, parents, school staff and community members with the intention of improving the school grounds but began looking into other ways to make the school healthier and environmentally friendly.

Technology

Brilliant Beginnings also picked up the award for Advancing Community Wellbeing, which was sponsored by Clydesdale Bank plc.

Port Ellen primary's other success story was its tablet project, which picked up the BT Scotland-sponsored Innovative Use of Technology Award.

The project involves Port

Ellen Primary School won the overall award, while Campbeltown Grammar School's Stage Diner won the award for service improvements and customer needs.

Ellen pupils investigating the use of PC tablet laptops; computers which have screens that can be written and drawn on directly and have internet connections.

The particular focus of the project was on how this technology can help learning and teaching.

The project was funded and supported by Argyll and Bute's quality improvement officer for ICT, John McPhee.

'I'm delighted the project has won the award', he said. 'It was no surprise because of the quality of work put in by the head teacher and deputy head teacher Kathleen Johnston.

'We were guaranteed a high level of success as Kathleen was very confi-

dent and comfortable in understanding how ICT can be used in the school's curriculum.'

John attended the prestigious ceremony on Monday December 12 along with Port Ellen head teacher, Violet Cusworth, deputy head and chairwoman of the Brilliant Beginnings committee, Kathleen Johnston, and janitor and committee member, Lachlan Gairns.

Celebrated

Campbeltown Grammar School has also been celebrated for its provision of school meals through its self-service 'Stage Diner' sandwich bar, with the award for Service Improvements and Customer Needs, which was sponsored by Barr Limited. Campbel-



Overall winner of the Argyll and Bute Excellence Awards was Port Ellen Primary School's Brilliant Beginnings. Pictured from left are: George Lyon MSP, Lachie Gairns from Brilliant Beginnings, Colin Mair, chief executive of the improvement service, Port Ellen head teacher Violet Cusworth, council leader Allan Macaskill and Port Ellen deputy head teacher Kathleen Johnston.

town Grammar's catering manager Elizabeth McCallum, catering staff members Christine McNaughton and Moira McLellan and area manager for catering Esther Strickland attended the Corran Halls ceremony to collect the award.

As well as the school canteen serving hot meals,

Campbeltown Grammar pupils now have the choice of the Stage Diner system in the school's assembly hall at lunch times.

There, pupils can choose from a selection of sandwiches, baguettes and wraps from a refrigerated display along with cartons of soup, fruit, milk, water and fruit juices.

The service, which has been running for the past three years, has been made to run quickly and efficiently with a no cash system with pupils paying using their Young Scot cards instead. 'The starting point was to move to a cashless system, coupled with the need to address problems of queue congestion in the canteen,' said Campbeltown Grammar rector William Crossan, 'but the over-riding aim was to promote healthier eating habits.' Healthier options are now

available at the school and a new salad bar has been added to the Stage Diner.

With the introduction of the Stage Diner, more pupils have been enjoying school lunches.

Before the new system was established, around 410 pupils ate lunch in the school; this figure now stands at more than 480 pupils eating school lunches per day and 24-times as many sandwiches are being sold each day.

Attractive

The scheme, which cost a total of around £5,000, was jointly funded by Campbeltown Grammar School, Fusions and the Kintyre Healthy Living Partnership.

As well as new counters and refrigerated vending equipment, new tables, chairs and soft seating were purchased, and, to provide music, a new stereo system will be in-

stalled. 'Our next steps will be, firstly, to promote the whole healthy eating ethos and, secondly, to make taking a school lunch a more attractive option rather than going out of school,' said Mr Crossan.

'Winning an Excellence Award has been a great boost for a hard-working team and it will really encourage us to maintain the drive for excellence.'

In the Health Improvement category, which was sponsored by NHS Argyll and Clyde, Men's Health Week took the award for their 2005 MOT Health Checks project in Dunoon.

Scotwest Credit Union Ltd sponsored the award for Securing a Workforce for the Future which was presented to Argyll and Bute's internal audit team after their move to Band 1 status from Band 4, the lowest of the bands.



Campbeltown Grammar School's Stage Diner won the award for service improvements and customer needs. From left: Colin Mair, Esther Strickland, area manager for catering; Elizabeth McCallum, catering manager at Campbeltown Grammar, Councillor Robin Banks, Christine McNaughton and Moira McLellan.



Margaret MacLean and her Argyll and Bute catering team provided a wonderful three course meal for 100 guests at the awards ceremony.

Forum creates a new post in Campbeltown

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

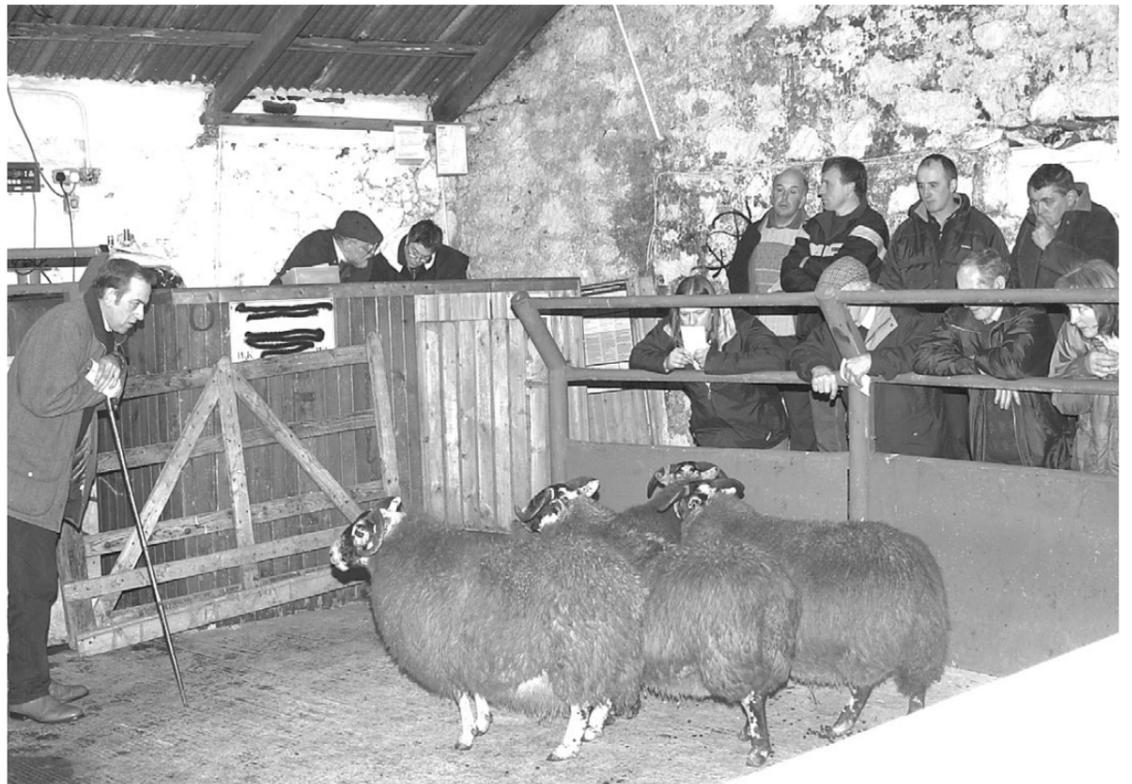
European funded schemes.

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

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

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

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



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

Jackson to judge annual Blackface sheep stockjudging

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

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

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

Health advice for pregnant women during the lambing season

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

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

should always wear rubber gloves.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KINTYRE PRIMESTOCK AND BLACKFACE BREEDERS ASSOCIATIONS

Joint AGM

Wednesday 18 January

White Hart Hotel
Campbeltown
8 p.m.

Speaker:
Donald McPherson
Berwick-on-Tweed
All welcome

Argyll abattoir meetings

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

Anyone individuals or local

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

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

ABATTOIR PROJECT



NFU Scotland

Open Meeting

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

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

Other meetings are also being held at the following venues

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

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International DJ's Campbeltown show

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event.

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

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

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

Dalriada Band spreads its wings

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

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

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

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

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

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Trio opens Dalriada fiddle club season



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

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

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

Donald will again take

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

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

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

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

Clachan Calamities present *Sleeping Beauty*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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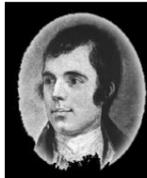
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NEW YEAR -- NEW YOU



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Copious amounts of alcohol and one too many extra helpings of Christmas pudding have taken their toll on your waistline and you feel just as stuffed as the turkey did on Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Get in the know

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

Reward yourself

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



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Guide to child care in Mid Argyll and Kintyre

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

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

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

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

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



Dalintober pre 5's enjoy a healthy snack



Fun in the Sand pit at Dalintober

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Having fun with the toys at Campbeltown Nursery

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

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

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



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



Making a splash at Riverside Rascals

Animal antics at Riverside Rascals

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

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

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Living in Kintyre call Jackie on 07919 410 872

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A Volunteers' Course of Preparation is starting shortly in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Bowmore.



Story time at Duncholgan Playgroup

Dalintober Primary Pre-5 Unit

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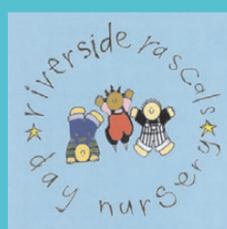
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ELF's is a well established group that has operated from Lochgilhead Community Centre for many years. We provide pre school education for 2 to 5 year olds through our pre school playgroup. This operates every day during school terms, 9.30am to 12pm with flexible wrap around care available between 9am and 1pm. Funding for pre-school education for 3-5 year olds is provided by Argyll and Bute Council. Our qualified and experienced staff plan a variety of learning experiences.

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

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

BADDEN FARM NURSERY is a purpose built day care nursery situated half-a-mile from Lochgilhead on the Oban road.

Our qualified/experienced full-time staff offer the children a warm, safe and stimulating environment while being sensitive to each child's individual needs. We offer full-time care 50 weeks of the year from 8am to 6pm for children aged six months to five years.

The nursery is commissioned for pre-school education and offers a well-balanced curriculum to all three and four year olds.

Our baby room is bright and spacious with an adjoining sleep room.

We offer plenty of fresh air and exercise in our large play area with a garden then children themselves are creating.

Parents are very welcome to visit the nursery and have a look round. For any other information please contact Mrs Jennifer Campbell on 01546 600072.

MID ARGYLL TOY LIBRARY lends toys to individuals, families, childminders, grandparents, playgroups or to anyone with children coming to stay. You don't have to be a parent to join. We have a wide selection of toys catering mainly for children 0 to 5 including baby toys to large outdoor toys and toys that encourage particular skills.

The library operates from Lochgilhead Community Centre on Fridays 11am to 2.45pm. Come along for a cup of tea, coffee and a chat with Laura, our new Toy Librarian while your children play.

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

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

Come along and visit us

when we reopen on Friday 20th January.

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

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

tackle current and ongoing Childminding issues.

Support is given to new and individual childminders and encouragement given to enable the formation of childminding groups. Tracey can offer assistance to new and evolving groups as well as supporting well established childminding groups. Through promoting and facilitating liaison between childminders, parents and local authorities and by maintaining links with the Childcare Partnership she can provide an effective network.

A fundamental part of the service is to provide information to parents and childminders. An extensive range of publications is available from the Scottish Childminding Association providing detailed information. The Development Officer is available to answer your questions on the local advice line. By maintaining close links with other childcare agencies and keeping up-to-date on childcare issues, she delivers a valued service.

Preparation Courses for prospective Childminders are run in various locations

and are designed to provide 'stepping stones' to future learning. The sessions are informal and topics covered include how to register, taking a professional approach to your work, equal opportunities in childcare, assertiveness, child development and setting limits on children's behaviour. A short marketing workshop is also included.

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

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



Tarbert Academy pre-5's



Playtime at Badden Farm



Partytime at Badden Farm

mid argyll toy library
 Mid Argyll Toy Library has more than 500 toys that families can borrow. They range from large garden cars to toys for tots as well as videos and cd-roms. We add toys to the library every year and retire our older toys so that the selection is always fresh and inviting. The library operates from Lochgilhead Community Centre and we have space for children to play and adults to enjoy tea and cakes whilst the important job of choosing what to borrow is made! The library is very welcoming so please come along and see what we have to offer.
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contact us on;- 01463 715545 or gail.duff@childminding.org Alternatively call Kate Hargreaves, Childminding Development Officer on 01880 820996

TARBERT ACADEMY PRE-5 UNIT helps young children learn effectively in a variety of ways including exploring, observing, listening and talking, responding, thinking and experimenting. Play is the main means of bringing together a range of these activities. We therefore provide a wide variety of play materials and activities, geared to the children's needs, because we recognise the powerful contribution that play can make to young children's development and learning.

We aim to cater for the individual needs of our children in a bright, busy, safe and stimulating environment, by

working in partnership with parents/carers, by valuing and building upon children's learning experiences and by broadening these learning experiences in their pre-school years through play and exploration so that they are confident, keen and enthusiastic learners who look forward to starting school.

We aim to provide opportunities for our children to develop **EMOTIONALLY SOCIALLY, PHYSICALLY and INTELLECTUALLY** Learning to be independent, confident and self assured.

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

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

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

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



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

The revised symmetrical all-wheel drive system

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

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

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

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



TOYOTA F3R CONCEPT: LIVING ROOM ON WHEELS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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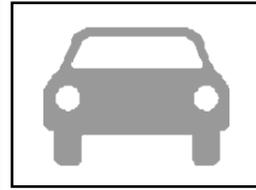


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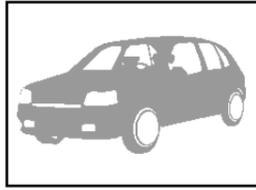


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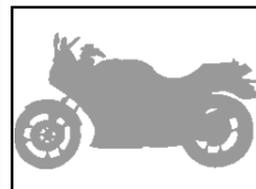


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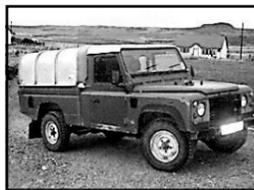


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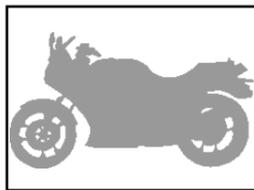


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Ref: CSC03985 - Woodlands Resource Centre, Campbeltown

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An insight into disability issues and knowledge of other care providers and Person Centred Planning and an ability to provide appropriate personal care are desirable. You must be flexible, adaptable and confident and have empathy-ability to see a position from a Service User's point of view.

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Ref: CSC03993 - Ardfenaig Residential Home

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

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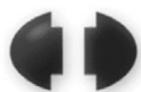
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CS/FBS/270/05

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Meeting of Qualified Proprietors**

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

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

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

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

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

Please advise attendance to Mrs Jane Wright at
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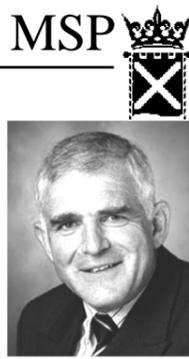
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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

● Ref No: 05/02566/OUT
Applicant: Mr Malcolm Kirk
Proposal: Erection of single dwelling with garage
Site Address: Plot 125 Craobh Haven By Lochgilphead
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

● Ref No: 05/02536/DET
Applicant: M And K MacLeod
Proposal: Erection of 5 two bed amenity houses and formation of alternative access
Site Address: Land North Of Walled Garden Achnaba Lochgilphead Argyll
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

● Ref No: 05/02277/DET
Applicant: John And Ann Muir
Proposal: Erection of new house and garage - reserved matters relative to consent 03/00916/OUT - Site for erection of dwellings and sewage treatment plant.
Site Address: Plot 2 Land 200m South West Of Auchencorvie Cottages Campbeltown Argyll
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

● Ref No: 05/02582/LIB
Applicant: The Royal Bank Of Scotland
Proposal: Erection of signage
Site Address: The Royal Bank Of Scotland Plc Church Square Inveraray Argyll PA32 8TY
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Inveraray
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day

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I would like to thank most sincerely, family, relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers, phone calls and visits to me at home after my accident. Special thanks to Gus and Callum the ambulance paramedics and Police constables, also Dr Lazarus, nurses and all staff at the hospital.

Christine Duncan,
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LOOK WHO'S 40 ON THE 14TH



Love Mum & Family
XX

Agnes Jane Gilchrist would like to thank Mr Aitchison, staff nurses and Doctors in Gartnavel Hospital for great care while in hospital, also Mr Scobie and staff, Oban. Thanks to relatives and friends for get well cards, flowers and gifts and many phone calls. Thanks also to Rev David Carruthers for visits to hospital, also friends from Ardrishaig and Glasgow and Mr Donald MacMillan for transport to and from hospital.

NEIL BROWN

would like to thank family and friends for the cards and gifts he received on the occasion of his retirement, they were greatly appreciated.

Thank you
all once again.

Peter & Belinda

Would like to thank family and friends for making their Wedding Day a special one. Thanking everyone for their cards, gifts and kind thoughts.

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Marie Young

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said: 'Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another...' (Romans 13:8)

BIRTHS

O'NEILL - Colin and Ea are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter Eva Dena, on January 5, 2006, at Stirling Royal Infirmary, a wee sister for Thomas.

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

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

ENGAGEMENTS

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

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

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

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

WEDDING

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

SILVER WEDDING

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

RUBY WEDDING

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

DIAMOND WEDDING

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

DEATHS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Cremation Service will be

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

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

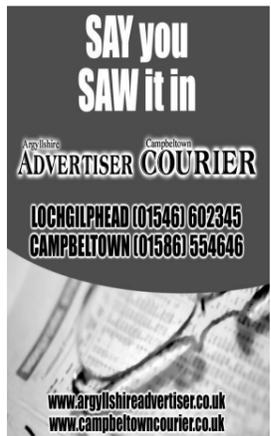
McMILLAN - Peacefully, at the home of his daughter in Clarkston, Glasgow, on January 7, 2006, George McMillan, in his 87th year, formerly of An' Croit, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of the late Alison, much loved father of Alison and Marion and a loving granda of Kim.

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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



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SINCLAIR - Archie and family wish to thank all family and friends for their support in their sad loss. Thanks to doctors and nurses at Mid-Argyll Hospital and all staff at Ardfenaig for their care of Mary, to Rev. A Miles and Rev. McNeil for support and comfort and to Stan Lupton, Funeral Directors for an efficient and dignified service.

STEWART - Christine, wife of the late Robbie Stewart and family would like to thank friends, relatives and neighbours for kind tributes, wishes and cards. Also paramedics, Doctor Phillips, the firm of Donald Macdonald undertakers for most efficient service, Dr Roddy MacLeod for most comforting service, Stag Hotel for excellent purvey and all who attended church and graveside. Money raised for Robin House was £125.

IN MEMORIAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jim Campbell
Monday 16 January 2006
The Guild 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 17 January 2006
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45 a.m.
Friday 20 January 2006
Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.

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Sunday 15 January 2006
11.30 a.m. Tarbert
3 p.m. Seniors' Service
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Sunday 15 January 2006
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6.30 p.m. Evening Service
Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Friday 10-11.30 a.m.
Jumpstart Group

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 15 January 2006
Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.
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'Does God Speak Today'

Highland Parish Church



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

Monday 16 January 2006
7.30 p.m.

Guild, Kirk Street Hall

Tuesday 17 January 2006
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Thursday 11.30 a.m.
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New-To-You Stall

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Sunday 15 January 2006
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(Mark 9:41)

Cumlodden (Furnace)
10.30 a.m.

Lochfyneside (Minard)
12 noon

Lochgair 3 p.m.

Rev. Roderick MacLeod
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Kirk Session Meeting
Monday 16 January 2006

Lochgair Church Hall
7.30 p.m.

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A review of Kintyre's sporting year

We conclude our look back at the sporting news from Kintyre in 2005.

June

The inaugural Kintyre Amateur Football League kicked off, with the Milanos lifting the league title and Campbeltown Boys U-19s winning the cup.

George MacMillan was crowned the new club champion at Machrihanish Golf Club.

July

Campbeltown Bowling

Club's gents four of John McLean, John McCormick, Steven Dickson and Jimmy Anderson qualified for the national finals at Ayr Northfield. The women's four from the Argyll Bowling Club - Douglas McKerral, Moira Graham, Isobel Wilson and Margaret Morran - also took part in their national finals.

Campbeltown Cricket Club took on Oban in their first fixture for a number of years.

Dunaverty golfer George

Bradley won the Cattanach Cup at the 68th One Armed Golfers World Championship in Ireland.

Former Kilmarnock footballer Dylan Kerr was appointed Argyll and Bute's first football development officer.

George MacMillan completed a golfing double when he added the Dunaverty club championship to the same title he won at Machrihanish in June.

Six-year-old Bobby Willan from Carradale was runner-up for the second year in a row at the HSBC UK Wee Wonders regional final in Perth.

HRH Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, officially opened the new first tee at Machrihanish Golf Club.

August

The old link between Campbeltown and Cushendall sailing clubs was reinforced when the Irish club sailed into Campbeltown for the annual North Channel Trophy.

Matthew Turner from Kilkenzie became the Scottish 800 metres champion at under 17 level.

David Graham from Machrihanish won the under 16s Argyll and Bute golf championship title at TARBERT GOLF CLUB.

Duncan Watson recorded the seventh hole-in-one of his golfing career when he aced the 10th hole at Dunaverty Golf Club - at the tender age of 80.



HRH Prince Andrew hit the first shot from Machrihanish Golf Club's new first tee in July.

September

The Milanos won the annual Greg MacLean Memorial Cup after an entertaining day's football at the Meadows.

Argyll Bowling Club's outdoor season ended in championship wins for Kate McNair in the ladies section and John McLachlan in the gents.

Hardy golfers braved the wind and rain for the Machrihanish Golf Club Pro-Am, which was won by the Culverwell A team. The

winning professional was former European Tour player Ross Drummond.

October

Drumlemble Primary School pupil Andrew McClymont was named Scottish Junior Chess Player of the Year.

Dalintober Primary School reached the western final of the Bank of Scotland seven-a-side football competition.

Kintyre Ladies Camanachd celebrated their first competitive shinty match

with a 5-1 win over Cowal and Bute.

Campbeltown Pupils won the local derby against Campbeltown Boys by four goals to two in the SAFL's Jimmy Marshall Trophy.

Campbeltown Bowling Club held its outdoor prize-giving. Archie Johnston received the gents championship prize and Shirley Bannatyne won the ladies.

November

At Campbeltown Sailing Club's prize-giving Alastair

Cousin's *Carna* topped the prize list as most successful boat of the season.

Kate Cameron and Andrew Thomson set new Argyll age records at the Kintyre Sports Hall Athletics event.

December

It was Matthew Turner's turn to set Sports Hall records at the Argyll final in Lochgilphead. Matthew capped a hugely successful year by claiming two records in the under 17 competition.



Scotland's junior chess player of the year Andrew McClymont.

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Lady Luck posted missing as Pupils pay the penalty

IF FORTUNE favours the brave then Lady Luck had a day off at Kintyre Park last Saturday.

Campbeltown Pupils dominated the game and can count themselves very unlucky not to be in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup.

A late equaliser from the visitors forced the game into extra time and despite being outplayed, Viewfield, the 2004 Scottish Cup winners, went through after a penalty shootout.

Football

**Soccer World Scottish Amateur Cup fourth round replay
Campbeltown Pupils 1-1 Viewfield Rovers (AET)
Viewfield win 3-1 on penalties**

Urged on by a big, vocal support, the Pupils produced their best display of the season and only a lack of composure in front of goal stopped them from racking up a few goals, which their overall performance deserved.

The Pupils went ahead in

the 66th minute, Andy Robertson scoring with a low drive after a defensive mistake.

The chances that the Pupils missed to kill the game off came back to haunt them in the 84th minute, the Viewfield number 11 curling a beauty past Neil

McKay to send the game into extra time.

With no further scoring the match was to be decided by penalty kicks.

Shaun Grumoli was the only scorer for the Pupils in the disappointing shootout.

The Pupils will now have to concentrate on their league position to try to avoid the danger of relegation.

Tomorrow (Saturday) they are at home to Gourrock Athletic. Kick off is at 2pm at Kintyre Park.



Archie Millar practises his skills ahead of his trip to Easter Road. c02mil01

Boys fail to hold half time advantage

A SECOND-half collapse saw Campbeltown Boys surrender a two-goal interval advantage at the Meadows on Saturday.

In what has become a worrying trend, the Boys surrendered a half-time lead for the third consecutive match and now find themselves at the foot of the league table.

Playing their first game since the end of the November, the Boys were grateful to the players who returned to the team to help out due to a number of 'regular' players being absent for one reason or another.

It was the visitors who made the better start to the match and they dominated the opening exchanges. Boys goalkeeper Robert Coffield had to look sharp on a couple of occasions to deny the eager Clydebank attack with good saves.

After withstanding the early pressure the Commercial Inn sponsored

Football

**SAFL Premier Division Two
Campbeltown Boys 2-6 Clydebank College**

Boys began to find a foothold in the game.

Archie Johnston's pace down the left was causing the visiting defence all sorts of problems and seemed to be the Boys' best chance of grabbing a goal.

However, it was a fine through ball from last year's player of the year Douglas Renton - returning to the team for the first time this season - which created the opening goal.

Renton picked out George McAllister on the edge of the box and the forward battled to create enough space to slot the ball home.

The Boys doubled their advantage on the half hour mark when skipper Alan Reid forced the ball home

after the goalkeeper could only parry Renton's effort from the edge of the box.

The half-time lead could have been three but a Clydebank defender managed to clear Johnston's low cross before the on-rushing McAllister could connect.

On the balance of play the Boys were probably fortunate to be two ahead at the break but they started the second half determined to hold on to their advantage.

They were dealt a blow soon after the restart though when they surrendered possession inside their own half and McNulty was able to make his way into the box and slot the ball beyond Coffield.

The equaliser was not long in coming either.

The Boys defence were carved open all too easily and Kelly was on hand to fire home a good finish

from eight yards. With the Boys struggling to keep up with their rampant opponents it was no surprise when Clydebank made the most of their domination to take the lead.

As the Boys understandably began to tire after so long without a game, the students fired in a further three goals to compound the Boys' frustration.

Number six was the pick of the bunch, Weir drilling a low shot into the net from the corner of the 18 yard box.

Boys: Robert Coffield, Randal Watson, Barry Colville, Peter McCallum, Alan Reid, Robert McDonald, John McCallum, Douglas Renton, George McAllister, Andrew Martin, Archie Johnston.

Subs (all used): Darren Renton, David Paterson, Jamie Morris.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Boys have an away game against St Joseph's from Clydebank.

Millars to take to their field of dreams

THREE members of a Kintyre family are set to fulfil their dream of playing at Hibernian FC's Easter Road Stadium.

Brothers Archie and Alan Millar, along with their nephew Kenny, will be raising money for the Football Aid charity when they take to the hallowed turf in May this year.

Football Aid raises money for charity by allowing supporters of football clubs around the UK to 'live the dream' and follow in the footsteps of their heroes.

The money raised is distributed to charities at all levels, including Field of Dreams, a charity whose dream is to support research for a cure and improved management of type one (juvenile) diabetes.

As well as Archie, Alan and Kenny's lifelong support of Hibs, it was the opportunity to help raise money for diabetes research which convinced them to

Football

which will feature a famous name from the club's past.

The teams will also be managed by former players, whose names have still to be announced.

All participants are allowed to keep their shirts, which will carry their names on the back, and will receive a DVD of the day's action. Though a date for the game has still to be confirmed, dependent on Hibs' fixture list, Archie's fundraising efforts are well underway and members of the public who want to make a donation can do so at the InterSport shop in Main Street, Campbeltown.

take part in the event. Archie's wife Tracy is diabetic and is the chairwoman of the south Kintyre branch of Diabetes UK.

Archie, of Ballygreggan Farm, Campbeltown, said that taking part in an event like this was something he had been considering for a while but had only been able to find out about recently from his brother Tommy, Kenny's dad.

The trio will enjoy the full big match experience, from getting changed in the Easter Road dressing rooms, pulling on the Hibs shirt and walking down the tunnel.

They will take part in a game between two sets of Hibs supporters, each of



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