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Fury over council's relocation proposals

ARGYLL and Bute Council's proposals to convert two of the town's most historic buildings into council offices have been slammed by the people of the town.

At a meeting in the Town Hall on Monday evening, almost 50 members of the public unanimously voted against the council's plans to rehouse 19 members of its staff to the Burnet Building which currently houses the library and museum, and 16 staff to the ground floor of the Town Hall.

These proposals, which have already been accepted by members of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area

Man arrested after incident

A MAN was arrested in connection with an alleged serious assault in Campbeltown last weekend.

The man was arrested last Saturday afternoon (February 4) after a man was allegedly stabbed in a flat in McCallum Street.

The male victim has not been identified but is thought to be from Eastern Europe.

Town hall and library building plans slammed by public

Committee and will now be put before to the council's Strategic Policy Committee for approval, have left members of the public furious.

Monday's meeting was called by Nancie Smith, chairwoman of Campbeltown Community Council, and George McMillan, chairman of the trustees of Campbeltown Heritage Centre.

Mrs Smith expressed her anger that the community had not been consulted about the process and that none of the area's three councillors had attended the meeting. 'As citizens of the town we have been denied the right to voice our opinions,' she said.

Ronald Togneri agreed: 'This is the worst kind of civic vandalism there is,' he said. 'The councillors are supposed to be driving forward the regeneration of Campbeltown but they are going to destroy one of the

best town halls in Scotland. It's part of our heritage and I think that the plans are disgraceful.'

Alasdair Blair asked: 'Why was there so much secrecy about this? Are the people of Campbeltown not trusted to make decisions? It seems to me that someone's got a hidden agenda.'

Sheena Macallister said that if the museum is left in the council's hands it will be lost forever. 'We'll lose every painting and every artefact we have,' she said. 'We need to get a trust up and running. A trust is the only way forward.'

The decision to approve the proposals at the recent area committee meeting was taken after Kintyre's three councillors said that they felt that if steps are not taken to occupy these important listed buildings, they will fall into disrepair.



Erin McSparran from Campbeltown won the junior under 12s section at the Scottish Solo Ensemble Brass Championships, held in Livingston last weekend. c06eri01

Erin is Scotland's junior brass champion

ERIN McSparran from Campbeltown walked away from the Scottish Solo Ensemble Brass Championships on Saturday as the junior under 12s champion.

The talented 11-year-old battled it out on her cornet

against 15 other competitors at the Livingston event to win over the judges and take home the cup.

Erin, who also plays the piano and is a skilled highland dancer, has a trophy cabinet which is just about

bursting with her success - so much so that her granny has already had to take some of the silverware to her house.

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MSPs show Irish ferry support

FOUR of Scotland's MSPs have expressed their continued support in the bid to try and reinstate the ferry link between Campbeltown and Ballycastle.

George Lyon, Jim Mather, Jamie McGrigor and Maureen McMillan travelled to Campbeltown on Monday in response to a plea from the Kintyre Initiative Working Group's (KIWG) chairman Councillor Donald Kelly. All four MSPs said they were ex-

tremely disappointed that no companies had tendered for the route.

Highlands and Islands MSP Maureen McMillan said she has written to transport minister Tavish Scott asking that the service is not a 'dead duck'. For the future of Campbeltown and Kintyre we have to keep this going,' she said.

Argyll and Bute MSP George Lyon agreed but was concerned about getting people's hopes up. He said: 'I

want to have something robust that we can push for. I don't want to raise false expectations which are then dashed once again.'

Highlands and Islands MSP Jim Mather described the ferry as a 'vital artery' in Kintyre's economy.

'I'm also very taken by the suggestions coming from professor Neil Kay who suggested that the Scottish Executive should consider going the extra mile and ordering up a ship which

would be suitable.' Jamie McGrigor said he was disappointed that some of the companies which showed an interest did not receive more. 'It's a huge disappointment,' he said. 'I think it's a disaster that we've not got a ferry service already.'

Speaking afterwards, Councillor Kelly said: 'I'm pleased that we have had a positive response from MSPs representing all political parties. However, it's pointless all [the MSPs]

singing from the same hymn sheet only to go back to Edinburgh and do nothing. Therefore it's imperative that they take a very clear message from this meeting to the executive in that the members of the group are insisting that no stone is left unturned in their efforts to reinstate the ferry service.

'We look forward to receiving positive updates in the near future from all our MSPs.'

Probation for cannabis man

A 39-YEAR-old Campbeltown man was placed on probation after he pled guilty to two charges of possessing cannabis.

Richard Paul Masterson of Refinery House, Glebe Street, admitted committing the two offences on January 12 and January 22 2005 at his then home at Park Square in the town. The case had been adjourned for social inquiry reports.

Depute fiscal Sarah Healing said that when police visited his home on two occasions and found a number of pieces of cannabis resin, Masterson had admitted it was his.

'He admitted he would buy a half-block, sell some to friends, keep what was left and by doing so he would get money to buy the block,' she said.

The court heard that on each occasion Masterson had cooperated with the police. He had been a regular user of the drug but was now looking to begin again.

Sheriff William Dunlop said: 'Had this drug cannabis still been a class B drug I would have had no hesitation in sending you to prison for quite a considerable period. It is now class C and my powers are very much restricted.'

The sheriff ordered Masterson to carry out 240 of unpaid work in the community and placed him on probation for 18 months.

First 2006 call for lifeboat

CAMPBELTOWN Lifeboat responded to its first distress call of 2006 on Monday (February 6).

The workboat *Sara Maatje* requested assistance as she was taking in water at a position just south of Sanda.

Fortunately, the vessel's pumps were sufficient and, escorted to the lifeboat, she made passage to Campbeltown for further investigation into the source of the leak.



Marmalade the Bear returns home

MARMALADE the Bear from Argyll College in Campbeltown is back home safe and sound after travelling around all 11 Argyll College learning centres in a bid to raise money for Children In Need.

Colin Meehan from Glasgow was the winner of Marmalade's sponsored journey after he guessed the closest time it would take the bear.

The event was organised by child care students and a

fantastic sum of £1,006 was raised throughout all the centres, with Campbeltown alone raising £512 of the total.

Mr Meehan's sister Tricia Clarke is pictured, above, receiving the prizes on behalf of her brother from fellow child care student Danielle Brown and Marmalade the Bear.

The college would like to thank everyone who sponsored Marmalade and everyone who helped in any way. c06bea01

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Man fined after assault on his former partner

A DRUMLEMBLE man has been fined £400 at Oban Sheriff Court after admitting slapping his ex-girlfriend in the face.

First offender Don Brown, aged 30, of 14 Front Row, pled guilty to breach of the peace and to assault on November 11 last year in Oban's Jeremy Inglis Hotel. Brown, a farm labourer, and his girlfriend at the time had come to Oban for a night out. They had been together for three years.

Procurator Clifford Most said: 'He was under the influence of alcohol and began looking at the victim's mobile phone.'

'He began to suspect she had text messages from another man and accused her of having an affair and

shouted and swore at her. She tried to appease him but he continued to shout and swear then grabbed her by the shoulders, threw her onto the bed and slapped her on the face.'

Other people in the hotel were called and Brown was arrested. The victim suffered bruising to the left eye but did not require medical treatment.

Defence agent Gordon Seaton said: 'Both seemed to have consumed too much alcohol and there was a row.'

'Mr Brown believed his girlfriend had sent text messages to another man. The whole thing got heated and when Mr Brown was charged at the police office he said he had, "just lost it". He deeply regrets his behaviour.'

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Police Files

Increase in patrols

POLICE will be stepping up patrols in the Castlepark area of Campbeltown after a number of incidents in recent weeks. Youths have been reported to have been running through gardens and last week a car was damaged.

Arrested on warrants

A MAN was arrested in Campbeltown on Friday (February 3) in connection with a number of warrants.

Breach arrest

A MAN was arrested in the early hours of Saturday following a breach of the peace in Main Street, Campbeltown.

Road accident

POLICE attended a serious road accident on the A83 near Tayinloan on Saturday.

Man arrested

A MAN was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning following an alleged breach of the peace in Saddell Street, Campbeltown.

Noisy parties

POLICE were called to four noisy parties in Campbeltown last weekend.

Four people were warned and have been reported to Argyll and Bute Council's delayed noise investigations service.

Pair arrested

TWO men were arrested following a disturbance in Hillside Road, Campbeltown, on Sunday.

Second accident

POLICE attended a road accident at Torrisdale, near Carradale, on Monday.

IF YOU know anything about these or any other incidents contact Campbeltown Police Office on 01586 862200 or Crimestoppers free and in confidence on 0800 555 111.

Man on trial for alleged sectarian offences

A MAN from Campbeltown is on trial at the town's sheriff court for a breach of the peace and assault aggravated by religious prejudice after an Old Firm match.

But the man at whom it is claimed he shouted the sectarian abuse and then punched said he never complained to the police.

The trial began on Thursday last week of Ronald McLean Souden, aged 38 of 39 Saddell Street, who pled not guilty to shouting sectarian harassment, swearing and committing a breach of

the peace, aggravated by religious prejudice.

He also denied that he assaulted George Shields by punching him on the head, this offence also aggravated by religious prejudice.

Drinking

The charges relate to an incident on April 24 last year, the day of a football match between Glasgow Rangers and Glasgow Celtic.

Giving evidence to the court Mr Shields, whose address was given as c/o Campbeltown Police Of-

fice, said he had been out drinking all day with a friend. They had parted company when his friend went on to another bar and Mr Shields decided to queue outside another bar on Shore Street that was full and doormen were only letting people in as others left.

Mr Shields then heard Souden singing what he described as 'football songs' and other sectarian chants.

Mr Shields told Souden to 'shut his fat Orange face'. Mr Shields added: 'I possibly said more but I don't re-

member. We were slinging insults at each other.'

He said: 'We got into a grapple and he came down on top of me.'

Goaded

Under cross examination by Christian Kane, defence agent for Souden, Mr Shields said: 'I don't deny that when I was younger I would fight with people.'

He said he was not an alcoholic but did binge drink and would not eat on the days he drank, or the day after.

Mr Kane put it to Mr Shields that he had been

angry that the friend with whom he had been drinking had chosen to go onto another bar where Mr Shields was in fact barred and he had goaded Souden.

Mr Shields replied: 'I never even made a complaint to the police.'

'It was a drunken nonsense that I am ashamed of and still [am] to this day.'

'I don't want Mr Souden in here [court] today. That's the last thing I wanted.'

'It was two drunk men having a go at each other. If we were sober it would

never have happened.' At the end of Mr Shields' evidence the trial was adjourned until Wednesday, February 15.

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New van for Springbank group

IT WAS a happy day at Springbank Church last Wednesday when the Springbank Furniture Recycling (SFR) group had its well-used van replaced by a brand new vehicle.

The van was bought using funds given to the group by local and national groups as well as individuals.

Janet Scott-Dodd, SFR treasurer, said: 'When we started out we hired vans as and when they were needed. This was expensive.'

'However, what was worse was that since we

depended on voluntary drivers it was a nightmare trying to match available drivers and available vans.'

'The problem was solved in 2002 when we offered a second-hand van at a very reasonable price. When the mileage of that van went over the 200,000 mark we realised that we couldn't be far away from another problem and sought to avoid this by finding a replacement vehicle. To this end we launched an appeal for funds and, while we were confident that we would

raise sufficient funds to buy a more modern van, we have been overcome by the generosity which has enabled us to buy a brand-new vehicle.'

'This means that we have avoided the emerging problem. Even more importantly, it has made clear to our small team that the community values the service they provide. We give our warm thanks to all who have given so generously.'

In 2005 alone, furniture and household goods were provided to 125 households

and donated items were collected from many more.

The organisations which donated are as follows: The Campbeltown Common Good Fund; Campbeltown Rotary Club; The Co-operative Society; The Dulverton Trust; Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland The Manifold Trust; The Garfield Weston Foundation; and The Bernard Sunley Foundation.



Members of the Springbank Furniture Recycling Group are pictured admiring their new van along with representatives of the various groups who provided funding for the vehicle. c06spr01

Duke and Duchess of Argyll celebrate new arrival

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

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

Margaret Mather, secre-

tary at Argyll Estates, said: 'Both mother and baby are doing well.'

The couple's first son, Lord Archie Frederick Campbell Marquis of Lorne, was born in March 2004.

Sir Torquhil Ian Campbell, the 13th Duke of Argyll, married Eleanor

Cadbury, a member of the Cadbury's chocolate family, in June 2002 at St Mary's Church, Fairford, Gloucestershire.

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Argyll and Bute free elderly care waiting list at 125

THERE is now a waiting list for free personal care for the elderly in Argyll and Bute and it is likely to go up in the coming year.

Fifty-seven people are waiting for admission to residential or nursing homes and 68 waiting for home care packages and the blame for the problem is being laid squarely at the door of the Scottish Executive for failing to properly fund its much-trumpeted policy. The figure is normally 15-20 while clients wait for specific establishments to become available.

While spokesman for health Councillor Dick Walsh of Argyll and Bute Council made assurances that those on the waiting list were continually monitored and considered 'safe', he ad-

mitted that there were knock-on effects, including bed-blocking in hospitals.

There is also pressure on family carers and the social work department. He said the issue was that the executive had not provided the resources to cover the need.

A home care package in Argyll and Bute costs an average of £17,000 a year but that depends on a person's circumstances.

The council has three elements to its home care budget: the council's allocation which is £2.5 million, the free personal care allocation from the Scottish Executive of £1.5 million and supporting people, also from the executive, of £1.2 million. The council's allocation has been over-committed since autumn last year when a deficit

of around £1 million was revealed and the others have been fully committed for some time, said Councillor Walsh.

Added to this the social work budget was given a one-off payment in late 2005-2006 of £2.5 million for the deficit in home care, child care and residential care, which it may not have next year and is equivalent to 144 home care packages.

Councillor Walsh warned that resources would only become available where a care package was no longer needed. 'As a space is created, for example by a death, it releases the money for a new care package.'

The issue of free personal care in Argyll and Bute was raised in the Scottish Parliament last week and the na-

tional issue is the subject of an inquiry by the Health Committee.

Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor is asking the executive to reveal the number of people in Argyll and Bute and across the Highlands and Islands who have been refused free care because there is no money. 'My concern is that this is only the tip of the iceberg on what is likely to be a much larger problem,' he said.

Councillor Walsh said the executive knew the population figures and that as people aged they needed more care but the funding was not appropriate, nor was enough money being transferred from the health authorities to social work as care in the community increased.



Piping society holds successful coffee morning

There was a large turnout for the Kintyre Piping Society coffee morning which was held in the Town Hall, Campbeltown, on Saturday (February 4). Pipers Fiona Mitchell and Oliver Poetsch took a break from entertaining the crowd to have their photo taken by our photographer. c06pip01

Skipper fined £3,000 after Tayinloan landing

AN IRISH fishing skipper has been fined £3,000 at Oban Sheriff Court for landing a catch at Tayinloan without informing the proper authorities.

As a condition of his fishing licence, James Thompson, aged 49, skipper of *Peaceful Waters*, had to inform the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency four hours before he made a landing at the designated port in Tayinloan, if his catch was more than one tonne in weight.

Procurator Fiscal Clifford Most told the court there was a discrepancy between the weight of the catch of Norway prawns or nephrops in the fishing vessel's log, which said it was 0.95 tonnes and the landing declaration record, which said that the weight was 1.907 tonnes. In terms of this scheme the requirement of all vessels over 50 metres which have more than one tonne is that they are required to call in ahead,' said Mr Most.

Defence agent Edward Thornton said: 'The situa-

tion is that Mr Thompson's licence requires him to call in when he believes he has more than one tonne of crustaceans in the catch. There is no method of weighing on the boat and the skipper has to make a judgement call and on this occasion he got it wrong.'

The court heard Thompson, 10 Seahill Park, Donaghadee, County Down, had been fishing for 20 years but been skipper of his own boat for the last four years. Because his boat was less than 70 feet he did not think the condition applied to him but had pleaded guilty because he had since realised it did.

The boat supported Thompson, his wife, three children and four crew members, Sheriff Douglas Small was told.

Sheriff Small told Thompson, who already has a similar previous conviction: 'I am going to fine you but another offence of this nature could well result in you being fined an extremely large amount of money and having your vessel forfeited.'

Man's prison warning

SHERIFF William Dunlop warned a 55-year-old man that he would send him to prison if he did not change his attitude.

Robin Hector Hill Adair, of 59 Sound of Kintyre, Campbeltown, had pled guilty to assaulting his wife on January 18 at their home; brandishing a knife at her, threatening her with violence, seizing hold of her by the hair and repeatedly striking her head against a wall and repeatedly punching her on the head and body, depute fiscal Sarah Healing told the court.

The case at Campbeltown Sheriff Court had been adjourned until last Thursday for social inquiry reports.

As well as the social inquiry report the court heard that Adair had been under pressure and had since addressed his drinking.

Sheriff William Dunlop placed Adair on probation for 18 months and ordered him to carry out 180 hours of unpaid work in the community.

Sheriff Dunlop told Adair: 'The social inquiry report reflects an appalling attitude towards women and in particular your wife. I will send you to prison if you don't change your attitude.'

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Fit for the Future

Bargains galore at Sale of the Century

THE ROTARY Club of Campbeltown held another ever-popular Sale of the Century in the Victoria Hall on Saturday (February 4).

The weather was fine and a good number of people were in the hall from 9am, taking the opportunity to view the items for sale before the auction started at 10.30am.

As usual, business was brisk at the bric-a-brac stall

all day and many people took advantage of the fact that the stall was also open from 9am.

Resident auctioneers Cecil Finn and John Kerr had to work hard during the day to generate any enthusiasm in the bidding, which tended to be sluggish.

As a result, many items were sold at ridiculously low, bargain prices.

Amazingly, all the small pieces still added up to a

very creditable total of more than £3,500.

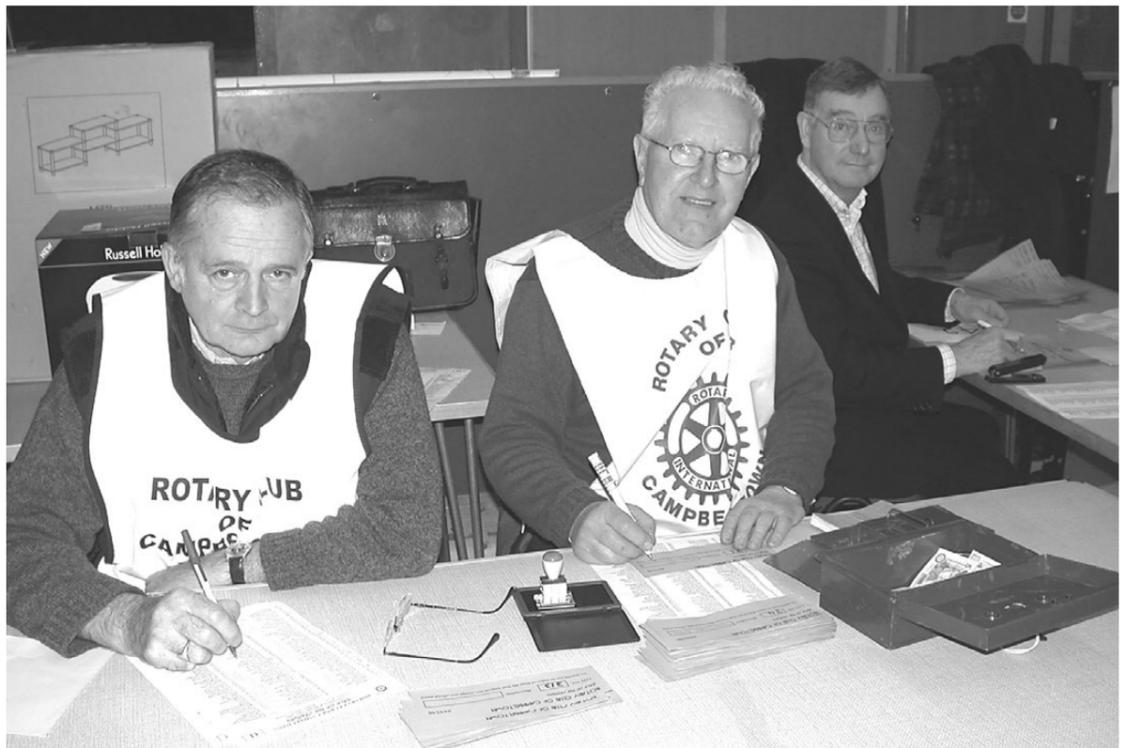
Business continued slowly but steadily all day, and although there were so many real bargains, one or two items realised good prices.

Throughout the day, ladies from the Inner Wheel Club kept Rotarians and the public supplied with tea, coffee, biscuits and filled rolls, and all were most grateful for the service.

A spokeswoman for the Rotary Club said that they would like to thank the public for their continuing generosity and support, which enables the club to go on helping others.

She added that the club is also grateful for the help given by the Inner Wheel Club, and by various boys of all ages who collected furniture the day before the sale and helped to deliver it to the buyers afterwards.

The spokeswoman said: 'As usual, several items were not sold and these were disposed of in the customary responsible



Rotarians Michael Taylor, Jim Angus and Keith Pagan had a busy day dealing with the many customers who went along to the Rotary Club of Campbeltown's Sale of the Century in the Victoria Hall on Saturday. c06rot03



John Biggins and Ann Gallacher display one of the sale items. c06rot02

manner.

'It was therefore a shock to one Rotarian on Saturday to see floating in the inner harbour at Campbeltown a settee that had been among

the unsold items on Saturday. The Rotary Club wishes to reassure the public that no-one in the club was responsible for this outrage.'



A good crowd of buyers turned out for the Sale of the Century. c06rot04

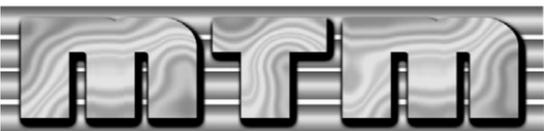
Rotary Club's Burns' Supper

THE Campbeltown Courier would like to point out that two lines were omitted from last week's report on Campbeltown Rotary Club's Burns' Supper. The article

should have read: 'John Kerr then gave an excellent toast to the lassies illustrated by suitable quotations'. It should also have read: 'Agnes Stewart carried

the audience at a galloping pace into the weird and wonderful tale of Tam O' Shanter, and Ian McAdam was a most convincing Holy Willie at prayer.'

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Top prize for farmers who help declining bird

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The vital 'mosaic' of habitat where grass and

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

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

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

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



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

Nature Times

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Highland Darter



Kintyre sheepdog trials

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

The results were as follows:
Class one: 1 Brian

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

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

The fifth and final nursery trial will be held tomorrow (Saturday) at Skipness.

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Argyll and Bute MP calls for fair deal for farmers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Council puts £4.3 million equal pay offer on table

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

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

Settlement

Argyll and Bute Council announced last week that it had come to a settlement agreement with around 1,100 employees after a local deal with the relevant trade unions. Most of the staff involved are employed in catering, cleaning and care.

Leader Councillor Allan Macaskill said: 'Argyll and Bute Council has agreed what it considers to be gen-

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

Maximum

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

The maximum possible levels of settlement are:

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

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

butions. A series of roadshows is to be held in the area, when every employee involved will have the chance to sign up on the day or take legal advice. They will then have one week to respond to the offer. Where employees agree their package, payment will be made by the end of February.

Obligations

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

This was designed to modernise employment relations across all occupations and was due to be implemented in April 2002 although it was recognised that it was a major undertaking by employers.

New group will protect Tarbert's historic buildings

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

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

Investigate

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

Plans for the conservation

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

Support

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

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

'A curriculum for excellence asks schools to consider what can be done to

promote our young people as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective learners.

Attributes

'In my view, the aims of the Tarbert Conservation Initiative suggest that there are opportunities for our young people to discover and develop precisely these skills and attributes within and for themselves.'

A public meeting will be held in the Tarbert Hotel on Wednesday (February 15) at 7pm to discuss the best means of taking Tarbert Conservation Initiative forward. For more information, call Robert McPhail on 01880 820 643.

Licensees invited to smoking ban meeting

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

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

All licensees are welcome to attend. Any-

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

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



Clachan panto draws the crowds

The cast of Clachan Calamities are pictured after performing their hilarious version of Ron Hall's famous pantomime *Sleeping Beauty*. The show was performed in Clachan Village Hall over three nights at the end of January and the packed audience thoroughly enjoyed the show on each occasion. Anyone who missed out and wants to catch the pantomime for themselves will be glad to hear that the Calamities will be performing it again at Campbeltown Grammar School in April. N/A

Threatening call costs man £75

A CAMPBELTOWN man was fined £75 when he pled guilty at the town's sheriff court on Thursday last to making a threatening phone call.

The court was told that on November 3 last year that Richard Johnston of 49 Davaar Avenue had committed a breach of peace by means of public telecommunications by shouting and swearing at Peter McConnachie. Depute

fiscal Sarah Healing said that Johnston, aged 27, had left a message on Mr McConnachie's mobile phone which was abusive and threatening.

Mr McConnachie took his telephone to Campbeltown Police Station and played the message to officers and when spoken to by the police Johnston admitted he had made the call.

Around the rurals

Clachan

THE January meeting of Clachan WRI was a cookery demonstration by Angus McDiarmid from Balinakill Hotel.

Angus showed members how to make a few of his favourite desserts.

He shared a few of his tips with the group as he worked and ably answered all the questions put to him.

Once he was finished members had a tasting session.

Everyone agreed that it had been a very enjoyable evening.

Give blood and save a life

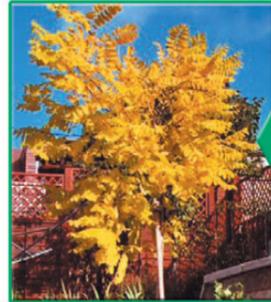
THE Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service is urging people from throughout Kintyre to help save a life by donating just one pint of their blood when its mobile donating team visits Campbeltown next week.

The session will take place on Thursday (February 16) in the Victoria Hall between 2.30pm and 3.45pm and then between 5.15pm and 7.30pm.

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Thought for the Week

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

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

Irene Howat



Down Memory Lane

Peninver Players drama club are the subject of this week's Down Memory Lane photograph. The photograph was submitted by Elizabeth Semple, who is not sure exactly when it was taken but remembers it was the year the producer Norval Charteris was taken ill while the club's two plays were well into rehearsals. Angus McVicar of Dunaverty Players took over, with great success. Back row, left to right: Neil Watson, John McNair, Norma McNair, Archie McMillan, Anne Watson, Donald McCallum, Fiona McMurchy, Angus McVicar, Betty McCallum, Edna McMillan, Bill Marshall, Anne Marshall, Bobby Martin, Archie McCallum, Richard Semple, Sinclair Bain, James McLean, Ralph Davidson. Front row: Sheena Steven, Elizabeth Semple, Mary McCrank, Katherine McNair, Jean McVicar, Andie Martin-Mold, Nicki Kennedy, May Bain, Marlene McLean.

Those Were The Days

The Campbeltown Courier, February 7, 1986

Preparing for drama festival

IN THE Diamond Jubilee Year of the Scottish Community Drama Association, Kintyre District are pleased to present a festival of 13 one-act plays to be held in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown.

This is the largest entry into the Western Division and therefore two teams will go through to forward to the divisional final, which is to be held this year in the Mitchell Theatre, Glasgow. It is very pleasing to welcome two new teams to the festival, Fyneside Junior Players and Accent Players from Campbeltown.

It was with sadness that the drama group heard of the death of Jack Togneri. Mr Togneri had a long association with Scottish Community Drama and was, for five years, stage director for Kintyre District.

Increase in whisky exports

EXPORTS of Scotch whisky earned a record £994 million in 1985 - an increase of seven per cent on the last year.

In volume terms, exports were down two per cent at 225,894,432 litres of pure

alcohol. This was due to a fall of 31 per cent in shipments of bulk malt whisky produce to Japan, which is the largest market for bulk malt.

Shipments in bottle, which represents 70 per cent of Scotch exports, rose by 25 per cent and had their best year since 1982.

Bottled blends were up by two per cent to 156,258 litres of pure alcohol, while bottled malts increased by 27 per cent to 5,757,230 litres of pure alcohol.

Bulk blends, together with the bottled produce, represented more than 91 per cent of all exports of Scotch Whisky in 1985.

Football awards presented

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils held their annual prizegiving and dance at Babettes last weekend and a rousing speech was given by club manager Mr Alex McNiven.

'I know this club can be first division champions,' he said.

'It must be started right now. We are good enough and we have proved it.'

Player of the Year awards were given to Davy Campbell (1983/84) and Kevin Gilchrist (1984/85).

Call to resist 'civic vandalism'

Sir,
The town hall in Campbeltown is acknowledged to be one of the finest in Scotland - despite its current state of neglect.

It remains a key element in the rich, varied and still largely unspoiled architectural heritage which is unique to this town and which must surely be the core asset around which regeneration can take place.

To deprive the public of full access to this building and to change its function

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in such an inappropriate way should be unthinkable - that our councillors have chosen to do so shows a lack of vision and civic pride that is only matched by their plans for the Burnet building.

These proposals, if implemented, would amount to the greatest act of civic vandalism in the history of Campbeltown.

It is unlikely that Historic Scotland would ever countenance such a change of use with all its adaptations, but we must be wary.

I urge the people of Campbeltown to resist the dangerous proposals with all the vigour we can muster.

Failure to do so could see us reach the final tipping point into irretrievable decline.

Ronald Togneri, Kirk Street, Campbeltown.

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Smoking ban is half-baked

Sir,
I don't see many letters in your paper from the 'smokers brigade'.

The legislation passed by the Scottish Parliament is typical of their thinking - half-baked.

No smoking in all pubs? How ridiculous.

Why not have smoking and non-smoking pubs?

The pubs could be licensed every year to be either smoking or non-smoking.

A pub that has a smoking licence one year would not get it the next year.

I think the MSPs have completely ignored the 1.5 million smokers in Scotland.

Maybe smokers will get even at the next parliamentary elections.

I don't see any mention of

car exhausts in the news. They must pollute the atmosphere far in excess of what smokers can do.

MF McGougan, New Quay Street, Campbeltown.

Pushing the limit

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

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

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

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

Name and address supplied.

Driving debate

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

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

JG Tanner can travel at whatever speed he/she chooses, as long as the rest of us can make what is known in the driving test as 'proper progress'. That is

proper progress at the speed I choose, in the conditions as determined by me, according to my ability and according to my modern car with adequate braking system.

My modern car can stop in 200ths of the distance JG Tanner's horse drawn vehicle with wooden brake blocks can stop in.

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

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

A Buttrey, Ardrishaig Lochgilphead.

Cautious drivers to be welcomed

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

Having travelled extensively in the west of Scotland, I now find this can be far from pleasant at times as a result of the attitude of certain drivers and can only agree with Mr Tanner's comments.

Tom Dalgleish, Symington, Ayrshire.

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Red squirrel's last stand?

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

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

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

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

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

Disease hosts

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

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

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

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

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

This results in reduced breeding success for red squirrels.

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

also carries the deadly red squirrel pox virus.

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

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

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

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

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

'At the same time we



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



The red squirrel in winter

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

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

please, please get involved.'

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

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

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

Priority areas

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

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

Additional surveys will target the outer reaches

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

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

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Kintyre District Drama Festival

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

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

a place at the SCDA Divisional Finals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Friday 24th February at 7.30 p.m.
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Choir visits Argyll

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flowing, sporty lines

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

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

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

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



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

glove box, concertina-style storage compartment in the armrests and a tray situated underneath the floor at the rear. The rear seat backs can be folded into the flat floor which is equipped with straps that permit heavy or bulky loads to be held secure. This layout transforms Altica into a two-seater sports coupé with a vast 1,300-litre boot, while the boot lid provides very easy access and an extremely low loading sill. **Driving pleasure, power and control** Altica is a dynamic sporty estate that combines driving pleasure with a sensation of power and control. With its long bonnet, sports dimensions (length: 4.27m; width: 1.83m) and very low centre of gravity, Altica offers remarkable performance. Altica's new 177hp 2.0 dCi particulate filter-equipped diesel engine takes the car from a standing start to 100kph in just 7.5s. Coupled with a six-speed gearbox, this powerplant – which boasts maximum torque of 380Nm – provides excellent pull-away and mid-range acceleration. This hasn't been achieved to the detriment of fuel consumption, however. The Renault-Nissan Alliance engine is very inexpensive to run and fuel consumption is equivalent to 140g of CO2 per kilometre. In terms of both performance and driving pleasure, it stands out as the best diesel engine in its class and a version of which, without the particle filter, debuts in the Laguna GT dCi 175 this month. Altica's low fuel consumption also stems from its exceptional aerodynamics. Located at the extremity of the roof at the point where the vehicle and the passing air flow separate, a discreet mechanical system

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

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LAND ROVER G4 CHALLENGE: UK COMPETITOR SELECTED FOR 2006 COMPETITION

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

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

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



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



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



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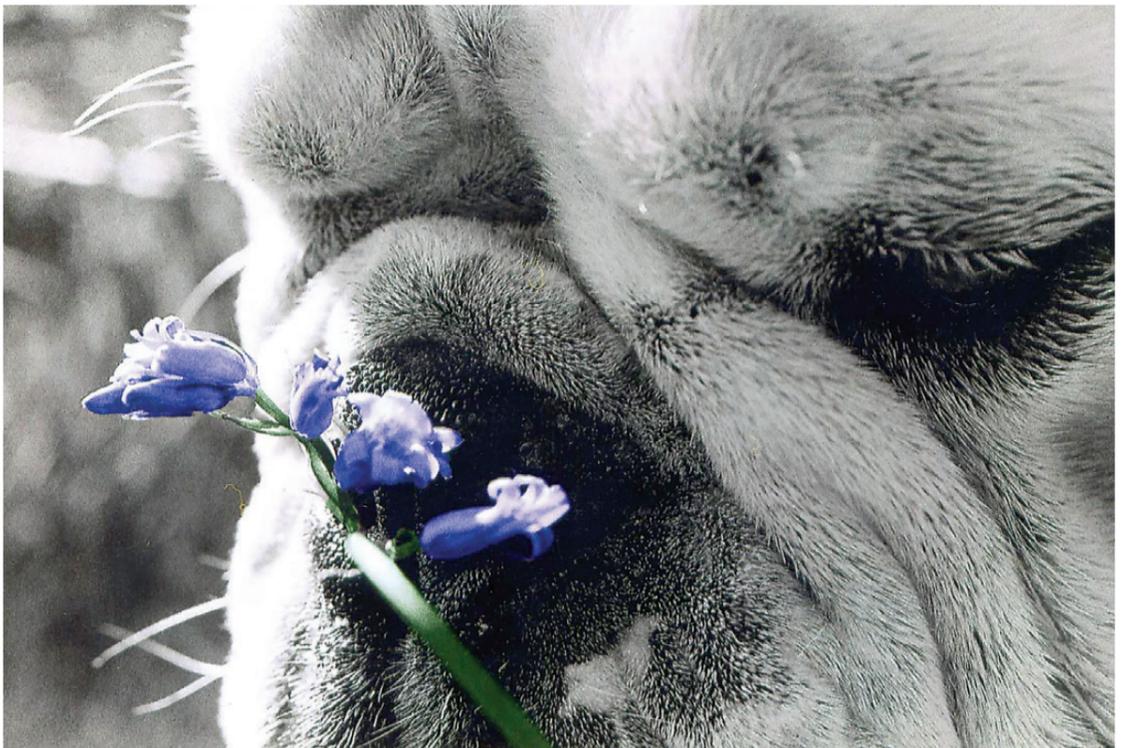
Right: *Barley in the Croft* by Roger Rowland, Cnoc Araich, Southend.



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



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



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



The deadline for photo competition entries was Monday January 30.

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



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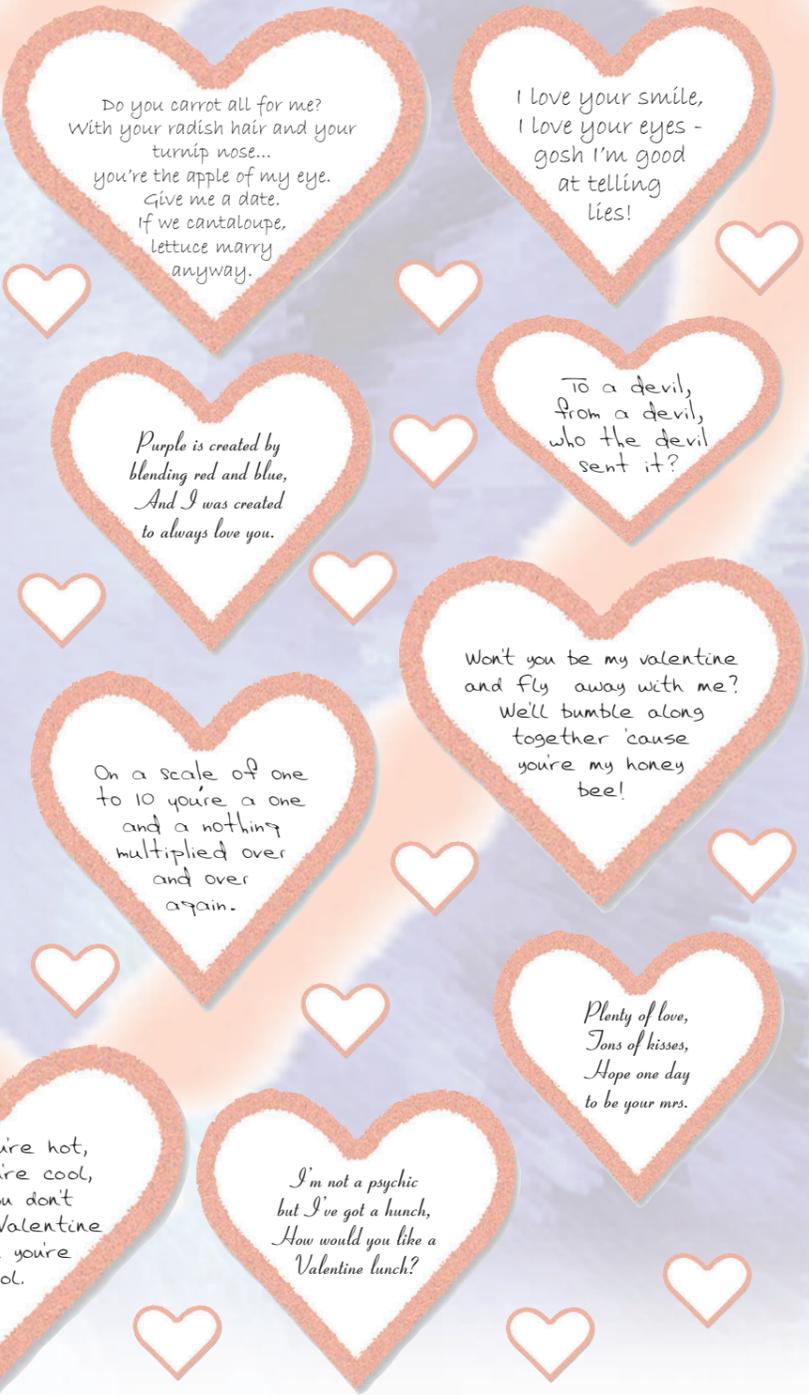
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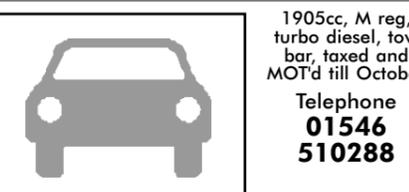


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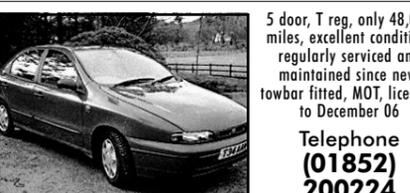


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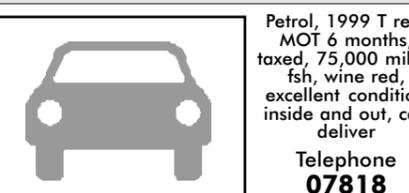


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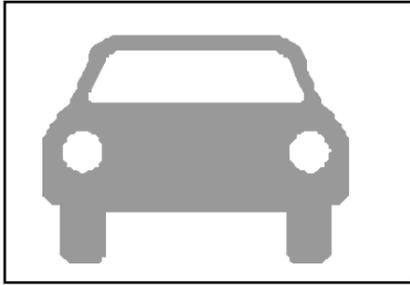
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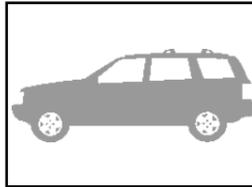


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You will join a small team providing legal advice and representation across the full range of local authority functions. Although we are looking for a qualified solicitor, trainees about to complete their traineeships will be considered.

You must possess a LLB with a full unrestricted Practising Certificate from the Law Society of Scotland. Experience of local authority work and/or court work would be an advantage although not essential provided you are willing to engage in areas of work that may be new to you. You must have a flexible approach, be able to work as part of a team and take on a personal caseload including court work. A valid driving licence essential. Ref: CPL21007.

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604034/604029.

Duty Officers (Leisure) 3 Posts

£16,515 - £17,877

Ref: OSF20883 - Mid Argyll

Ref: OSF20862 - Oban

Ref: OSF20523 - Oban (Part Time)

Full Time 35 hours working to a rota of five days out of seven.

Part Time approx 20 hours per week.

You will be responsible for the safety, performance, quality of service delivery, security and efficient operation of the Leisure Facility and staff during your period of duty.

It is desirable that you have membership of ILAM, ISRM, or other relevant professional body along with a qualification in Health & Safety. You must have a minimum of 3 years' practical experience of service delivery within the leisure industry, preferably in a supervisory position. Experience in assisting with the implementation of training and activity programmes within a sports centre environment would be an advantage along with experience of assisting with the organisation and management of entertainment, cultural, community and sporting events. Experience in organising staff rotas, cash handling, and stock control management would be an advantage, as would knowledge of COSHH regulations and safe systems of work applicable to leisure facilities along with a familiarity with Quality Systems and Microsoft Desk applications. You will have proven leadership and well developed communication skills and should possess a high degree of personal commitment, responsibility and enthusiasm. You should preferably be able to act as Licensee for Council premises.

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604658.

Childcare and Education Worker* (3 posts)

(Temporary until 29 June 2006)

£16,515 - £17,877 pro rata

17 hours per week term-time

Ref: CSE35570 - Craignish Primary School Pre-Five Unit

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Ref: CSE35240 - Taynuilt Primary School Pre-Five Unit

You will work as an effective member of an early years team delivering a flexible, high quality, education and care centred service that meets the needs of young children and their families.

An HNC, NNEB or equivalent or recent relevant experience in providing pre-school education is essential. In due course all those applying for early education and child care posts will be required to register with the Scottish Social Services Council.

For a recruitment pack for these positions call 01369 708546.

Smoking Prohibition Officers

(Temporary to March 2008)

£16,515 - £17,877

Ref: CPL23246T - Oban

Ref: CPL23226T - Lochgilphead

35 hours per week

You will work as part of a local team carrying out visits to commercial and public premises, promoting compliance with new legislation prohibiting smoking in enclosed spaces. Carrying out compliance checks, you will provide advice and guidance and where necessary issue fixed penalty notices and prepare formal reports. Required to undertake some evening work, you will need to have the use of a vehicle for travelling about the local area, for which you will be paid.

This is an ideal role for someone interested in public health issues and with demonstrable good communication, interpersonal and organisational skills. You must possess a minimum of 2 Higher Grades or equivalent qualifications/experience and a valid driving licence. Experience in enforcement work and in preparing/presenting promotional material would be an advantage, whilst experience and skill in the use of MS Office (Word and Excel) would be desirable.

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604034/604029.

Area Warden

£15,063 - £16,116

Isle of Mull

You will be responsible to the Area Roads & Amenity Services Manager for carrying out specified duties including recording use of the Council's pier facilities and ensuring the payment of pier dues, day to day management of the Council's car parks, basic maintenance of the car park ticket machines and basic inspection of pier facilities and public toilets.

An ONC/SVQ level or equivalent relevant experience is desirable and good literacy, numeracy and communication skills, both written and oral, are essential along with knowledge of relevant regulatory procedures and experience in the piers or fishing industry being desirable. Cash handling experience would be an advantage, you must be capable of dealing with confrontational situations in a calm and self-confident manner and be motivated and able to meet targets under pressure. A valid driving licence is essential along with the ability to travel within a specified geographical area and availability for working out with normal hours including weekends and evening work when appropriate. Ref: OSR00626.

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We are looking for an entrepreneurial, enthusiastic person preferably with an interest in sport and physical activity to deliver a catering service which meets the needs of the centre users and contributes to the reputation of the centre through the quality of service offered and effective finance performance.

You must hold a Food Handler's Certificate and HACCP with an HND/HNC or equivalent in Catering/Hotel Management preferred along with Health and Safety and/or Customer Care qualifications. You will be an effective communicator and have management experience in a catering outlet and of cash handling, budgetary control and supervision and development of staff. Experience of function catering and management would be beneficial. You will also have knowledge of Food Safety, the preparation and service of meals and snacks and the ability to organise your own and others' workloads. The ability to prepare reports and knowledge of costing systems would be an advantage. Ref: OSF20900.

The Council welcomes applications from New Deal Applicants.

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604658.

Clerical Assistant* (3 posts)

£9,945 - £14,220 pro rata

Ref: CSE51230 and CSE51240 - Lochnell Primary School

15.75 hours per week term-time

Ref: CSE51520 - Inveraray Primary School

30.5 hours per week term-time

You will undertake administration tasks as delegated by the head teacher such as typing, word processing, photocopying, filing, reception/telephone duties and any other relevant duties as required.

You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) or equivalent qualifications/experience.

Classroom Assistant* (3 posts)

£9,945 - £14,220 pro rata

Ref: CSE53490 - Lochnell Primary School

11.25 hours per week term-time

Ref: CSE54330 - Iona Primary School

5.25 hours per week term-time permanent

8 hours per week term time temporary until 29th June 2006

Ref: CSE55450 - Lochgilphead High School

32 hours per week term-time

You will contribute to the quality of care and welfare of pupils, the effective organisation and use of resources, the quality of learning and teaching in the classroom and the needs of pupils in effectively accessing the curriculum.

You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) or equivalent qualifications/experience.

For a recruitment pack for the above six positions call 01369 708546.

Clerical Assistant

(Temporary until 30th June 2006)

£9,945 - £14,220

Kilmory, Lochgilphead

You will be responsible for the provision of clerical support to the Capital Programme Section including typing, including audio typing, filing, data input and maintenance of databases and the administration of CHS with regard to guarantees and completion certificates.

You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) to include English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. A working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and Access) is desirable. Ref: SH3518.

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604555.

Clerical Assistant

£9,945 - £14,220

Campbeltown

You will be responsible for general clerical duties within the Council Tax Masterfile Section. Duties include updating the Document Management System and dealing with telephone and counter enquiries.

You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) to include English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. You must be computer literate with knowledge of Microsoft Office and one year's finance/administrative experience would be desirable. Ref: CPF23128.

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Clerical Assistants (Temporary) (2 posts)

£9,945 - £14,220

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Based within the Council's payroll section you will be responsible for a range of payroll duties including the preparation and input of payroll data, responding to pay enquiries and the application of both Conditions of Service and Statutory Legislation.

You must possess a minimum of 3 Standard Grades (Level 1, 2 or 3) to include English and Maths or equivalent qualifications/experience. Experience in an administrative or finance background especially within payroll would be a distinct advantage. You must be computer literate, self-motivated and organised and the ability to work accurately and confidently under pressure to strict deadlines is essential and a willingness to work additional hours when required is desirable. Ref: CPF22212T.

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Swimming Development Co-ordinator*

£6,7008 - £7,0257 per hour dependent on qualifications

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You will co-ordinate and implement a swimming development programme in line with the Council Sports Development Strategy and in support of community needs.

You must hold an ASA Level 1 Swim Teachers' qualification or equivalent. Experience of swimming development and teaching would be beneficial. A First Aid Certificate, ASA Swim Teacher Certificate or equivalent and basic IT skills would be an advantage. Ref: OSF20894.

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604658.

Ferry Operative*

£6,2903 per hour plus contractual overtime and shift allowance Cuan - Luig

Rotating Shift System - Annualised hours.

You will be responsible for operating the ferry between Cuan and the Island of Luig as one of two qualified crew. Duties will include undertaking the necessary checks, sailing the vessel to a timetabled schedule including emergency call outs and agreed out of hours sailings. General maintenance of the vessel will be required.

You must hold a Boatmaster Grade 2 certificate or equivalent with a GMDSS licence being desirable. You must have knowledge of the legislation and regulations pertaining to the operation of a small vehicle and passenger carrying ferry vessel with preferably work experience in similar circumstances. The ability to deal with the public in a polite, courteous and firm manner is essential and you must be trustworthy with a flexible approach to maintaining the provision of the service. Some experience in cash handling and a certificate in First Aid would be an advantage. A tied house will be available for renting. Ref: OSR00126.

For a recruitment pack call 01546 604620.

*Applicants should note that this is an EXCEPTED POST, i.e. a post to which the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975, as amended, applies.

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Annual General
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Friday 24th February 2006
8pm
Ladies Section
Annual General Meeting
Friday 17th February 2006
8pm

**Lochgilphead
Golf Club**
**2006 Annual
General Meeting
Tuesday 14th
February**
will be held in the
Club house at
7.30pm
*All members invited
to attend*

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Annual General
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will be held in the
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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- **Ref No: 06/00178/DET**
Applicant: Scottish Water
Proposal: Construction of public septic tank and tanker access
Site Address: Unoccupied Land Off A83 Opposite Muasdale Cottages Muasdale Tarbert Argyll
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tayinloan
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 05/02494/ADV**
Applicant: Tarbert And Skipness Community Council
Proposal: Erection of signage
Site Address: Forestry Signboard At Junction Of A83 And A8015 Tarbert Argyll PA29 6UD
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00177/OUT**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Twinn
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Plot 2 Torran Farm Ford Lochgilphead Argyll
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00164/LIB**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs J. Paton
Proposal: Internal alterations to existing en-suite
Site Address: Lower Flat Seabank, Askomil Road, Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6EP
Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day
- **Ref No: 05/01498/DET**
Applicant: G And S Cotterill
Proposal: Erection of greenhouse and summerhouse
Site Address: Poltalloch East Lodge Kilmartin Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8QF
Location of Plans: Lochgilphead Area Office
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Members of the public are invited to attend a meeting of the Argyll & the Islands Local Economic Forum
To be held at Argyll and the Islands Enterprise Office, Kilmory, Lochgilphead
On Wednesday 15th February 2006
At 11am
Any enquiries to be directed to Mari McFarlane
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Happy Birthday old yin!



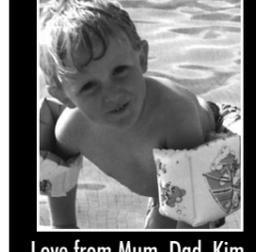
Looking good for 40
 Love Joanne, David,
 Christopher and Leanne xxx

Happy 18th Claire



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

Happy 18th Birthday Iain



Love from Mum, Dad, Kim,
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This girl is 21 years old



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 and all the gang
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50th Birthday Mary Ann Gillies



From all the family xxx

FIONA
 Congratulations on your 40th Birthday

Love Mum & Dad

To my gorgeous
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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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BIRTHS



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

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

DEATHS

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

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

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

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

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

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

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

IN MEMORIAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR

Sunday 12 February 2006
Live By The Spirit (Galatians 5:16)
Cumlodden (Furnace) 10.30 a.m.
Lochfyneside (Minard) 12 noon
Seirbhis Ghaidhlig (Monthly Gaelic Service)
Fluent speakers, learners, all interested in Gaelic, warmly welcomed
Lochgair 3 p.m. (Sacrament of Baptism)
Rev. Roderick MacLeod
All welcome

CHRIST CHURCH LOCHGILPHEAD
Eucharist 9 a.m.
Eucharist 11 a.m.

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 12 February 2006
Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.
Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.
Luke 14
Your Invitation To The Banquet
PACT for children of all ages meets in Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

www.lorneandlowland.com
Saturday 11 February 2006
Youth Club 7-8.30 p.m.
Sunday 12 February 2006
Morning Worship ... 11.15 a.m.
Evening Worship 6.30 p.m.
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday 13 February 2006
The Guild 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 14 February 2006
Mothers and Toddlers 9.45 a.m.
Young Women's Group 8 p.m. (New Hall)
Thursday 16 February 2006
Choir Practice 7.30 p.m.
Friday 17 February 2006
Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.



Argyll Street, Campbeltown
(A Province of the Anglican Communion)
Sunday 12 February 2006
Septuagesima
10.45 a.m. Family Communion
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Highland Parish Church



Sunday 12 February 2006
11.15 a.m.
All-Age Family Service
Creche in Church (0-3 years)
No Sunday School
All children in church, please
Tuesday 14 February 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 16 February 2006
7 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship
Kirk Street Hall
Rev Michael J. Lind
Everyone very welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

All Welcome
Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Miles**
Sunday 12 February 2006
11 a.m. Morning Service with Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Service
Monday 13 February 2006
Discipleship Course
Wednesday 15 February 2006
Discipleship Course
Thursday 16 February 2006
Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club
12 noon until 2 p.m.
Friday 17 February 2006
10-11.30 a.m.
Jumpstart Group

TARBERT LINKED KILBERRY

Sunday 12 February 2006
Tarbert Church 11.30 a.m.
Kilberry Church 2 p.m.
Aspire to inspire before you expire
Rev. Bill Gray

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Sunday 12 February 2006
The Town Hall, Campbeltown 11 a.m.
Praise and Worship
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10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 14 February 2006
Pensioners' Lunch Club
1.45 p.m. Home League (Ladies Meeting)
Thursday 16 February 2006
11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall
7 p.m. Bible Study
A warm welcome to all

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Argyll athletes qualify for Scottish final

Archie is hot shot

Athletics

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

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

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

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

Team captain Eilidh



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

Eilidh Elkin combined with Eilidh Elkin from Minard to win the eight-lap Paarlauf relay. Eilidh Elkin also contributed to the points total with second places in the six-lap time trial and the speed bounce. Ruth Semple from Southend gained valuable points with second in the four-lap race and second in the vertical jump.

Other individual winners in a great victory included Laura Fyfe from Inveraray in the shot putt. Two Kintyre girls, Nicole Anderson from Campbeltown and Nicola Paterson from Carradale also excelled, Nicole sec-

ond in the standing triple jump, Nicola third in the high jump.

The U15 girls also dominated, winning overall with 684 points, ahead of West Dunbartonshire on 579, South Lanarkshire with 555 and Dumfries and Galloway on 490 points. Lucy MacNulty from Dalmally was top individual with 142 points. Christie Roxburgh from Achnamara won the shot putt and placed third in the standing long jump.

The Argyll girls won both relays, starting with Lucy MacNulty and Erin Elkin from Minard in the eight-lap paarlauf. The four x two-lap relay team of Christie Roxburgh, Zoe Fleming, Holly Crawford from Lochgilphead and Heather

Lazarus from Campbeltown had to work hard to finish ahead of South Lanarkshire.

The Argyll U15 boys' teams have an impressive record, reaching the UK Sports Hall Final six times since 1999. This year they started their challenge in fine style, scoring 644 points to win ahead of Dumfries and Galloway (602), East Ayrshire (514), West Dunbartonshire (508), and South Lanarkshire (482). Sam Jespersen from Oban was top individual with 142 points. John Kennedy from Lochgilphead easily won the shot putt and was third in the triple jump.

The U13 boys ensured their place at the Scottish final with the most emphatic win of the day, fin-

ishing more than 200 points ahead of the second place district. The Argyll boys scored 748 points, far ahead of South Lanarkshire on 540, Dumfries and Galloway on 518 and West Dunbartonshire on 505.

The team was even depleted prior to the competition with talented high jumper Steven Higson from Tobermory struck down with flu and team captain Iain MacDowell not fully recovered. Argyll winners included Ian Hamish Paton from Strachur, who won the vertical jump. Fraser Meechan from Lochgilphead won the triple jump and Ben Boss from Ardrishaig won the four-lap final. An Additional top two placing was achieved by Ross Robinson from Lochgoilhead in the triple jump.

Argyll won all four relays in style, starting with the obstacle relay in which Angus MacCallum, John MacPhee, Rhys Campbell (Dunoon) and John Crawford (Lochgilphead) won by half the length of the hall.

Angus, Rhys, John Crawford and Innes Muir won the four x one-lap event and it was the same outcome in

the four x two-lap relay in which Ian Hamish Paton, Ben Boss, Ross Robinson and Fraser Meechan won by a wide margin.

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

The four Argyll teams have qualified to compete in the Scottish Final at the International Sports Complex in Dundee on Saturday February 25, with the incentive that winning in Dundee will ensure qualification for the UK Final in Birmingham in March.

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

Shooting

SUNDAY February 5 saw a large turnout of shooters for the latest leg of Tarbert Gun Club's winter league team shoot. With the competition resuming as a down the line contest, the dull day with no wind helped most competitors to high scores. Hot-shot of the day was Archie MacGilp, whose second round of targets was outstanding. Archie was an easy winner in his class and helped his team to another win in the team competition.

Winners

Class A

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

Class B

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

Class C

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

Class D

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

Class E

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

Winning Team

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Kintyre races attract entries

Football

ENTRIES have begun to pour in for the inaugural Mull of Kintyre half marathon and 10k race, which is being held in and around Campbeltown on Sunday May 28.

It is hoped that upwards of 150 people will take part in the event, the first of its kind to be held in Kintyre.

Those who have not entered yet but who wish to do so can pick up entry forms locally at the Victoria Hall and the community centre, or get one on-line at www.mokrun.co.uk.

Both races will start at the War Memorial on Kinloch Green, with the 10k runners following a course round Campbeltown and the half marathon participants making their way to Westport on the A83 before crossing the beach to Clochkeil, running across the Moss Road to Stewarton and returning to the town.

Argyll Bowling Club holds charity triples in aid of Castlehill playgroup



A CHARITY triples was held at the Argyll Bowling Club in Campbeltown recently in aid of Castlehill Under Fives Playgroup.

Unfortunately the support for the charity competition was not great, but those who did take part

enjoyed a good afternoon's bowling, played in a relaxed and sporting manner. The above photograph shows Argyll Bowling Club president Hugh McNair presenting a cheque to playgroup organiser Heather McPherson as the prizewinners look

on. The winners were the Campbeltown Bowling Club team of young Keith Dickson, Neil Maguire and skip Steven Dickson, while the runners-up were Bruce McMurchy, Neil Watson and skip Calum Black of the home club. N/A

Local sides to return to action

Football

AFTER a free week last Saturday, Campbeltown Pupils have a home league game tomorrow (Saturday).

The visitors will be Kilpatrick and the match is due to kick off at 2pm at Kintyre Park.

Campbeltown Boys are due to be on their travels tomorrow as they head for Clydebank to take on St Joseph's at Holm Park, home of Yoker Athletic juniors.

The Boys were also out of action last week when their scheduled home fixture against Cumbernauld was called off due to the away side being suspended by the Scottish Amateur Football League.

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Tarbert produce their top performance of year

SAFL Division Two Tarbert AFC 5 Eaglesham 'B' 1

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

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

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

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

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

Football

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

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

Prentice finally doubled Tarbert's advantage when

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

Tarbert replaced Martin

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

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

Player-manager Alex Johnstone was pleased with the performance and the re-

sult, the team showing good commitment to record a convincing win.

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

Tarbert: Blair, Martin, Maxwell, Laing, Guy, D MacDougall, Robertson, Harris, N McDougall, Pren-

tice, Connor. Subs: Johnstone, Ronald, MacKay. Tomorrow (Saturday) Tarbert have another home fixture, facing Strathkelvin Thistle at Cil Andreis. Kick off is at 2.30pm.



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