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Carradale woman Mairi's MS appeal given a boost

Carradale woman Mairi Paterson (left) is pictured receiving a cheque from Joan Grady, chairwoman of the Campbeltown Multiple Sclerosis Society. The cheque is a donation from the society to help meet the cost of MS sufferer Mairi's transport to the Netherlands for ground-breaking stem cell treatment as she bids to fight the debilitating condition. Mairi is aiming to raise around £7,000 for the treatment and her efforts have been helped by a number of fund-raising events and initiatives held throughout Kintyre. Turn to page eight for the full story. e04chq01

Professor in Irish ferry call

A LEADING academic has called on the Scottish Executive to commission the building of a new ferry to sail between Campbeltown and Ballycastle.

A paper prepared by Professor Neil Kay, Emeritus Professor in the department of economics at Strathclyde University and a leading expert on the subject of ferries, says that the correct ship is crucial to the success of the route but that such vessels are almost impossible to find.

It is widely believed that an inability to find a suitable boat was at least partly responsible for the four shortlisted companies

Report says executive should provide a boat

failing to submit an official tender for the route.

In an effort to solve the apparent stalemate, Professor Kay argues that the executive should commission the building of a boat specifically for the Kintyre to Moyle crossing.

In his report, prepared after it as announced that there had been no official tenders, Professor Kay said: 'No operator will new build in the light of the commercial risks and uncertainties

associated [with the service], especially when the tendering system limits ... the length of time that the operator could develop the route before it is retendered. This means that the ability to make a bid is constrained by what happens to be available on the second hand market at the time.

'By definition, such vessels will be surplus to requirements elsewhere, are

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Cassidys scoop Spot the Ball jackpot

ANGELA and Calum Cassidy, owners of Campbeltown's Feorlin guest house, are the latest big winners in *The Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser's* Spot the Ball competition.

The couple said on Wednesday that they are delighted to have scooped the £2,400 jackpot prize.

Calum told *The Courier* that he filled in the coupon, but put Angela's name on it 'because women's names are luckier.' He said: 'I had a funny feeling when I filled out the coupon that we were close and it turned out to be right.'

Angela added: 'I'm shocked to have won. We're



just back from visiting my family in Germany over the festive period, which was our first holiday in 10 years, so the money will cover the cost of that. We're also getting work done in the kitchen so some of it will go

towards that as well.'

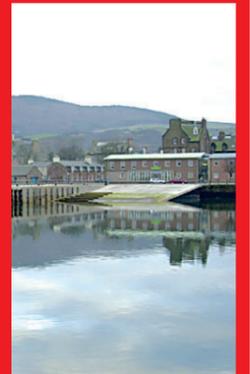
Angela and Calum are pictured celebrating the news of their win with their dog KC.

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Gigha to hold its first island race

MARCH 18 will be a day for putting your best foot forward on Gigha when the island holds its first annual island race.

The event is being held to raise money for the Achamore Gardens restoration fund.

Jane Rennie, chairwoman of the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust, said: 'This is a fantastic way of involving everyone of all abilities, having a fun day out and at the same time raising money for Achamore Gardens.'

The 11.2 mile race up and down the island is being held on Saturday March 18.

It can be walked, cycled or run, with all registration fees and sponsorship going to the gardens.

The race coincides with the fourth anniversary of the community buyout of the island and a ceilidh will be held in the evening to celebrate.

Ms Rennie added: 'The

race will be a good starter for those training for more serious events and it has already attracted entrants from off the island.'

All entrants will receive a goody-bag and race t-shirt, while medals will be awarded for first, second and third places in each of the three categories.

The person who raises the most sponsorship money will be rewarded with dinner, bed and breakfast for two in the Gigha Hotel.

The trust is bidding to undertake major works in Achamore Gardens.

A three year plan has been drawn up which will see drainage systems and paths being replaced, as well as re-stocking and re-planting of the gardens themselves.

The project has been awarded funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage and the National Trust, but the trust has to raise £150,000 in the next three years.



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

Vision to protect Argyll's children

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

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

Committee members include representatives of Argyll and Bute Council, the procurator fiscal's department, Strathclyde Police, Children 1st, NHS Argyll

and Clyde, Naval Services and the Scottish Children's Reporter's Office.

Addressing last week's meeting, Argyll and Bute Council chief executive James McLellan said: 'Child protection is everyone's responsibility, from the statutory agencies to local communities. The vision statement gives us all a clear goal and purpose in working towards helping keep children safe.'

During the

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

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

Professor calls on executive to build new ferry

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likely to be old, which increases the chances of being obsolete and inefficient.

'Since, again by definition, such vessels would have been designed for different routes and/or purposes, they may not be an ideal or appropriate fit for the needs of the respective routes, and even if they are, there may be significant conversion costs to modernise and convert them for the specific demands of the routes and/or bring them up to strict EU safety standards.'

Likening the Irish ferry to the Dunoon to Cowal route currently run by Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) in some respects, Professor Kay also highlighted the short-term nature of the contract on offer as a potential stumbling block as it would lead to higher costs in the early years of the service.

Professor Kay feels that if the executive was to have its own vessel built for and dedicated solely to the route, then leased to the

chosen or successful operator, a degree of long-term security would be in place, making the service more attractive to companies.

The professor's report has been back by Highlands and Islands MSP Jim Mather.

Mr Mather said: 'I hope that the executive will seriously consider the suggestions from Professor Kay.'

'That would massively increase the likelihood of restoring the service.'

'Any interim service will almost certainly be forced to use old, virtually obsolete, second hand vessels and they would struggle to support the successful operation of the route.'

Two locally-based companies, James Robertson's Dalriada Shipping and Michael Taylor's Mull of Kintyre Seatours, remain interested in running a ferry this year. Mr Robertson plans to use the MV Claymore, which previously ran on the route, while Mr Taylor wants to use a fast, passenger-only boat.



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



Tiling in the pool hall is almost complete

Facilities

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

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

The Architects Vision

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

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

The Building Design

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

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



The plant room undergoes an inspection

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

Disabled Access

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



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

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

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



Competition

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

1. How long is the swimming pool in Aqualibrium?
2. How thick is the insulation on the walls?
3. Who were the architects who designed Aqualibrium?

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The first 50 correct entries will receive hats.

Police Files

Mini motorbikes

POLICE are reminding the public that mini motorbikes can only be used on private lands as it is illegal to use them on public roads.

Breach arrest

A MAN was arrested for an alleged breach of the peace in Main Street, Campbeltown, on Sunday (January 22).

Oil on road

POLICE received a report that there was oil on the A83 near Clachan on Monday (January 23). The matter was reported to Argyll and Bute Council's roads department, who cleaned up the oil.

Windows

TWO windows were reported to have been smashed at Castlehill Primary School in Campbeltown on Tuesday (January 24). Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them.

Town robbery

A MAN was arrested and appeared at Campbeltown Sheriff Court on Tuesday (January 24) following an alleged robbery in Calton Avenue, Campbeltown. A large sum of money was alleged to have been stolen during the robbery. Police would like any potential witnesses to contact them. IF YOU have any information about these or any other incidents, contact Campbeltown Police Office on 01586 862200 or Crimestoppers free and in confidence on 0800 555 111.

New Quay work nears completion

A PROJECT to widen the New Quay in Campbeltown has almost reached completion.

The work has taken just under a year to complete and ships can now berth again on the pier's inner face.

The quay is now 40 metres wide and 120 metres long on its inner side.

There is a minimum dredged depth available of five metres below local chart data.

An associated slipway 50 metres long and 20 metres wide has been put in place, complete with timber keel blocks which have been put in place to allow easier access for ship maintenance.

Councillor Alastair McKinlay, chairman of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee, said: 'The development of Camp-

beltown harbour is an important and exciting period in the town's history.

'The new quay will benefit everyone who uses it and the facility should attract more visitors to Campbeltown and south Kintyre.'

The project was initiated by Argyll and Bute Council in 2003 after a request from Vestas-Celtic for a wider pier to help them to export their wind turbine components.

Contractors RJ MacLeod were appointed in 2004 and started work in March last year.

Lighting was installed earlier this month and the security fencing is scheduled for completion soon.

The mammoth project, which was funded by the council, the European Regional Development Fund and Argyll and the Islands

Enterprise (AIE), consists of 1,550 tonnes of steel piles with a maximum length of 41 metres, 2,600 cubic centimetres of concrete, including 200 tonnes of steel reinforcement.

The total volume of infill was 19,800 cubic metres and more than 11,000 cubic metres of material was dredged to form the new berth.

A spokesman for the council said: 'The council acknowledges that regular users of the New Quay have been inconvenienced while the work has been undertaken and appreciates the understanding and co-operation of all harbour users during this time.'

'Campbeltown has a new facility to be justly proud of and the council looks forward to many years of use of the New Quay.'



Campbeltown's New Quay is nearing completion.

Man fined £1,500 for breach

A MAN has been fined £1,500 after he admitted committing a breach of the peace by struggling with a woman.

Alan Sinclair, aged 24, of 77 Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, admitted carrying out the offence at an address in the town's Davaar Avenue on March 6 last year when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week. His co-accused, 32-year-old Barbara Brodie Robertson, of 24B Davaar Avenue, was fined £200 after she admitted assaulting the woman on the same date.

Depute fiscal Sarah Healing told the court that Sinclair was part of a group

of people who went to the woman's home after an incident involving Sinclair's niece - Robertson's daughter - and the woman's daughter. There was a disturbance which involved Sinclair shouting and swearing at the woman before he took hold of her shoulders and started to struggle with her.

Robertson then arrived at the scene and assaulted the woman by pulling her hair, removing a large clump of it as she did so.

Sinclair's defence agent Anthony O'Hagan said that Sinclair had gone to the woman's house after hearing that her daughter had hit

his five-year-old niece with a wheelie bin.

Mr O'Hagan said: 'Mr Sinclair went to the woman's door and explained who he was and asked if she knew that her daughter had hit his niece with a wheelie bin. His position is that the woman reacted in a very aggressive way and matters escalated. He regrets his involvement in the incident.'

Christian Kane, representing Robertson, said that the incident arose out of ongoing bad feeling between Robertson and her neighbour. Mr Kane said that Robertson thought the woman was going to attack her, so got her retaliation in first.

Points for driver

DRIVING at 45mph in Campbeltown led to a young man having eight penalty points imposed on his driving licence last week at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Eighteen-year-old Graeme Mathieson, of 15 Range Road, Campbeltown, was also fined £150 after he admitted carrying out the offence in the town's Witchburn Road on August 12 last year.

He was admonished on a further charge of failing to produce his driving licence after police officers recorded his speed and pulled him over. Defence agent David MacNeill said that being prosecuted had taught Mathieson a lesson.

Drivers face diversion as bridge work begins

KINTYRE drivers travelling through Ardrishaig are going to have to take a diversion over the next few weeks.

The swing bridge over the Crinan Canal is being refurbished by British Waterways between now and mid April, which will lead to interruptions to the traffic flow at various times of the day and night.

British Waterways has pledged to make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum, but it says that the bridge will have to be closed to vehicles overnight on 20 occasions in February, March and April between 10pm and 6am.

During these times, a short diversion will be put in place around the village for light vehicles, with emergency services able to gain access over the bridge should the need arise. The bridge will be closed overnight on: February 7, 8, 9, 10; March 10, 11, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31; April 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13.

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SNP members hear from election candidates

The Argyll and Bute branch of the Scottish National Party held a hustings on Sunday January 8, where members heard from the four candidates hoping to contest the seat in next year's Holyrood elections. Local branch secretary Ron Wilson said: 'We have four excellent candidates committed to winning this seat for the SNP and the people of Argyll next year. The SNP is on the up and we're looking to further success over the coming year'. The four candidates are pictured from left with Mr Wilson (third left): James Robb, Michael Russell, Isobel Strong and Jim Mather MSP.

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

Fish Farmer

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

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Council refuses to budge on CAB offer

ARGYLL and Bute Council is not budging on its offer of an extra £16,000 for Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) this financial year.

The troubled CAB, which is run as an independent charity and has to find its own funding independently of Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS), had asked the council for extra funding to keep it going until the end March.

The council was originally asked to come up with £32,000 for this year and £55,000 next year with CAS saying it would give £16,000 this year and match the £55,000 next year.

The council then set up a Policy Development Group (PDG) to assess the situation and the CAB's business plan, with an option to grant up to £32,000.

Councillors heard last week that after considering a number of documents and hearing from representatives of the CAB, the PDG had decided to recommend

offering an extra £16,000 this year on certain conditions.

One of these was that Citizens Advice Scotland matched the council's offer of £16,000, as well as producing a business plan for 2006-07, an agreement on services in future years and copies of monthly management accounts.

But CAS wrote to the council before last week's full council meeting asking that it consider increasing that £16,000 to £24,000 and CAS would match that further £8,000 to reach the total of £48,000 needed.

Leader Councillor Allan Macaskill said he thought the council had been 'more than fair' with its offer of £16,000 as it had already given the CAB £60,000 this year and £231,292 in total since it started. 'I am pretty certain that some worthwhile groups in the area will be getting no funding from the council whatsoever,' he said. 'I think we should be

drawing a line under this and saying enough is enough, that is the conclusion.'

He suggested that the £16,000 on offer should be taken from the council's General Fund surpluses but warned because of the equal pay negotiations currently going on the surpluses would be 'decimated'.

After some discussion the council agreed to stick with the £16,000 recommended by the PDG.

A spokesman for Citizens Advice Scotland said the charity was studying the offer and its conditions and that it was hopeful that negotiations could continue to allow everyone to come to an agreement.

Argyll and Bute CAB employees 16 people and has helped 5,000 people deal with a range of financial and employment problems using innovative methods to take its advice service out to the islands and remote communities in Argyll.

Ordered to pay compensation

A MAN has been ordered to pay his assault victim £200 in compensation.

Appearing before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Gary Shields, aged 20, of 17 Princes Street, Campbeltown, was also fined £400 after he admitted carrying out the assault in a shop in Kinloch Road on November 6 last year.

Depute fiscal Sarah Healing told the court that the two men were having a discussion in the shop when Shields pushed the other man before repeatedly punching him on the head, causing his nose to start bleeding.

Defence agent Mr Farrell said that Shields had been friends with his victim for

a long time, but the friendship had broken down over a personal matter and information Shields received that the other man was spreading rumours about a member of his family.

'He had been drinking on the day in question and acted in the manner libelled,' said Mr Farrell. 'He accepts he shouldn't have tried to settle the matter with his fists.'

Shields was fined a further £300 after pleading guilty to a second offence.

He admitted striking a motor vehicle with a shopping trolley in Glenside, Campbeltown, on August 14 last year and was also ordered to pay the car's owner £400 compensation.

Court fines graffiti pair

TWO men have been fined and ordered to pay compensation after they admitted spray painting graffiti onto a building on Campbeltown's Old Quay.

Appearing before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week, Neil Duncan Lang, aged 21, of 5 Range Road, Campbeltown, admitted painting messages on the building on November 22 last year.

His co-accused, 21-year-old Craig McCallum, of 77 Roading, Campbeltown, pleaded guilty by letter to spraying messages of a grossly offensive nature on the same building.

The court heard that the offences came to light after Lang told a member of the family who own the building that it had been vandalised.

The total cost of repairing the damage was £300.

Lang's defence agent Christian Kane told the court that Lang had been responsible only for painting a smiley face, and told the family member what had happened because he knew that other people had sprayed offensive messages.

Referring to Lang's involvement, Mr Kane said: 'It was just a silly prank that happened after a few drinks.'

Sheriff William Dunlop fined McCallum, who he said had a longer record, £400 and Lang £200.

Both men were ordered to pay compensation orders of £150.

Admonished for growing cannabis plant

A MAN was admonished at Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week after he admitted growing a cannabis plant in his former home.

Sentence had previously been deferred on James White, aged 45, of 12 Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, for him to be of good behaviour after he had admitted carrying out the offence at his former home in the town's Glentorran Place.

On a previous appearance before the court, White also admitted possessing cannabis resin on the same date, December 8 2004.

Sheriff William Dunlop admonished White after hearing that he had not been involved in any drugs-related offences since his sentence was deferred six months ago.

Campbeltown to Ireland ferry let down

Sir,
I feel I've got to drop our local paper, *The Campbeltown Courier*, a letter concerning the total and utter let down of no ferry to Ballycastle from Campbeltown and that no company put a tender in.

I feel it is disgraceful that a local, experienced man who has all that is required to take this well-needed connection to Ireland, James Robertson and his company, would be second to none.

Mr Robertson has been at sea as long as myself and the people of Campbeltown can remember.

If those other ferry companies did not want to tender then give Mr Robertson

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and company the green light to go full ahead.

Alec McKerral, Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.

An evening to remember

Sir,
I feel I must write to you to express our most grateful thanks to all concerned in arranging Tarbert's annual senior residents' Christmas dinner, held in the village hall on Friday January 13.

Not being myself 'of a certain age' (quite yet!) I offered to help out in any way

I could, but Duncan Henderson told me not to worry and that they had an 'army' of helpers; and to bring Jack along and be welcome (Jack is of a certain age!)

Well, all I can say is that we were both absolutely gob-smacked at the total experience.

Everything, from the hall being beautifully decorated, to the stunningly good meal so wonderfully prepared and served by volunteers; the entertainment provided and the lovely warm atmosphere, made it an evening to remember for all.

To all concerned, whether for the provision of food, help, raffle prizes, service, organisation or transport, a huge 'well done'.

I cannot imagine what a

'do' we'll get if we are lucky enough to be able to refurbish the hall and kitchen.

It is amazing what was prepared (and hot when served) given the facilities which are currently available.

And all free, due to the support of all throughout the year apparently.

It is perhaps more pertinent to point out that Jack and I have only been in Tarbert for two years now and as 'incomers', I have to say that we have been made so welcome by all.

It is a precious thing that the community here has and unfortunately not all in the world are as lucky as we seem to be.

Our grateful thanks once again to all, for all. Abso-

lutely fantastic! Well done everybody!

John Dyson, Cala Grianach, Tarbert.

Thank you for Tarbert dinner

Sir,
I wish to express my sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Henderson and all the helping staff for such a fantastic OAP's dinner at Tarbert Village Hall on Friday January 13.

I would like to thank the Reverend Bill Gray and his wife Wendy and everyone else who helped to organise such a great night.

Thank you!
Anthony Ames, Churchill Cottages, Campbeltown Road, Tarbert.

Email your views to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Those Were The Days

The Campbeltown Courier, January 28 1983

Council staff check

THE ADMINISTRATION arrangements and manpower levels for Argyll and Bute District Council are to be the subject of a full scale inquiry, which has been authorised by the council after the present system came under attack last week.

At a meeting of the full council, the members heard Councillor James Walsh call for possible staff cuts, as a means of cutting expenditure, Councillor Walsh claiming that the council had previously increased rates and cut services, but not considered staffing cuts.

He denied that the call was part of a 'vendetta' against council staff, and said that he was not happy at the possible increase in unemployment which might result, but commented that his move was aimed at cutting expenditure without further rates increases. He commented: 'Inevitably the rates support grant will be down yet again, and as a result the council will have to increase rates, cut services or reduce manning levels.' He continued: 'To date we have carried out the first part but not the third, which I consider to be unjustifiable. Radical change is required, the present management structure has been in existence without any major changes since local government reorganisation, and it is not working.'

THE EDITOR welcomes letters of no more than 200 words for publication on this page.

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Down Memory Lane



This week's Down Memory Lane photograph was submitted by Campbeltown's Alec McKerral. Pictured are: back row, left to right: N Campbell, T Hall, T Newlands, N McCallum, W Conner, D Kelly, A McCallum. Front row: B McKinven, C Cunningham, S McGeachy, W McKinven, A Bell, W Deans. The date of the photo is unknown and Mr McKerral thinks that the team is a local select. If you have any information about this photograph, get in touch with our office using the contact details on this page.

Thought for the Week

SPRING is already showing itself in new growth in our gardens. I wonder if the daffodils will be covered in several inches of snow before winter is past. Growing has been on my mind lately, both growing up and growing old. Isn't it strange that we see growing up as very positive and growing old as quite the opposite? One of my favourite passages from the Bible gives a totally dif-

ferent perspective. 'The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon, planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming: 'The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.'

Some of the loveliest people I know are in their 80s

and 90s, dear Christians who are growing daily more like Jesus as they look forward to meeting him face to face. There are few things more beautiful than spending time with an elderly believer who says, from many years of personal experience: 'The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.' (See Psalm 92:12-15)

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Ayrshire breeders' stockjudging sees some fine cattle

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

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

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

The prizes were presented by Tracy Millar.

Results

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Blackface breeders judge Kintyre stock

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

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

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

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

Results: open competition: 1

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

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Mairi nearing stem cell treatment target



Four-year-old Darren Brown was keen to lend a hand with the raffle tickets at the Campbeltown Nursery Centre bring and buy sale and coffee evening on Thursday night. c04buy01

CARRADALE'S Mairi Paterson is well on the way to raising the £7,000 she needs to be able to travel to the Netherlands for ground-breaking stem cell treatment.

In December, *The Campbeltown Courier* reported that Mairi, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis (MS), hoped to raise the money by February 2 so that she could undergo umbilical cord stem cell treatment in an attempt to improve her quality of life.

Debilitating

The treatment involves cells harmlessly derived from babies' umbilical cords being injected into various parts of the patient's body to help repair cells which have been damaged by the debilitating condition.

Since Mairi decided to try and raise the money required, a number of fund-raising events have been held around Kintyre.

Last Thursday (January 19), Campbeltown Nursery Centre organised a bring and buy sale in the Town Hall. On Saturday afternoon



Mairi Paterson is pictured receiving a cheque for £256 from some of her fellow MS sufferers, money which they raised at a coffee morning and raffle on Saturday. c04chq02

some of Mairi's fellow local MS sufferers held a coffee morning and raffle, raising £256.

Then, on Saturday evening, a race night was organised by Carradale Football Club. Penny and

Sue at the Glen Bar in the village donated the venue and a free buffet, while there was a raffle and live music with singing from the Wild Sarachs.

There was a very good attendance at the event and

through the generosity of those who went along a total of £970 was raised.

The Campbeltown MS Society has also made a donation towards Mairi's travelling costs. Mairi hopes to be able to attend the clinic, in

Rotterdam, on Friday February 16. Sponsorship forms can be found in various shops throughout Campbeltown and donations can be made at the Royal Bank of Scotland, account number 00186173, sort code 831627.

Supporting families 1996-2006



Home-Start Mid Argyll, Jura Islay and Kintyre began 10 years ago funded to provide informal support to families in Kintyre through a FREE confidential home visiting service in which volunteers, parents themselves, provided support, friendship and practical help to families at home with young children and helping parents to provide the best start possible for their children. The first volunteers Course of Preparation was held in November 1996. Volunteers now visit families across Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay & Kintyre. A Course of Preparation is starting this month in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead and Bowmore. It's not too late to find out how you could volunteer as a home visiting volunteer with Home-Start.

Home-Start.. the next 10 years



Could you help by becoming a trustee of Home-Start and work with us to develop the service to reach more families. If you have an interest in children and families and would like to be involved in developing Home-Start please give Jackie a call ' 07919 410 872 (Home-Start MAJIK trustees pictured in their new premises in Kinloch Hall)



To find out more about volunteering in Mid Argyll contact Eva Lönnqvist on 07887 511 022 (Pictured are Eva Lönnqvist, Home-Start Co-ordinator for Mid Argyll, (centre) with local volunteers Doreen McLeish (left) and Louise Logue.

Home-start - profiles



Viv Dudley

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Viv Dudley is the chair of Home-Start. Viv is looking forward to the challenges of taking the scheme into the future. "There is", she said, "a need to get new people involved to bring fresh ideas and a range of skills which can be used to develop the scheme and support the volunteers. Viv has been involved in the scheme since the beginning and has just returned to the committee. She is looking forward to working with trustees and to working with some of the new initiatives being developed by Home-Start UK including a new system of quality assurance and an updated course of preparation for volunteers including an optional accreditation section.



Julie Fusco

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Julie Fusco became a trustee of Home-Start MAJIK last year following the scheme's becoming a limited company. Julie has three children, a daughter of 9 and twins of 3. Julie fully understands the demands of life with young children. Julie brings with her a wealth of experience of Home-Start, having moved from Fife where she was involved with her local Home-Start scheme in Dunfermline. She said, " Getting involved with Home-Start here has meant I have got to know people in this area easily. I feel really settled here and I enjoy getting involved in the community. I am looking forward to being able to help develop Home-Start in this area."

Home-Start is supported by Argyll & Bute Council's Childcare Partnership, Kintyre Healthy Living Partnership, Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland and WHELK LEADER II

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International DJ Jon Mancini's Campbeltown show

INTERNATIONAL DJ Jon Mancini played in front of an audience of almost 300 teenagers in Campbeltown's Victoria Hall on Friday night, before going on to play to an older crowd in Whisky

Mac's. Jon Mancini is a world-renowned DJ who has played in clubs in Ibiza such as Pacha, Space and Manumission.

He is a resident DJ at the Arches club in Glasgow and a founder of the Col-

ours event. His Victoria Hall show was organised by the Kintyre Local Public Health Network and funded by Argyll and Bute Community Planning's Health Improvement Fund.



ABOVE: Emma Dudley and Laura Jane McCallum at the Jon Mancini event. c04man06



ABOVE RIGHT: Arches resident and international DJ Jon Mancini on the decks in Campbeltown. c04man01



Local DJ Stuart Graham got the crowd warmed up before Jon Mancini took over. c04man03



RIGHT: Almost 300 young people aged between 12 and 18 attended and enjoyed the event in the Victoria Hall on Friday night. c04man08

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Local plan heading for public inquiry

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

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

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

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

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

local plan would be finished.

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

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

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

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



Gillian Robertson

GRADUATED from the University of Paisley with a BSc in Health Studies. A former pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School, she is currently working as sister/emergency nurse practitioner in Campbeltown Hospital's accident and emergency and outpatients departments. Gillian is the daughter of Janette and John Ramsay, Dalserf, Carradale.



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Sheena is top citizen

Sheena McFarlane was named Tarbert's Citizen of the Year at the Senior Citizens' Dinner last week. Sheena received the award in recognition of her charity work in the village. Amongst the charities to have benefited from Sheena's hard work over the years have been the Mairi Semple Cancer Fund and the RNLI. Sheena is also a well-known face around Tarbert from her time working in the thrift shop on Harbour Street and for helping arrange flowers in Tarbert Church. Duncan Henderson of Tarbert Post Office presented Sheena with the award after the meal, which was enjoyed by more than 100 people. Music and entertainment was provided afterwards by Christian, who kept the fun going until the early hours. a03tar03

Argyll smoking ban preparations begin

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

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

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

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

'The licensing boards recognise that there is a potential for increased noise levels and litter outside of premises

where the ban is in effect and will seek to meet with licensees in due course to discuss the issues.

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

A meeting on Monday (January 30) between board members, police and council officers from planning and environmental health will consider the impact the ban will have in respect of applications for regular extensions, occasional licenses etc. Any business likely to be affected by the Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Premises (Scotland) Regulations 2006 can get further information on developing their no smoking policies and ensuring their premises comply with the new requirements by accessing www.cleartheair.scotland.com

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

Drink-driver banned

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

Paul Simpson, aged 27, of 2 Bankhead Farm Cottages, Brodie, admitted carrying out the offence on the B80-24 near its junction with the A83 on July 29 last year.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Simpson was involved in an accident and a subsequent test of his blood showed that he had 173mcg of alcohol in 100ml of blood. The legal alcohol limit is 80mcg/100ml.

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

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

Around the rurals

Bellochantuy

BELLOCHANTUY WRI's January meeting was opened by president Lois Fell wishing everyone a happy new year.

After the business discussion, speaker Robert Westerman was introduced.

Mr Westerman is known locally for his wonderful plants and gardens and was happy to pass on his knowledge and expertise to the members.

He gave many tips on looking after house plants - unopened buds, healthy leaves and not pot-bound being an essential beginning.

The group was told not to over-water and to learn to feed plants.

Mr Westerman then helped to explain the NPK values on

different house plant foods, which was unfamiliar to many members.

He then turned his attention to planting outside and experimenting in making a more interesting garden - the need to plan in advance, know where plants are to go, then buy, and to buy at different times of the year for constant colour.

This most interesting and informative talk was all accompanied by photographs on screen.

Competition for three treacle scones: gold Alice McLean; silver Barbara Young; red Catherine Spence; blue Elizabeth Young, Nettie Semple; green Margaret Semple, Margaret McKinnon. Novelty tea cosy:

gold Margaret McKinnon, silver Nettie Semple. Photograph of a flower: gold Lois

Fell, Mary McIsaac, Jill Lines; silver Alice McLean, Betty McGuire; red Margaret Semple, Roseanne Goodwins; blue Cynthia Butler, Catherine Spence, Angie Smith, Marian Galbraith, Jean Miller.

Largieside

DECEMBER saw the ladies of Largieside Rural celebrating Christmas with a meal at the Hunting Lodge, Bellochantuy.

Everyone enjoyed their Christmas meal followed by a few games seated round the log fire.

The January meeting was a talk by Stiubhard Kerr on Tristan Da Cunha (Now and Then).

He talked about his years spent on this very small remote island in the Atlantic,

over 200kms from South Africa.

With his photographs members were able to appreciate the way of life for the islanders and the variety wildlife on the island.

Having just recently revisited the island he was able to tell the group of the changes that had taken place; his old home is now a museum.

Competition for three fairy cakes (decorated): gold Alison Clements, Helen Steel, Margaret Clements, Fay Robertson, Pat Mordey; silver Margaret Semple, May McDonald, Mary McDonald. Funniest cartoon caption: gold: Mary McDonald; silver Alison Clements, Margaret Clements; red Margaret Semple, Pat Mordey, Helen Steel.



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- » Oban, Lorn and the Isles
- » Mid Argyll and Kintyre
- » Helensburgh and Lomond
- » Bute and Cowal

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

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

If you are interested, come along to an information session

Area	Date	Time	Location
Mid Argyll & Kintyre	Tue 31st Jan	7.30pm - 9pm	Community Centre, Lochgilphead
Mid Argyll & Kintyre	Tue 31st Jan	7.30pm - 9pm	Community Education Centre, Stewart Street, Campbeltown
Oban, Lorn and Isles	Wed 8th Feb	3pm - 4.30pm	Regent Hotel, Oban

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend and would like further information, please contact:

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Two Lochgair ladies brave the cold sea in a chilly charity challenge

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

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

Lochgilphead Rotary Club continues to serve the community

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Author finds inspiration for new novel in Tarbert

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

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

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

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

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

Romeo & Juliet

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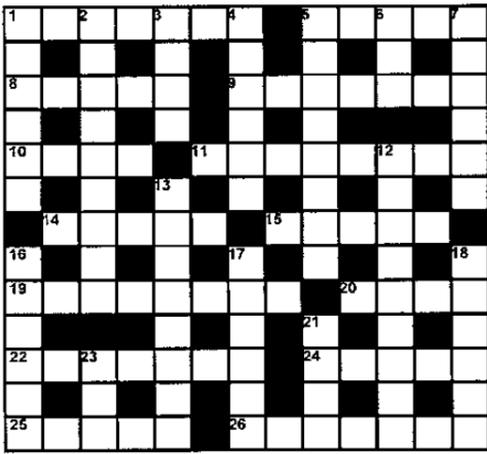
Just Like Heaven (PG)

Starring: Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo.

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

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THE THINKER

ACROSS

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

DOWN

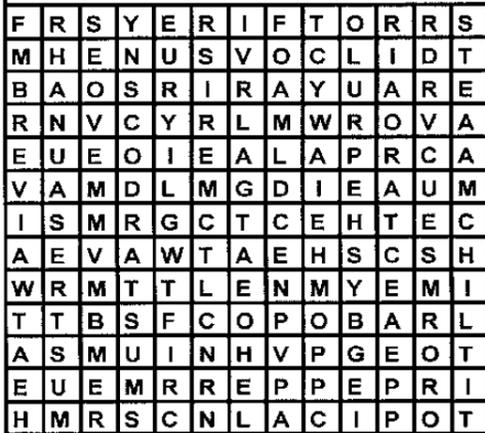
- 1 Take too long with legendary monster (6)
- 2 Possible plan to tie together (9)
- 3 Instruct all but the first? No, every one (4)
- 4 Get less from mental health practitioner (6)
- 5 All at once, Dudley's gone touring round north (8)
- 6 These days nothing but a fuss (3)
- 7 Tea urn brew creates character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

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1.Sampled 4.Floss 7.Rice 8.Accurate
10.Programmer 12.Short and sweet 14.Antagonist
18.Landslip 19.Bear 20.Witty 21.Sceptre
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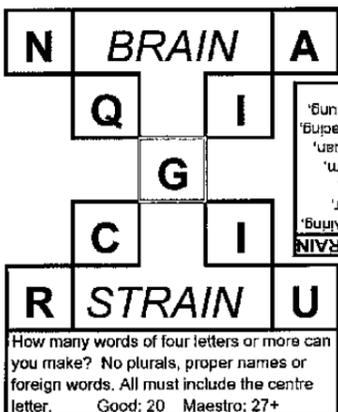
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Golf club serves up charity coffees

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

An in-depth look at Argyll 100 years ago

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

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

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

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

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Romance in *Romeo and Juliet*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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If you would like to enter then why not send your photos into us using the coupon on page 17. The closing date for entries is Monday (January 30) at 5pm.

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



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



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



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



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



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



Machrihanish Beach by Bob Goodman, Dell Road, Campbeltown.

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There are two categories for entries: category one: people/animals; category two: places. You can send in as many photographs as you want, the only condition is that they MUST have been taken in or around Kintyre or Mid Argyll sometime after December 1 2004.

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

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

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hall and fitness room.

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

Kilgraston is an educational success story. This year two of its Sixth Form pupils have been offered places at Oxbridge and several others have received unconditional offers of places at other leading Universities. In recent years Kilgraston girls have progressed to study degrees in: engineering, medicine, law, veterinary science, art, geo-geography, English, music, chemistry and many other subjects.

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT STRATHALLAN

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

The stated aim of Strathallan School is to provide opportunities



Discussion time at Strathallan

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

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

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

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

Please telephone 01738 812546 to make an appointment.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

THE ADMISSIONS SECRETARY, STRATHALLAN SCHOOL,
FORGANDENNY, PERTHSHIRE PH2 9EG. TEL 01738 812546
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Health Department



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

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

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

Successful candidates will:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Telephone: 0870 240 1818.

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Argyll and the Islands Enterprise are holding the following Getting It Right Sessions in the Argyll area. These are half day courses that will run from 10.30am to 15.30pm.

Employing people

31st January 2006 Corran Halls, Oban

7th February 2006 Queens Hall, Dunoon

15th February 2006 Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown

Introduction to equality

22nd February Argyll Hotel, Lochgilphead

To book your place please contact:

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise 01546 602281

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TACT is a national voluntary organisation promoting social inclusion for people with support needs. As part of our continuing development in Argyll and Bute we require to recruit to the following posts.

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For further information and an application pack please contact: Area Manager, Argyll and Bute, TACT office, Dunollie Halls, Dunollie Road, Oban, PA34 5PH. Tel - 01631 571311 (office hours)

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Road, Reading RG1 8BU, Telephone 01189 534739 or e-mail

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Closing date: 10th February 2006.

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ISLE OF MULL HOTEL
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Please apply in writing, no later than Wednesday 8th February, clearly stating the position concerned, to:

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If you are interested, please apply in writing enclosing your CV to Anne Stewart, Loch Fyne Oysters Ltd, Clachan, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BL

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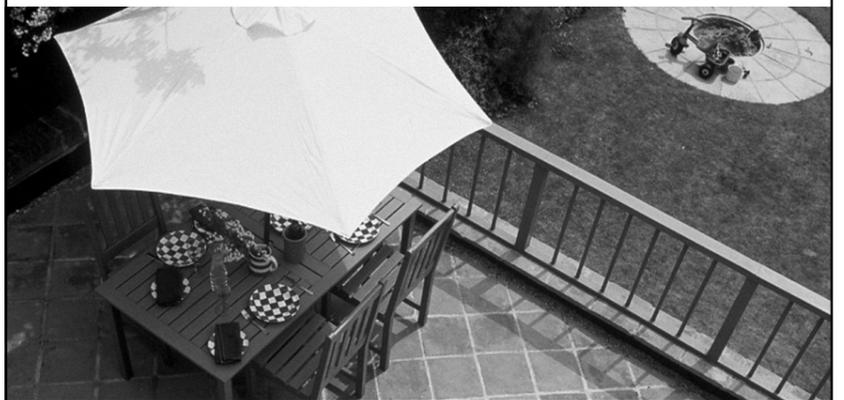
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Argyll
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For further information and an application pack, quoting reference **2006-07** (for Senior Adviser) or **2006-11** (for Senior Project Manager) please contact: Audrey Cameron, Highlands and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

Closing date for receipt of all applications is Friday 10th February 2006.



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

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

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

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

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



Road Closure Notification

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

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

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

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

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

Description	Latitude	Longitude
Sports Court	56 01.38N	05 37.44W

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

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

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INVERARAY GOLF CLUB

AGM

George Hotel,
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Thursday 23rd
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8pm

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

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

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

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

RNLI

Mid Argyll (Ardrishaig)

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on
Monday 6th February
at 7.30pm
to be held at:
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Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in
**Campbeltown
Grammar School**

Thursday 16th
February 2006
at 7.00 pm

**Tarbert and Skipness
Community Council**

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election of Community Councillors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Little Miss Daisy

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

AJC Civils

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

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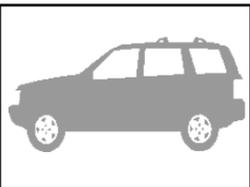
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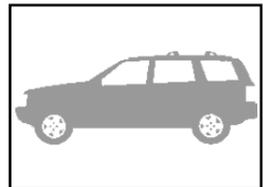


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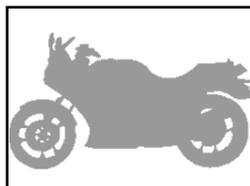


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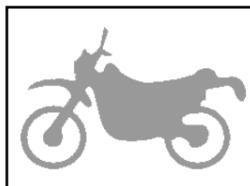
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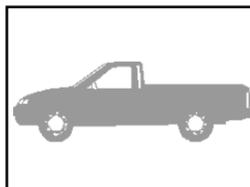


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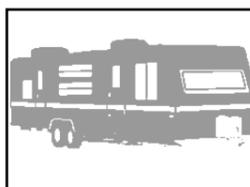


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Happy 65th Birthday DAD



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

Happy 18th Birthday Douglas



Lots of Love From Mum, Linzi & Stuart XXX

Happy 65th Birthday Murdo

Love and kisses Annie xx

Happy 30th Uncle Paul

Love Donna & Craig XX



John MacKenzie

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

Elsie McConnachie

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

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Love Mum & Dad XX

Happy 21st Birthday EDWARD on 29.1.06



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TAYLOR Elizabeth (Liza)

would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and kind wishes following her accident. Also kind thanks to all staff at Campbeltown Hospital and to Lochgilphead and Tarbert firefighters and paramedics. Special thanks to Derek Brown for his assistance, it was much appreciated.

Happy 40th Scottie boy



Lots of love Alistair, Angus, Jody, Emily & N.Gladys xx



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BIRTH

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

ENGAGEMENT

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

DEATHS

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

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

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

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

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

January 24, 2006, cremation thereafter at Cardross Crematorium.

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

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

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

IN MEMORIAMs

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

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

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

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

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ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 29 January 2006
Tayvallich 11.30 a.m.
Rev. Richard West
Wednesday 1 February 2006
Prayer Meeting 10.30 a.m.
Bellanoch Church
Enquiries: **01546 606926**
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NKNAPDALECOFS

TARBERT LINKED WITH KILBERRY
Sunday 29 January 2006
Tarbert Church 11.30 a.m.
'Where will you be sitting in Eternity? Smoking or Non-Smoking'
Rev. Bill Gray

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



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
(A Province of the Anglican Communion)
Sunday 29 January 2006
4th Sunday after Epiphany
10.45 a.m. Family Communion
Details of services are on the Church door
Enquiries to
Rev. A. J. Williamson
Telephone **01586 551478**

Highland Parish Church
Sunday 29 January 2006
11.15 a.m.
Morning Worship
Creche in Church (0-3 years)
Junior Sunday School in Kirk Street Hall
Senior Sunday School at Church
Tuesday 31 January 2006
Badminton Club
Kirk Street Hall
6.30-7.45 p.m. P1s-P5s
7.45-9 p.m. P6 upwards
Cost £1 (includes tuck)
Thursday 2 February 2006
7.30 p.m. Kirk Session meeting in Kirk Street Hall
Rev Michael J. Lind
Everyone very welcome

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH
75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
Breaking of Bread 10 a.m.
Coffee 10.45 a.m.
Family Service with Sunday School and Creche 11.15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship .. 7.30 p.m.
All welcome
Wednesday
Jellytots Parent and Toddler Group 10 a.m.
For details of Bible Study Groups and other enquiries contact
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SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
Pensioners' Lunch Club
1.45 p.m. Home League (Ladies Meeting)
Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall
7 p.m. Bible Study
A warm welcome to all

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

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

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Praise and Worship
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Pony Club members' results

Riding

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

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

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

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

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

Mario 3 Fabienne Renfrew and Tigger.

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

Novice
1 Colin Sym and Lady Alisa.

2 Kirsty McCallum and Mario.
3 Maxine Renfrew and Ellie.

4 Fabienne Renfrew and Tigger.
5 Emma Anderson and Bryony.

Intermediate
1= Jenna Samborek and Slipper.

1= Colin Sym and Lady Alisa.

3 Jade Peace and Breeze.
4 Christina Ferguson and Jasmine.

5 Lisa Capocci and Jack of Diamonds.
6 Alison Campbell and Honey.

Open
1 Jade Peace and Breeze.
2 Jenna Samborek and Slipper.

3 Lisa Capocci and Jack of Diamonds.
4 Christina Ferguson and

Jasmine.

5 Alison Campbell and Honey.

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

Pre-Novice
1 Kirsteen MacDougall and Melanie.

2 Fiona McGregor and Melanie
Novice

1 Fiona McGregor and Melanie
2= Jenny Ironside and Honey

2= Jane Renfrew and Big
4 Jenny Ironside and Arra

Intermediate
1= Jenny Ironside and Honey

1= Jane Renfrew and Big
1= Antonia Stewart and Libby

4 Jenny Ironside and Arra
The club will begin its winter dressage and equitation jumping league on January 29.

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



S1 pupils from Lochgilphead High School are pictured modelling the Argyll and Bute development team's strips along with Mid Argyll Round Table's David Renwick, Raymond Flanagan and Roddy Morrison, and football development officer Dylan Kerr.

New kit for Argyll and Bute football squad

ARGYLL and Bute's football development team have been presented with a new strip courtesy of Mid Argyll Round Table.

The strip was handed over by Raymond Flanagan, Chair of Mid Argyll Round Table, at Lochgilphead High School on Wednesday January 17.

The squad of S1 pupils, selected from all secondary schools in Argyll and Bute, plays against teams from other

council areas.

The team's first game was against Inverclyde at Port Glasgow in November.

Argyll and Bute football development officer Dylan Kerr said: 'I'm very pleased that the Round Table were able to sponsor the strip and I hope it will encourage more youngsters to want to wear it by becoming involved with the squad.'

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Pupils' home cup tie

Football

TOMORROW (Saturday) Campbeltown Pupils are at home to Shawlands in a Jimmy Marshall Trophy third round match.

The winners of the tie will have home advantage in the quarter final against the winners of the Eaglesham versus Postal Utd match.

Tomorrow's match will be a tough fixture.

Though Shawlands play in Premier Division One they are a well organised club.

The game will be refereed by Oban's David Mitchell and will kick off at 2pm at Kintyre Park.

Meanwhile, the Pupils and Gourock Athletic are facing a Scottish Amateur Football League investigation into the abandonment of their fixture two weeks ago.

The league will summon the clubs to a meeting at Hampden Park in early February.

The match was abandoned by referee John Scott in the 83rd minute with the Pupils leading 4-3.

An incident which left Pupils defender Shaun Grumoli with a facial injury led to a fracas amongst the players and Mr Scott decided to abandon the game.



Action from the Campbeltown Pupils v Gourock match which had to be abandoned.

Tarbert holds first shoot of the New Year

Shooting

TARBERT Gun Club held its first shoot of the New Year, opting on this occasion for a sporting layout.

The third competition of the winter league saw 40 competitors seeking to add to their previous scores, but windy conditions ended some of the top shots' chances of winning.

Younger shooters seemed to master the tricky targets better, with Tarbert's Iain Smith and Clachan's Alisdair MacCallum in top form.

Close behind was Calum MacDonald from Skipness. In Class E, Craig Wright was the winner, one point ahead of Jamie Corkindale.

Class A

- 1 Bob McColl
- 2 Ally McDonnell
- 3= John Weir
- = Hugh O'Neil

Class B

- 1 Andy Pedan

Boys to travel to East Kilbride

Football

TOMORROW (Saturday) Campbeltown Boys are scheduled to travel to East Kilbride to take on Centre Amateurs.

The home fixture earlier in the season resulted in a 3-1 win for the Boys and they will be hoping to perform as well tomorrow as they did on that day.



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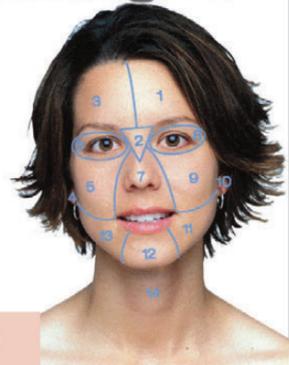
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