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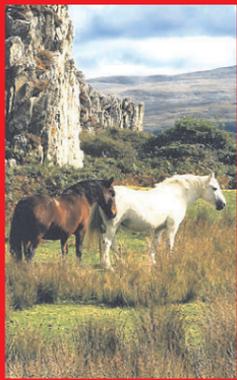
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Sanda's very own castaways

Caretakers don't feel isolated despite just a weekly visit from the postman

A POOR television signal and a weekly visit from the postman are just a few of the things that Sanda's new caretakers are going to have to get used to.

Wendy Byfield, aged 24, and her fiancé, Charles McVey, 28, gave up their professional careers in the bright city lights to set up home on the island retreat.

Charles sacrificed his job with the BBC whilst Wendy, who grew up in Kintyre, gave up her position in a job centre to become, in a sense, Sanda's very own castaways.

Happy

The happy couple set sail for their new island home from Campbeltown on Friday afternoon and, despite having to rely on food parcels being sent out by the island's owners, Meg and Dick Gannon, they don't feel the slightest bit isolated.

Mr McVey said: 'Wendy and I have always discussed getting a small holding. When we first started going

out Wendy spoke about her time in Campbeltown. I knew that she loved the island and it all just came together.

Friendly

'Wendy grew up in Campbeltown and was friendly with the Gannons. She worked on Sanda during the summer for a couple of years. The second year she was here I came out to visit her. When we saw the caretaker positions advertised the first time we thought about it but we had no experience. Then we saw it advertised again and decided to apply.'

Wendy and Charles will be responsible for the general upkeep of the island and its holiday cottages as well as the Byron Darnton Tavern. They will also take care of the island's many sheep.

The couple are getting married on September 16 and have decided to tie the knot on their new island home with family and friends.

'There will be family from both sides that can't come because of accommodation problems so we also going to have a big party on the mainland shortly afterwards,' said Charles. Meg Gannon said: 'We're very pleased to have Charles and Wendy. We didn't know at first they were so interested in coming. Wendy worked for us before and when they started talking about Sanda they realised they were both equally enthusiastic.'

Pleased

'We're pleased that they're settling in and we hope it all goes well for them both in the future.'

A programme about Sanda, and the link between Campbeltown and Ballycastle will be featured this Sunday (February 26) at 11am on the BBC's Countryfile programme.

Unfortunately, this will not be shown on BBC Scotland.

However, Sky Digital viewers should be able to view it.



Sanda's new caretakers, Wendy Byfield and her fiancé, Charles McVey, with their puppy, Cara. c08is101

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Detention for youth

A 17-YEAR-OLD man has been sentenced to three months detention after he made threats against a police officer's wife and children and threatened to set fire to the officer's home.

Derek Ronnie McKinven, of 24B Parliament Place, Campbeltown, admitted carrying out the offence in Benmore Street on October 23 last year when he appeared before Camp-

beltown Sheriff Court last week.

Ordering McKinven to be detained, Sheriff William Dunlop told him: 'I am not going to put up with this.'

'This kind of abuse of police officers must be put to a stop. I will not allow it to happen.'

Defence agent Christian Kane had earlier told the court that at McKinven failed to appreciate the se-

riousness of making the threats.

Mr Kane said: 'It was a crass, stupid and wanton thing to do while he was considerably under the influence of drink.'

'It is important to note that at no time has there been any action towards the officer other than the words spoken. He was not aware of the effect that such foolish threats, whether they

were meant or not, could have on a person, especially in a small community where the identity of individual officers is known as well as their home address.'

Sentence was deferred on McKinven until August in relation to two other breaches of the peace which he carried out.

Kevin McCallum, aged 17, of 77 Roothing, Campbeltown, appeared alongside McKinven on one of those charges.

McCallum admitted a string of offences, including three counts of breach of the peace, stealing a wallet which he found in Saddell Street, Campbeltown, and kicking and breaking bollard lights at the Argyll Bakeries Premises at Snipefield.

McCallum had also been found guilty on a previous occasion of committing a breach of the peace by making an inappropriate remark to a woman.

McCallum was also represented by Mr Kane when he appeared in the dock alongside McKinven last week.

In relation to McCallum, Mr Kane said: 'All of these offences were committed while he was under the influence of alcohol.'

'Some of them were committed when he was just 16 and had no idea how to behave in adult ways.'

'These offences are of great inconvenience rather than of any great gravity.'

Mr Kane suggested that probation and community service orders would go some way to providing McCallum with structure to his life, something which Mr Kane said is currently lacking.



The successful quintet was made up of, clockwise from back left, Ewan Bannatyne, Eilidh Brian, Mark Good, Stephanie Mitchell and Lynne Campbell. N/A

Third win for brass quintet

CAMPBELTOWN Brass added more glory to their roll of honour when its quintet won the Intermediate Ensemble National Championship for an unprecedented third year in a row at the Scottish Solo and Ensemble Championships in Livingston.

The quintet had qualified for the national championships through success in the

West of Scotland Championships last November. Adjudicator, world-renowned cornetist, Roger Webster, picked out the same youngsters for the number one slot as previously placed first by top judge sin 1004 and 2005, against ensembles from some big names in the Scottish brass scene.

It was a clear victory too, with a score of 94 points

against their nearest rivals at 92.

The quintet retain the Bo'ness and Carriden Band Trophy for another year and Mark Goode, a member of the quintet, was pleased to finish fifth in the tough intermediate solo competition, with fellow musician Lynne Campbell finishing ninth out of 18 finalists from all over the country.

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Accidents

A ONE vehicle road accident occurred on the A83 at Tayinloan last Wednesday (February 15). On the same day (Friday) another accident happened near Kildalloig. No-one was injured in either incident.

Man arrested

A MAN was arrested for committing a breach of the peace in Union Street, Campbeltown in the early hours of Friday morning (February 17).

Reported for assault

A MAN is being reported following an assault in Hall Street, Campbeltown, on Friday (February 17).

Breach of the peace

COMMITTING a breach of the peace led to a man being arrested in Burnside Street, Campbeltown, in the early hours of Friday morning (February 17).

Police assaults

A WOMAN was arrested in North Shore Street, Campbeltown, on Saturday (February 18) for committing breach of the peace, resisting arrested and four police assaults.

Two men arrested

TWO men were arrested in Campbeltown on Saturday (February 18) for being drunk in a licensed premises.

Fighting

FIGHTING at the Old Quay Head in Campbeltown led to two men being arrested on Sunday morning (February 19).

Unfit to drive

TWO men were arrested for driving whilst unfit through drink and attempting to pervert the course of justice at the weekend.

Window smashed

POLICE inquiries are continuing after a window was smashed in Lady Mary Row, Campbeltown, on Saturday (February 18).

Dog owners charged

TWO people have been charged under the Dangerous Dogs Act after two dogs were found running around the play park at Meadows Park, Campbeltown, and chasing children.

Man found not guilty of sectarian offences

A MAN who had been charged with committing a breach of the peace and an assault, both aggravated by religious prejudice, was last week cleared of the charges against him at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Ronald McLean Souden, aged 38, of 39 Saddell Street, Campbeltown, had denied the charges, which related to an incident which took place in Shore Street on April 24 last year, the day of a Rangers versus Celtic football match.

It had been alleged the Mr Souden assaulted George Shields by repeatedly punching him on the head, and committed a breach of the peace by shouting sectarian harassment.

After a trial which concluded last Thursday (February 16), Sheriff William Dunlop returned a not proven verdict on the assault charge. At the conclusion of the crown evidence, depute fiscal Sarah Healing had decided not to seek a conviction on the breach of

the peace charge. The sheriff had earlier heard evidence from Mr Shields and two members of his family that he had been assaulted by Mr Souden after an argument in the street relating to the day's football match.

Mr Souden's position was that he had been assaulted by Mr Shields and that his behaviour afterwards was simply in self-defence to restrain his assailant.

Mr Souden told the court that he had been involved

in 'football banter' with Mr Shields while they were standing in Shore Street.

He said that as the banter was going on Mr Shields head-butted him.

'I went into self-defence mode and pushed him over my leg,' said Mr Souden. I then sat astride him and held his wrists so that he wouldn't be able to hit me again.'

Mr Souden said that the incident came to an end when a member of Mr Shields' family ran up to Mr

Souden and kicked him in the face, causing his nose to bleed heavily.

Mr Souden's injury was also spoken to by a number of other witnesses, though none had been able to say exactly how he had been injured. Mr Shields had told the court that Mr Souden had been singing sectarian songs prior to the incident and all three members of the Shields family said that they had heard him making sectarian remarks.

However, in his evidence

Mr Souden said: 'It [sectarianism] is not my terminology at any time.'

Returning his verdict, Sheriff Dunlop said that there had been discrepancies in the versions of events given by the crown witnesses which meant that assault charge had not been proven beyond reasonable doubt. One of the discrepancies noted by the sheriff was the fact that none of the crown witnesses had been able to explain how Mr Souden had been injured.

Kintyre terrain benefits Dutch army

KINTYRE's hilly surroundings have provided perfect training conditions for a regiment of Dutch soldiers who wanted to train in a mountainous area.

Due to the Netherlands being so flat, 300 soldiers from the Dutch 17th Armoured Infantry Battalion travelled to the former RAF base at Machrihanish on Monday February 13 for two weeks' intensive training

on how to act in mountainous terrain.

Dutch army units, just like their British colleagues, are always prepared to take part in military missions throughout the world and over the last fortnight they have been getting advice from English and Dutch mountain leaders, supported by the Scottish Transport Regiment of the 51st Brigade.

During their time at Machrihanish they have been training in military skills during day and night at both individual and group level. Topics such as orienteering, survival when alone, cold weather exercise, patrolling and creating alternative group shelters are just a few of the topics which have been on the schedule. During the training the Dutch soldiers also

benefited from the rich experience of some of the UK's top mountain leaders. The 17th Armoured Infantry Battalion is a unit of the 13th Mechanised Brigade, which is stationed in the southern part of the Netherlands. This battalion stems from the Guard Regiment Fusiliers 'Princess Irene' that took part in the liberation of Europe at the end of World War II. Re-

cently the infantry battalion took part in missions in Bosnia Herzegovina and Iraq.

Alan Muir, senior property manager at Defence Estates, Machrihanish, said the army is very grateful to local landowners in the area who have, once again, permitted the use of their land for this military training.

'The exercise could not go ahead without this,' he said.

Hospital work almost done

BUILDING work on the new Mid Argyll Hospital in Lochgilphead is almost finished, with the completion date confirmed as April 17 2006.

The £18.4 million community hospital will replace the current 100-year-old wooden building.

The hospital's steering group recently received confirmation from the Canmore Partnership that the official hand over will take place on April 17.



Pupils get an insight into the police

CAMPBELTOWN Police Office held its first ever work experience placements this month.

Following a request from two pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School on the World at Work Scheme at Argyll College, four days of tours, talks and visits were arranged.

The pupils worked with the CID, visited the sheriff court

and learned about the conditions of service and care of prisoners.

They also visited Lochgilphead Police Office where they learned about drugs and personal safety before being taken for a drive around Lochgilphead in a traffic car.

The next two days involved tours of the dog branch at Pollok Park, the force training centre in East Kilbride,

the museum at the force headquarters and the police helicopter at the SECC.

They saw the drugs dogs sniffing out drugs, the purpose built riot training area and some gruesome exhibits at the museum. Pictured above are Alana Williams, Jenna McIntosh and Danielle Cooper with PC Nicola Cairns and PC Ian Clark at the helicopter branch. N/A

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Campbeltown Sheriff Court

Man jailed

A MAN has been jailed after he admitted committing a breach of the peace on two occasions within months of each other last year.

Thirty-five-year-old John Patrick McGregor, of 10F Burnbank Place, Campbeltown, pled guilty to committing the offences at his home when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

The first offence occurred on March 21 last year, when McGregor was involved in an argument with his partner and started shouting and swearing and throwing various household items into the common close.

On the occasion of the second offence, police officers arrived at McGregor's address to speak to his partner about another matter and he began to shout and swear at the officers and banged repeatedly on the

walls of the close. Defence agent David Watt said that the offences were the first McGregor had committed since 2001.

'It is plain that recently McGregor has turned to drink,' said Mr Watt.

'He has been free of offending for a number of years but things seem to have gone wrong recently.'

McGregor's sentence was backdated to January 18 this year, when he was first taken into custody in relation to the offences.

Islay man escapes driving ban

AN ISLAY man escaped a driving ban last week after he admitted driving without insurance.

Lee William Cruickshank, aged 35, of 3 Woodend, Ballygrant, was fined £200 and had six penalty points imposed on his licence after he admitted carrying out the offence on November 21 last year in Beech Avenue, Bowmore.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that Cruickshank had been using his girlfriend's vehicle at the time and mistakenly thought that he was insured to do so through the policy he had for his own vehicle.

Breach man fined for religious chants

A MAN has been fined after he admitted committing a breach of the peace, aggravated by religious prejudice.

Anthony Stevenson McGougan, aged 28, of 6D Queen Street, Campbeltown, carried out the offence within Campbeltown Police Office on November 27 last year.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court was told last week that McGougan had been taken into custody in relation to another matter when he started shouting and swearing at police officers, making various references to the Pope and loyalist groups in Northern Ireland.

Defence agent David Watt said that McGougan was singing what he described as 'Rangers songs' which contained sectarian language.

'He wasn't deliberately using sectarian words,' said Mr Watt.

Sheriff William Dunlop fined McGougan £250, £100 of which was for the sectarian aggravation.

He was fined a further

£100 after he admitted tearing up a sign within a cell at the police office on the same date.

Careless driving

A WOMAN whose careless driving resulted in an accident was not insured when it happened, Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week.

Twenty-four-year-old Jacqueline McCallum admitted driving without due care and attention on the B842 at Stewarton on December 13 this year.

McCallum pulled out of a junction into the path of an oncoming car and a collision ensued, causing £900 worth of damage to the other car. Defence agent Christian Kane said that McCallum was not insured because she could not afford to pay the premium.

He described the driving which led to the accident as 'an error of judgement.'

McCallum, of 11 Burnside Cottages, Stewarton, Campbeltown, was fined a total of £400 and banned from driving for six months.

Three points for teenager

A TEENAGER has had three penalty points imposed on his driving licence after he admitted driving carelessly in Campbeltown.

Robert David McTaggart, aged 18, of Macharioch House, Southend, was also fined £125 after he pled guilty to carrying out the offence in Longrow, Campbeltown, on December 3 last year.

Campbeltown Sheriff Court heard last week that McTaggart's car was seen on CCTV approaching a stationary vehicle at speed and swerving sharply to avoid colliding with it.

Defence agent David Watt said: 'He turned the steering wheel sharply as he drove up to and passed a parked car. That was all there was to it.'

Fined for assaulting a young man

PUNCHING a young man in the face has led to a man being fined £200 at Campbeltown Sheriff Court.

Appearing before the court last week, 28-year-old Jeremy Millien admitted carrying out the offence in Main Street, Campbeltown, in the early hours of February 11 this year.

The court heard that

Millien and the young man were involved in a discussion which resulted in Millien putting the other man in a headlock and punching him in the face.

Defence agent Christian Kane said the young man and a friend had approached Millien, whose address was given as c/o 26A Davaar Avenue, and 'given him nothing but abuse'.

'He rose to the bait and accepts this was the wrong way to behave but his normal walking away defence was inhibited by drink.'

Ban for Southend man

A SOUTHEND man has been banned from driving for a year after drinking and driving in Campbeltown's Burnside Street earlier this year.

Kevin John Guthrie Easterbrook, aged 38, of 5 Mill Park, admitted driving with 60mcg of alcohol in 100ml of blood when he was stopped by police on January 27 this year.

The legal alcohol limit is 35mcg/100ml.

Depute fiscal Sarah Healing told Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week that police officers on patrol decided to stop Easterbrook after they saw his vehicle being driven erratically.

Defence agent Christian Kane said that Easterbrook had drunk some whisky with his dinner earlier in the evening and had made an error of judgement in thinking he was fit to drive.

Drumleble man fined for breach

A MAN has been fined £150 after he admitted committing a breach of the peace when he appeared before Campbeltown Sheriff Court last week.

Graham James Sopp, aged 21, of 16 Rhudal Cottages, Drumleble, pled guilty to committing the offence by shouting, swearing and gesticulating at police officers in Cross Street, Campbeltown, on September 3 last year. The court heard that Sopp had been followed into a pub by police officers and asked to leave by them because they thought he was drunk.

Defence agent David Watt said that Sopp had taken exception to being asked to leave because he was not drunk and had been walking with difficulty only because he had injured his ankle in a road accident the week before the incident.



Pupils' stories in print

A GROUP of pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School have had short stories published in a new book.

Tales from Scotland features work done by school pupils across the country but the contribution from Campbeltown Grammar forms one of the biggest in the collection, with 20 pupils having their stories selected for publication.

The budding young authors, pictured

above, are Ryan Anderson, Danielle Armour, Ewan Bannatyne, Jonathan Barbour, Alix Brown, Craig Brown, Mairi Brown, Elaine Ferguson, Lyle Gillespie, Nicola Gilmour, Mark Good, Rebekah Holden, John McArthur, Alasdair MacPhail, Darren McSparran, Susan Mauchline, Caralyn Robertson, Darren Stevens, Ewan Wallace and James Young.

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Stars in their eyes at CBC

MARILYN Munroe, ABBA and the Blues Brothers were just a few of acts that went along to Campbeltown Bowling Club on Saturday night for a Stars in their Eyes special.

This year marks the club's centenary and the event was just one of a number of celebrations which are due to take place throughout 2006. There was not an empty seat in the house and all the performers did a wonderful job with the judges, Elise Glendinning, Davie Robertson and Helen Gilchrist, all giving their opinions.

But there could only be one winner and that was Lorna MacCallum as Olivia Newton-John, in second place was Anna MacIntyre as Aretha Franklin, Abba rolled in at third, and Martha Rennie as Marilyn Munroe was fourth.



Rena Cleugh did a fantastic job as Tina Turner.



Abba was made up of Shona Anderson and her husband Jimmy, Ian McConnachie and Margaret Anderson.



Above right: Martha Rennie was fourth overall as Marilyn Munroe.

Right: Alistair Glen and his son, also Alistair looked the part as Simon and Garfunkle.

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Making *Dooker Soup* in Tarbert

A SPECIAL celebration of achievement and creativity will take place in Tarbert Village Hall on Friday March 3 with the release of a 24 track CD *Dooker Soup*, the culmination of a programme of community based media workshops.

The workshops, which were held in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre in November 2005, provided a rare opportunity for all to experience at first hand some of the technical and creative processes involved in digital media content,

and to take part in the production of this unique and diverse archive for North Kintyre

Participants were given the experience of live performance, industry recording processes, artwork concept, design content and production, all with the help of industry professionals Grant Milne, sound engineer, and Karen MacNeil, graphic designer. Participants at the workshops included musicians, artists and enthusiasts of all ages and the resulting collective CD highlights the wealth of creative talent in the area.

The involvement of Tarbert's younger generation in the project has been outstanding, and the compositions they have delivered quite exceptional.

Singer song writer Katie Fitzgerald recorded several songs during some of the live performance and re-

ording workshops, with *So Sorry* making an admirable addition to the final mix.

Tarbert Academy student Euan Plater makes his CD debut with an original track *Lies*, and four piece band The Lemmings, also from Tarbert Academy, push the boundaries with *She Stole Me Away*, again their own composition.

Youth string ensemble Flamin' Fiddlers, with accompanist Joyce Munro and tutor Sara Wyche, gave a memorable performance, along with the Tarbert Primary School Gaelic Choir and National Mod cup winners Katy Evamy and Megan Marshall.

The workshops also produced some undiscovered talent from outwith the town, as in the case of Amanda Lough, who quite unexpectedly contributed her beautiful song *Butterfly Girl* whilst learning more



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about the recording process. Amanda's performance is now one of the many highlights of the album.

Of course, *Dooker Soup* wouldn't be complete without the presence of some very familiar names in the world of traditional music. Fraser McGlynn, along with family members Ryan and Kevin, plays some sure handed, rousing dance sets while Archie McAllister lets fly in inimitable style with high-energy jigs and reels.

Tarbert Gaelic Choir, under the leadership of Hilary and Dr Neil Macdonald, give an exceptional performance, showing with great style that the Gaelic tradition is still very much alive in Tarbert and Kintyre. Young accordionists David Hunt and Christopher Robertson also make an

appearance and they, like all the participants on the workshops, gave their talent generously in support of this unique project.

The spoken word forms an integral part of *Dooker Soup*, especially in conversation with Tarbert-born Robert Ross, whose recollections of Tarbert during the boom years of herring fishing are a fascinating insight to the past.

Depth

Robert's voice has depth, texture and a natural lilt that makes these recordings not only informative but also an emotional experience for the listener.

Local poet Ed Tyler recites some of his highly original work, and Kenny MacInnes relates engaging anecdotes of working life aboard the Tarbert to Portavadie ferry.

The success of the production has in large part been due to the enthusiasm and commitment of the local community. A local steering group (Dr Neil and Hilary Macdonald, Alistair Kirkwood, Douglas Robertson and Carolyn McDonald) assisted in the project from the outset, and Carolyn also provided the inspired and imaginative title for *Dooker Soup*.

The initiative has surpassed all expectations, with the CD gaining distribution throughout Scotland prior to its launch.

It will also be available on-line through

www.MusicinScotland.com. The launch at Tarbert Village Hall on March 3 will feature performances by some of the artists from *Dooker Soup* (including Archie McAllister, Katie Fitzgerald, Euan Plater, Amanda Lough and the Tarbert Gaelic Choir), followed by a ceilidh dance with the Fraser McGlynn Duo. The ceilidh dance will be licensed and proceeds will go towards the hall refurbishment fund. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

Dooker Soup will be available in local shops from March 4, and proceeds from the sale of the CD will go to Tarbert Community Heritage Trust, with the intention that funds raised will assist future arts and heritage projects in the area.

If you would like to come along and join in the celebration, the evening begins at 7pm.

Tickets are free of charge but numbers are limited; tickets are available from Argyll Book Centre, Lochgilphead and I MacIntyre's, Tarbert.

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Opportunity to take to the skies

A WOMAN from Campbeltown is offering people in Kintyre the chance to take to the skies with flying lessons.

Mary Turner from Kildalloig is a professional instructor who has logged over 5,000 flying hours, including 3,000 hours spent training both professional and private pilots. Now, however, she is sharing her expert knowledge of the skies and is setting up a training enterprise to meet local demand. The first training aircraft is due to arrive very soon and, between managing Kildalloig Farm and garden, Mrs Turner will be available for part-time training throughout the summer. Mrs Turner hopes

that once the business is established a full-time instructor will be employed.

The lessons will be conducted from Machrihanish airfield, which has the potential to be one of the most attractive locations for flying in Britain with its superb runway, clear airspace, unlimited accommodation and wonderful scenery.

Mrs Turner said: 'I'd been doing a bit of part-time instruction in other parts of the country and I've had so many inquiries from people in Kintyre that I just thought I would start training. I've been talking to the MoD and everyone's very enthusiastic.'

Tackling the town's litter problems

CAMPBELTOWN Community Council has successfully applied for funding to tackle problems in Campbeltown including litter, vandalism and chewing gum.

Strathclyde Police has awarded the community council two separate grants of £500.

The first project is called 'Take Pride in Your Town' and will be targeted at school children from primary one to S6.

Younger children will be invited to do a piece of art work using the slogan 'Take Pride in Your Town' to il-

lustrate ways in which the town could be improved if vandalism and litter were tackled.

Older pupils will be asked to submit a piece of writing in which they will discuss these problems and find ways to improve Campbeltown. Schools will be visited by a sub committee which will include a member of the community council, a local councillor and a representative from Strathclyde Police. The reasons for the initiative will be then discussed with pupils.

Prizes will be awarded in each category and age

group and all entries will be exhibited in the Town Hall.

The second project, 'Bin that Gum' will see three chewing gum bins installed in Main Street at areas highlighted by the police and community council.

This will also be a partnership project supported by Campbeltown traders as well as Strathclyde Police and Argyll and Bute Council.

The bins will be monitored regularly and the community council hopes they will tackle the problem of chewing gum which defaces the streets of the town.

Children to get free bike locks from Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel

IN RESPONSE to the number of bicycles which are being stolen around Campbeltown, Kintyre Crime Prevention Panel (KCPP) will be handing out bike locks.

Johnny Durnan of KCPP asked for £300 to purchase

the locks at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Community Safety Forum meeting.

Mr Durnan said he wanted to hand out locks to all children in South Kintyre schools sitting their Cycling Proficiency Test.

He said: 'It's due to the

amount of bikes that have been stolen in the area.

'The last report from the police was that Campbeltown Police Station had 30 bikes sitting in it.'

The Community Safety Forum granted the money for the locks.



Meet the Team
In the second of our features looking at Aqualibrium we introduce you to the staff who will be working for you and with you to achieve the right balance.



The leisure services team who are looking forward to welcoming you to Aqualibrium.



Marius Huysamer
Facilities Manager



Sharon Gillies
Duty Officer - Service



Greig Flaws
Duty Officer - Fitness



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Fitness Co-ordinator



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Duty Officer - Operations



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Leisure Assistant



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Receptionist



Gillian Broderick
Receptionist



Linda Arkell
Receptionist



Barbara Mansell
Library Assistant



Florence McEwan
Library Assistant



Caroline Corr
Library Assistant

Competition

Aqualibrium is led by Facilities Manager Marius Huysamer who comes to Campbeltown from his native South Africa via London. Nine staff will be taking care of people using the pool and fitness suite, whilst four staff will attend to the library.

Other facilities include a cafe where you can sit back and relax with a cup of tea or healthy snack after your workout.

And it's the cafe which provides the



basis for this month's competition. We are looking for a cafe name which reflects the very special surroundings and facilities available in Aqualibrium.

Send your suggestions for the name of the cafe to Communications, Argyll and Bute Council, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT or enter via the Aqualibrium pages on our website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

The winning name will be announced on Friday 17 March and the winner will receive a swim voucher for 20 swims, an Aqualibrium goody bag and a meal for four in the cafe.

Ten runners up will receive Aqualibrium beanie hats.



Sue Fortune
Area Librarian

Wedding belles and graduation star



Greig MacLeod, recently graduated with a BSc honours (2:1) in Construction Management from Glasgow Caledonian University. Greig is a former head boy of Lochgilphead High School and is now working with Interserve in Glasgow.



Alex Galbraith and Donna Seaman were married on Saturday July 9, 2005, at St Martin's Church, Knebworth.



Married near San Francisco, Iain, only son of Robert and Margaret McCallum, Kildrum, Cumbernauld and Briana Miller, only daughter of Henry and Fereshteh Miller, Martinez, California. Iain is the grandson of Mrs Ella McCallum, 20, Castleacres, Campbeltown. The couple are now living in Santa Monica.

Warning over prize draw scam

MID ARGYLL and Kintyre residents are being warned by Argyll and Bute Council Trading Standards Service about a prize draw scam involving a mail shot being sent to residents throughout the area.

The scam was brought to light when an Argyll and Bute resident received a letter stating that a cheque for £2,476 in the name of the resident would be sent and could be cashed or deposited in any bank.

However, to be able to receive the money the person must complete and return a claim form with a cheque of £14.97.

The Office of Fair Trading, which monitors scams like this, is aware of the company, and it is now under investigation.

Trading Standards are reminding all residents not to send any money in response to unsolicited offers of cash or goods.

The Office of Fair Trading has requested that anyone receiving such mail, who would like to report it, should telephone 0845 7 22 44 99.

A spokesperson for the council said the scam was aimed at making money out of people who would think it was a genuine offer.

Wedding and graduation photographs are printed free of charge, just hand them in to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* or *Campbeltown Courier* offices.



From the 1st April 2006 free bus travel is changing for people 60 and over and disabled people in Scotland.

- If you want to travel free on buses locally and Scotland-wide from 1st April 2006, you must apply for your new National Entitlement Card now.
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- The later you apply, the more likely it is that you will not have your new Entitlement Card in time.
- Your new Entitlement Card replaces your existing local scheme concession travel card and will also be used for the National Blind Scheme. In future you may be able to access other services on the Entitlement Card.
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- Use your new Entitlement Card from 1st April 2006.



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Thought for the Week

RECENTLY I re-read *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe, a book I enjoyed many years ago. It is set in the southern states of America in the days when slavery was the order of the day. Although the background of the story is depressing, the story itself is very uplifting. It's strange, but true, that light is much lighter when seen against the darkness. The light of one candle adds nothing to the brightness of a summer day, but it fairly lights a table in a romantic restaurant - if the television is anything to go by.

The bible tells us that Jesus is the light of the world, the one who takes away the darkness in the human heart and replaces it with the light of his presence. Eight hundred years before Jesus was born, God told this truth through the prophet Isaiah: 'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.' If death has cast its dark shadow over you, look to Jesus. He is able to lighten your sad heart, for he really is the light of the world (see Isaiah 9:2).

Irene Howat



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane photograph shows some of Robert Weir and Son's workforce at Drumore Gardens, Campbeltown, in 1956.

Back row, left to right: Bertie Dalziel, Duncan Martin, Jim Robertson and John Tench.

Front row, left to right: Arthur Galbraith, John Scally from Skye, Bobby Riddel and David Wylie.

Those Were The Days

The Campbeltown Courier, February 27, 1981

A big event for Sea Cadets

ON THURSDAY of last week Campbeltown's Sea Cadets gathered in the town's TA Hall for one of the most important events in the unit's history, with the final inspection for the Canada Trophy.

The contest is held to find the best unit in the entire Sea Cadet Corps and with the top units from the corps' seven areas taking part the Campbeltown youngsters have had to achieve a very high standard just to get to this stage.

As winners of the Stevenson Trophy for the best unit in the northern area - which includes units in Scotland and Northern England - the Campbeltown unit won the opportunity to compete for the Corps' premier trophy.

Although judging for this competition covers all aspects of the Sea Cadet work over the entire year, the cul-

mination of the local unit's efforts came last Thursday when they were inspected by the corps' commanding officer, Captain TE Fanshawe CBE, DSC, RN.

The inspection, which was watched by a large number of parents and friends, was carried out by Captain Fanshawe together with the corps' training commander, Commander Anson, and the commanding officer of the Girls' Nautical Training Corps, Chief Officer Watt.

Captain Fanshawe praised the unit for their performance, thanking the officer, committee and parents for all the help they give to the youngsters.

After presenting the unit's commanding officer, Lieutenant (SCC) Patrick Stewart, RNR, with the Stevenson Trophy for the best unit in the northern area, he went on to say that he was particularly impressed with the Campbeltown Unit's performance because of the isolated position of the town, with no easy access to other units and to naval establishments.

Reply to councillor

Sir

I was very disappointed to read Councillor Kelly's letter in last week's *Campbeltown Courier*.

At last week's Campbeltown Community Council meeting, the issue of the transfer of council offices to the town hall and Campbeltown Museum was discussed fully with Councillor Kelly.

At the end, the community council agreed, reluctantly, as reported in last week's *Courier*, that these buildings should be utilised to prevent further deterioration to their fabric.

It was also agreed that we should put recent events behind us and that we should move forward as a community.

This will happen, I believe, with the formation of a small group representing the views of the meeting held recently and I look forward to their views being taken on board by our local councillors and the

Strategic Policy Committee.

Nancie M Smith, High Street, Campbeltown.

Town hall is a disgrace

Sir,

I am writing to voice my disgust at the state of the town hall.

Last week, on February 14, I went with my wife to see my youngest daughter at her ballet class run by Ballet West. The class was run excellent as usual but the floor in the downstairs room was absolutely filthy and the rest of the building was not much better.

This building is one of the most beautiful in the town but it is in such a sorry state.

Can someone please tell me how the council can afford to spend thousands converting it into offices which, I might add, will have to conform to all Disability Scotland criteria, when they cannot even employ someone to keep it in an adequately clean condition at the moment?

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Not so long ago they wanted to close it for essential repairs. In my opinion, our council, in all its wisdom, seems to operate on the 'my way or the highway' system.

Name and address supplied.

Proud rector

Sir

I thank Ian McAdam sincerely for his very kind remarks about our recent production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

One of the great perks of my job is to be able to bask, from time to time, in the glory of others. On this occasion, I was only a very small cog in the production machine - the others deserve to be named too!

Ray Cameron-Goodman's inspired direction brilliantly realised Shakespeare's drama. Catrona Lang of Footnotes added an extra dimension with her superb choreography.

Neil Cross gave us a wonderful stage set and Christine Salusbury-Hughes must have spent weeks at the sewing machine to provide such a range of colourful costumes.

Jane Brian and Squirrel

Cross deserve a mention for their efforts in the make-up department, as well and Jamie and Jimmy Girvan for juggling no fewer than ten radio mikes and all the music cues to make sure the whole thing could be heard right to the back of the hall.

The major plaudits must go to all the young actors and actresses - only one of them above fourth year.

I have been involved with school shows for almost 30 years now but in all that time I don't think I have ever worked with a more talented, focused and committed cast than this one.

They well deserved the applause that nearly took the roof off the school hall. Nor should we forget the stage and lighting crew and front-of-house team, who also rose to the occasion in a most professional manner.

I feel very proud that drama can take its place alongside our pipe bands, wind bands and choirs (and our above-average exam results) as a further indicator of the standards of excellence we have come to take for granted here in Campbeltown.

William Crossan, rector Campbeltown Grammar School.

Independent should resign

Sir,

Audit Scotland's damning verdict on Argyll and Bute Council, and in particular the council's political leadership, ought to be followed by the resignation of the failed Independent Group.

The report details a catalogue of incompetence that frankly makes Argyll and Bute a laughing stock, but with very serious consequences for the people that live here.

To underline just three areas highlighted from the Council's litany of failure:

□ The report underlines the shameful state of the roads in Argyll. It is no wonder that the report states that, rates of road accidents and road fatalities are higher than for Scotland as a whole. Yet the council plans to cut the amount they intend to spend on road maintenance.

□ The report goes on to note the council's lack of progress in addressing best value in a practical, meaningful way. In view of yet another round of forthcoming cuts it is time that the

Council learned that best value and cutting services is not the same thing. It ought to be recognised that most of the cutbacks affect the most vulnerable people in Argyll.

□ Every year the Independent Group bleats about insufficient funding from central government. Absolutely right - but as the report says: 'The council does not have sufficiently robust information on its cost base to isolate the impact of geography and population sparsity from other factors such as inefficiencies in the way it delivers services'.

Little wonder then that the council cannot make an adequate case for sufficient funding from the Scottish Executive. I see that Audit Scotland is suggesting that council members would benefit from external training to assist them in developing their scrutiny role.

On the other hand, having read the rest of the report it would seem a good deal more sensible, and save a great deal of money and wasted effort, for the Independent Group to 'do the

right thing' and resign with immediate effect.

Ron Wilson, secretary Campbeltown branch SNP.

Thank you

Sir,

Last week my vehicle and I got well and truly stuck on the Carradale to Campbeltown road. One of those situations where you are at a complete loss to see a way out. Then appears someone to restore your faith in humanity. At some risk to himself, as the incident was on a dangerous corner, Ian Currie came to the rescue and towed my vehicle out of harm's way.

I am more guilty than most at complaining in *The Courier* so when things go right it behoves us all to take the time and effort to write in and say thank you.

So, to Mr Currie from the Ashbank Hotel in Carradale, well done in being a good Samaritan and helping a complete stranger stuck on the road. A creditable act of human kindness.

Russ McLean, Glasgow.

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Down your
Way in

Machrihanish and Drumlemble



Mr Taylor prepares to tee-off at Machrihanish Golf Club's world-famous opening hole. Photo: John Gillespie

Snooker legend Dennis tees off at Machrihanish

SNOOKER legend Dennis Taylor swapped the green baize for the green, green grass of Machrihanish recently.

The Northern Irish former world champion paid a flying visit to Machrihanish Golf Club with three playing partners for a round on

the world-famous championship course.

Eight-handicapper Taylor was given the privilege of playing off the new tee on the first hole - but his tee shot almost found a watery grave in the Atlantic, coming to rest on the beach. His opening shot didn't

spoil his enjoyment of the round though; the first was his favourite hole and afterwards he described the whole course as 'tremendous'. He said that he would consider making a return visit for either the Pro-Am or Am-Am competition later in the year.

Village Hall to be sold

DRUMLEMBLE Hall is to be sold.

Following several meetings about the future of the building over the last few years, members of Laggan Community Council have

decided that there is no other option than to put it onto the market.

Letters were sent to people living in the area and a questionnaire was issued. However, unfortunately

very few of these were returned. The hall is very seldom used and committee members have decided to sell it because the cost of expenditure far exceeds the hall's income.

Playground project

AS part of their playground project, pupils at Drumlemble Primary have been busy making their own equipment for the school's playground.

So far the children have constructed a wooden den and wooden sculptures made to look like little people.

They have also enjoyed link weaving and enhanced their seating area by making a friendship bench.

In the spring term, old clothes will be the order of the day again as the pupils continue to improve their school grounds in the hope that this will cultivate an Eco School Silver Award.

Pupils study Fessenden

SENIOR pupils at Drumlemble Primary School have been studying the work done by Reginald Fessenden to commemorate the anniversary of the world's first ever transatlantic radio transmission, made from Brant Rock, USA, to Machrihanish in 1906.

As a result, pupils will benefit from taking part in a range of stimulating learn-

ing experiences covering all aspects of local history, science, mathematics and English.

The children will also be using the Internet as well as e-mail and video conferencing technology to communicate and build a long-lasting partnership with Daniel Webster School in Marshfield, Massachusetts.

New golf course talks continue

DISCUSSIONS regarding a second world-class golf course at Machrihanish are ongoing, according to the developer.

Brian Keating of Brightside Leisure Developments Ltd, the company behind the plans for the proposed 18-hole course, said discussions with Argyll and the Islands Enterprise (AIE) are ongoing and the company is waiting until the Ministry of Defence makes an announcement regarding the future of the former RAF airbase which neigh-

bours the proposed course. Mr Keating said: 'We're still in discussions with AIE but we're waiting to see what happens with the base.'

'We're ready to start construction and I'm still hopeful that we'll get it started this year.'

New play park committee

A NEW action committee is to be set up to help raise funds for new equipment at Machrihanish play park.

The equipment which is currently at the park is needing replaced and anyone interested in helping out is urged to contact Laggan Community Council.

Fresh ideas needed

LAGGAN Community Council is appealing for new members. At present only four people are on the committee and fresh ideas are needed to help make a difference to both Drumlemble and Machrihanish. Anyone interested is asked to attend the community council's next meeting on Wednesday (March 1).

Big Cook, Little Cook

BIG COOK, Little Cook is coming to Drumlemble Primary School as part of a healthy eating initiative.

This will see the pupils participating in cookery lessons. The culinary delights created will also be sold at the school's healthy tuck shop, enabling the children to expand their enterprising skills.

Pupils to publish poetry book

PUPILS at Drumlemble Primary School have been busy studying poetry over the last few weeks.

The children have enjoyed it so much that next term they will be publishing their very own poetry book. Watch this space!

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Inveraray Pipe Band play Kintyre show

INVERARAY Pipe Band will visit Campbeltown this weekend.

An idea originally crafted by Stuart Liddell, grandson of the late pipe major Ronald McCallum MBE, who was piper to the Duke of Argyll, Inveraray Pipe Band has been created from scratch.

With the support of many friends, Stuart did incredibly well in a short space of time, performing at last year's Inveraray Highland Games and Cowal Highland Games.

The band has recently been kitted out with new Ancient McCallum kilts in honour of Ronald McCallum and, thanks to the support of the local community, it has raised £10,000. Grants from the National Lottery and many other sources have also helped to establish it.

Inveraray Pipe Band's visit to Campbeltown will be its first outing in the new uniform.

The event has been arranged through Kintyre Piping Society, which hopes that the public will go along and hear the band play.

Stuart Liddell will also be giving a solo performance, as will young members of the band.

The performance takes place in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, tomorrow (Saturday) at 8pm.



Busy year ahead at Ardkinglas

ARDKINGLAS Woodland Garden near Cairndow is set to host a number of events over the coming year.

The first event taking place at the garden, which is home to an outstanding collection of rhododendrons and conifers, will be a gardener's question time on the evening of Friday March 24. A panel of eminent local horticulturists and botanists will attempt to answer the queries of amateur gardeners. Although a variety of questions is expected, there will be a particular emphasis placed on problems faced by gardeners in the west coast of Scotland.

In late May and early June the garden will host a 'shrub and grub' event. With the rhododendron collection flowering, the garden's staff will lead a guided tour through the trees and shrubs. The stroll will be followed by a light supper of speciality breads and cheeses washed down with wine.

For more information on either event, contact Glyn Toplis on 0787 6072656 or e-mail AENurseries@aol.com.

Run this year's Edinburgh Marathon

THE MENINGITIS Trust is looking for volunteers from Mid Argyll and Kintyre to run in this year's Edinburgh Marathon.

Taking place on June 11, the race offers runners the chance to help fight meningitis, which kills hundreds of people in the UK

every year. Anyone interested in running the Edinburgh Marathon or Big Relay 2006 to help fight meningitis should call Anne Currie, assistant manager at the Meningitis Trust Scotland on 0845 120 2123 or e-mail annec@meningitis-trust.org.

Join day of prayer in Kintyre

THE LORNE and Lowland Church in Campbeltown will host a service next Friday (March 3) as part of the World Day of Prayer.

The international day of worship was instigated by Christian women of South Africa, who have invited men, women and young people from around the world to join them in the service. The chosen theme for the service is 'Signs of the Times'. In the service, people will be invited to take courage in the Risen Lord, who is the sign of all times.

The people of South Africa are known as the Rainbow Nation, since many colours and races comprise their national make-up. There are 11 official languages and a variety of cultures across the country. The problems of unemployment, drug addiction, HIV and AIDS overwhelm the country. The Christians' prayer is that everyone may be a sign of hope, joining together to build up the

kingdom of God. This days gives people from Christian communities in more than 180 countries the opportunity to worship and pray on a common theme. In Scotland, services are to be held in locations as diverse as prisons, churches, schools, universities, hospitals, eventide homes, hostels for the homeless and shopping centres.

Offerings from the services will be given to the Scottish Bible Society and Feed the Minds, for Christian literature work.

World Day of Prayer gives the opportunity to pray for, and with, the people of South Africa and to share in a time of praise and worship with fellow Christians in the local community.

The service at the Lorne and Lowland Church begins at 7.30pm. All are warmly welcome.

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Award-winning play visits Mid Argyll

MID ARGYLL Arts Association will tomorrow (Saturday) present the MSFITS Theatre Company in a new comedy drama by multiple award-winning writer, Rona Munro.

Sold out performances of *The Good, The Bad and The Botoxed* have taken place around the country, including Perth Theatre, the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh, the Byre Theatre in St Andrews, Aberdeen's Lemon Tree, Bloxwich Library Theatre, Darwen Library Theatre, The Met in Bury and the Vikingar in Largs.

Actress Fiona Knowles and playwright Rona Munro have worked together for more than 20 years and their productions and performances have earned many prestigious awards in films, theatre, television and radio.

The Good, The Bad and The Botoxed tells the story of three women held hostage in a hair and beauty salon by a vengeful client demanding more than her money back.

This hilarious evening of comedy takes place in Ardrishaig Public Hall, starting at 8pm. Admission at the door.

Under the hammer for Blarbuie

DONATIONS from across Mid Argyll will be going, going, gone tonight (Friday) at an auction in aid of the Blarbuie Woodland Project.

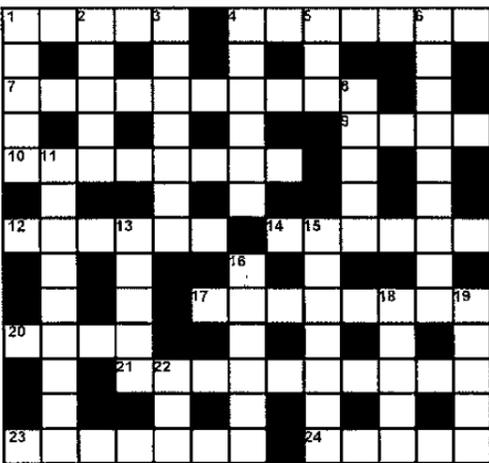
The project, which is opening the Lochgilhead forest to the public through a programme of clearing and replanting, has received donations from people and businesses throughout Mid Argyll.

Taking place in Ardrishaig Hall, the grand ceilidh and auction will include music from Archie McAllister and other local performers, with Professor Angus MacKay acting as auctioneer for the evening.

All money raised at the auction will help fund the restoration of the woods at Argyll and Bute Hospital and the creation of a public park. Organisers also hope that the event will help to raise public awareness of the project and encourage people to join in.

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CROSSWORD



THE THINKER

ACROSS

- 1 In charge after AGM shattered illusions (5)
- 4 We arrive to embrace novice with greeting (7)
- 7 Monument for gent - one he's designed (10)
- 9 For a keen gardener, some equipment (4)
- 10 Italian with nervous reaction to affairs of the heart (8)
- 12 Drug removed from flapping sleeves - pot (6)
- 14 Try, in a strange way, to review work pending (2-4)
- 17 Got down and played chord on cue (8)
- 20 Daily tea discussed (4)
- 21 Uncle with chess piece damaged rook first (10)
- 23 Welds in new shape - that's cheating (7)
- 24 Elgar composed in a big way (5)

DOWN

- 1 He saves man losing time (5)
- 2 Force to use weaving kit in poor light (5)
- 3 Tilts, in church, to purify (7)
- 4 Tiny creature you and I find wicked (6)
- 5 Left turn, up to the wood (3)
- 6 Exploits fish to make a drink (9)
- 8 Explode in anger - up to no good (5)
- 11 Finish with project to conquer (9)
- 13 Intelligent, up to a point (5)
- 15 Turn ale into something bland (7)
- 16 Ran into empty garage at country home (6)
- 18 He walks with the woman round half of IKEA (5)
- 19 Dreadful note included in miserable tune (5)
- 22 Increase for a religious scholar (3)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1.Grave 4.Console 8.Incompetent 10.Deplete 12.Repel 16.Spotlight 17.Grant 20.Stuffed 24.Pathologist 25.Eyesore 26.Skuas
 DOWN: 2.Raise 3.Vocal 5.Over 6.Scene 7.Lithe 9.Mutate 10.Dying 11.Pasta 13.Petal 14.Livid 15.Bistro 18.Reply 19.Notes 21.Frisk 22.Extra 23.Door

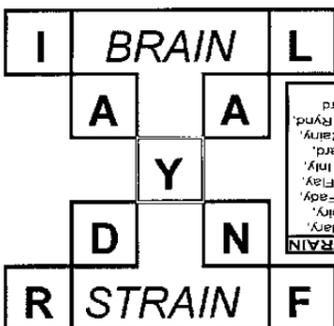
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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Improvement: Alter, Better, Change, Improve, Amend, Beautify, Redress, Enrich, Transform, Repair, Correct, Decorate, Remedy, Reform, Enhance, Renovate, Polish, Revise, Edify, Rectify

BRAIN STRAIN



How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 22 Maestro: 36+

Argylls appoint new recruiter

A YOUNG soldier who has recently returned from Bosnia has come back to Scotland to help recruit youngsters from Kintyre and Mid Argyll to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Lance Corporal Alex Martin, aged 21, who has also previously served in Northern Ireland and Iraq, has been posted back to Scotland to serve with the Royal Regiment of Scotland Recruiting Organisation to recruit for the Argylls. Alex is hoping that his presence in the recruiting team will encourage other young men to sign up for a career in the Scottish Infantry.

Alex, originally from Falkirk, enlisted in the army after leaving Falkirk High School in 2001, and has enjoyed the experience. He said: 'I'm really thrilled to be back in Scotland helping with the recruiting effort.'

'When the new Royal Regiment of Scotland forms on March 28, the Argylls will be the only air assault battalion in the regiment, a role which is regarded as the best job in the infantry. We are currently recruiting young men between 16 and 26 years of age for service in the army and, as an Argyll, they will be one of Scotland's finest soldiers.'

In his new role, Alex will tour Scotland with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battalion Recruiting Team, educating young people about the benefits of a career in the



Lance Corporal Alex Martin has returned to Scotland to recruit for the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Scottish infantry. Alex said: 'I've enjoyed all the various jobs and tasks that I've been involved in with the Argylls as part of 16 Air Assault Brigade and I hope to return to the Argylls in May this year to further my career. I'm

looking forward to being a part of the Royal Regiment of Scotland and I'm hoping that I can encourage more young men from the local area to follow in my footsteps.

'In addition to the rewards a soldier's life can

offer, you have the opportunity to experience all types of sport, adventure training and travel in the army. You also qualify for free medical and dental treatment and at least six weeks paid holiday a year from the first day you start

your training, which is something that most young people will struggle to find in a civilian job.'

For more information on a career with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, call into your local Army Careers Office.

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Young farmers head to Oban for competitions weekend

DESPITE their club having disbanded last year, former young farmers from Kintyre will no doubt be interested in an event taking place in Oban this weekend.

More than 300 young farmers from across the country to compete in the 2006 Winter Competitions Weekend being held tomorrow (Saturday) and Sunday by the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC).

The first competition on the agenda is the national final of the ten pin bowling.

This competition is being hosted at Harbour Bowl, Oban and 28 teams from teams from as far down the country as Dumfries and Galloway to as far north as Caithness are competing.

It is hoped that hosting a competitions weekend in Oban will help show new members what the association has to offer and assist them in attracting new members.

Also taking place tomorrow are the finals of the member of the year competition.

One person representing

each district will be interviewed by the panel of three judges, John Raeside, Linnhead Farm, Uplawmoor, Glasgow, Andrew Lorraine Smith, Hagbrae, Gorebridge, Midlothian and Helen Hunter, Braehead Farm, Bainshole, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

Later that evening there will be the member of the year disco.

The results of the ten pin bowling and the member of the year will be announced at the dance by the national chairman Jim Smith and prizes will be presented by

Lizzy Steel, winner of the 2005 member of the year competition.

On Sunday, the association will also host the finals of its five-a-side football competition at the Atlantis Sports Centre. Fifteen teams will be taking part in the competition.

Whilst the boys are busily competing for the 2006 title at the football, the Corran Halls will be the venue for the national finals of the senior speechmaking and quiz competitions.

The format for the speechmaking is chairman

and three panel members competing as mixed platform teams.

A total of 10 teams are taking part, four from the west region and three from each of the north and east regions.

Judges for the competition are Andrew Lorraine Smith, Marion Raeside, wife of John Raeside, and Alan Cumming, Newwells Farm, Old Meldrum, Aberdeenshire.

Upon completion of the speechmaking teams, the finals of the national quiz will be held.

Crofters fear environmental 'hijacking' of reform bill

CROFTERS' concerns that environmental lobbyists and quangos are 'hijacking' the consultation into the draft Crofting Reform Bill were voiced at a meeting in Appin this week.

A well attended meeting of the North Argyll branch of the Scottish Crofting Foundation (SCF) was addressed by Crofters Commission chairman David Green and Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor.

Mr McGrigor said there was concern that bodies such as Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Royal Soci-

ety for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Scotland appeared to be attempting to impose their ideologies into any legislation.

He said: 'It [the consultation] should take into account the grass roots of crofting, that is the coalface and what working crofters actually need. These people have been working the land for centuries. It is important that the Bill is for the benefits of crofters and not given over to a kind of political dogma.'

Mr McGrigor said he is writing to Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Ross Finnie to call for a evaluation into what crofting is financially worth to Scotland.

Other issues debated included why a new bull hire scheme has not replaced the interim scheme, why the high rate of the Croft House Grant Scheme (CHGS) does not apply anywhere in Argyll, the preservation of quality crofting in-by-land from housing development and the

way in which crofters would like to see the Crofters Commission itself evolve.

Crofters Commission chairman David Green said he enjoyed the 'full and frank discussion' and was happy to allay fears that the Bill would put a monetary value on crofts and open up speculation. He said: 'It was an opportunity to correct some misunderstandings. There is nothing about market values in the Bill. Let's be perfectly frank, this is the Scottish Executive's Crofting Bill, not my Bill. It is about sorting out aspects of crofting.'

Speaking from a crofter's viewpoint the commission chairman said he didn't know a 'hijacking' of the consultation was true was true although he said that bodies such as SNH and RSPB are geared to making their representations heard better than individuals.

Mr Green added that an announcement on whether Arran would be invited to



Highlands and Islands MSP Jamie McGrigor become part of the crofting right a wrong in that the island had historically never been part of the counties. He refused to confirm if the island's bid had been successful. He admitted that there was no sense of apathy from Arran towards the proposal and felt there was a desire to

FARMING FILES

Skipness hosts Kintyre sheepdog trials final

THE FINAL of Kintyre Sheepdog Nursery Trials was held at Skipness on Saturday (February 18) when 15 dogs ran against high wind and driving rain.

Result
1 B Strachan, Bonnie, 92 pts
2 J Casey, Moss, 88 pts
3 B Strachan, Cap, 85
4 A McCuish, Sweep, 84pts
5 M McNally, Moss, 83 pts
6 K Greive, Roy, 82 pts
Class 2
1 L Clark, Jim, 91 pts
2 J Casey, Jock, 89 pts
3 J McDonald, Nan, 87 pts

Following a run off for fourth place by Brian Strachan (Cap) and John McLachlan (Taff) the team to represent Kintyre in the Nursery finals is as follows:

1 B Strachan, Bonnie
2 A McCuish, Sweep
3 K Greive, Roy
4 B Strachan, Cap
5 J McLachlan, Taff (reserve)

Charolais to 141p per kilo at United Auctions Stirling

UNITED Auctions Stirling had 723 store cattle and 88 cast cows, plus 1042 store and feeding sheep at Kildean on Wednesday.

Bullocks sold to 141p for a Charolais cross off Logan to average at 121.9p per kilo while heifers sold to 138p per kilo for a Simmental cross off Back O'Muir to average 117.2p per kilo.

Cast cows sold to 91p per kilo for a Simmental cross off New Blainslie to average at 65.3p per kilo.

Hoggs sold to £45.50 for Texel crosses off Balegra while in-lamb Mule ewes from Linkshead sold to £52.

Market report

STIRLING - United Auctions

£43.50
Lambs per kilo: Longafuld (Tex) 130.2p, Guardswell (TexX) 126.1p, Luckenburn & Guardswell (TexX) 125.5p, Easter Greenhill (TexX) 119.2p, Coates (TexX) 118.1p, Meikle Camoquhill (SuffX) 117p, Glenmollachan (BF) 115.6p, Blairquhamrie (SuffX) 113p, Claysyke (SuffX) 112.8p, Fullarton (SuffX) 112.5p, Little Kilchattan (SuffX) 111.9p, Glenmollachan (Chev) 110.5p, West Bracklin (BF) 110.2p, (BF) £45, Dalchalloch (BF)

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Kilchatten (Chev) 109.5p, Dalchalloch (BF) 108.7p, Glenmollachan (Chev) 108.3p, Hattonknowe (Chev) 107.8p, East Skeroblin (BF) 107.3p, **Bullocks** - Crofthead (SimX) £740, Auchenbrae (BBX) & Wester Mye (CharX) £735, Craigannet (LimX) £730, Kittmuirhill (BAX) £705, Brownod (AAX) £610, Killellan (HF) £450
Heifers - Auhensalt (CharX) £630, Auchenbrae (LimX) £615, Auhensalt (BAX) £605, Easter Borland (SimX) £600, Carsloe

(BBX) £560, Nawmoor (AAX) £525,
Bullocks per kilo - Logan (CharX) 141p, Dykes (SimX) 140p, Craigannet (LimX) 135p, Bangour (BBX) 138p, Brackenhirst (BAX) 127p, Brownod (AAX) 125p, Drum (HF) 95p,
Heifers per kilo - Back O'Muir (SimX) 138p, Shutterflat (BBX) 127p, Auchenbrae (LimX) 125p, Dykes (BAX) 122p, Hatrick (AAX) 120p
Cast cows - Bield (CharX) £595, Ardgarney (HF) £590, Teasses

(SimX) £560 & £555, Howslack (limX) £535,
Bulls - Templehall (SimX) £580, Carnegie Pl (AA) £535, The Ross (Lim) £540
Hoggs - Balegra (TexX) £45.50, Shieldhill (SuffX) £37.80, Stuck (X) £37.50, Lyonscross (ChevX) £35.80, Gibbalston (Mule) £35.50, Stuck (BF) £31.20,
Ewes - Balegra (Tex) £43.50, Achavoulig (BF) £17.80
Rams - Auchnehew £30.50
In-lamb ewes - Linkshead (Mule Twins) £52, (Triplets) £44, (Singles) £34

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Below: *Horses at Stonefield* by Donald MacEachern, Jubilee Terrace, Lochgilphead.



Right: *Jura from Drumdrishaig Shore* by Kathryn MacDonald, Drumdrishaig East, Ormsary.



Right: *Rays of Sunlight* by Stewart Allan, Duncanin House, Peninver.

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2006 photo competition



Blue Tit at Sunset by Eoghan Smith Jnr, Rowanlea, Cove Road, Tarbert.

Right: *Best of Pals* by Mrs B Pryle, Burnbank Cottages, Drumlembie.



Flying Colours by Mike Rimmer, Garval Road, Islay.

Right: *January Sunset at Southend* by Aileen Gillies, Nursery Cottages, Ford.



Jock the Cock by Stewart McGougan, Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown.



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The awards are open to any business and organisation across Scotland that brings benefits to its bottom line through improvements to environmental performance. Aiming to recognise and reward these achievements, VIBES is open to Scottish organisations of all sizes, whatever sector they are in.

"The VIBES Awards, Scotland's environmental business awards, are a great incentive for companies to demonstrate and shout about their environmental commitment. And, rewarding these efforts through these awards is a great way to encourage Scottish businesses to see the opportunities to cut waste, energy and water costs by becoming more environmentally responsible."

Businesses and organisations can obtain an application form by calling 01896 754 797 or visiting the awards website: www.vibes.org.uk

THE GRAB TRUST

Group for Recycling in Argyll & Bute

The GRAB Trust currently undertakes a wide range of recycling and environmental education activities. We work with schools, the general public, community recycling groups and number of other stakeholders.

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GENERAL PUBLIC - Talks, Displays, Presentations, A-Z Recycling guide, Website Information and Regular Newsletters.

COMMUNITY GROUPS - Recycling Project Support. Links to the Community Recycling Network for Scotland and Funding Information.

Beaches & Marine Litter - Support for Beach cleans, Adopt-a-Beach, Seaside Awards and Marine Litter Education Activities.

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THE GRAB (Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute) Trust will take heart from the news that Scotland looks set to meet recycling targets.

The Scottish target for recycling or composting of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is 25 per cent by 2006.

The last quarterly results from SEPA's (Scottish Environment Protection Agency) Landfill allowance quarterly monitoring scheme for July-September 2005 shows that 25.1 per cent of MSW was recycled in this period.

However the 12 month rolling average is still only 21 per cent. GRAB Trust Project Manager Matt Lewis may ask: 'The signs are good but are we really there yet?'



ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

There are many ways in which you can use energy more efficiently and save money at the same time. The following energy saving tips will help you reduce your fuel bills.

- At night, pull the curtains to stop heat being lost through the windows. *Take care not to drape curtains over radiators, as this will funnel heat straight out of the windows.*
- Turning the thermostat down by just 1°C can cut as much as 10% off your heating bills. *You can also save on running costs by heating your home for an hour less each day.*
- Remember not to set the thermostat too high on your water heater; 60°C/140°F is usually adequate for bathing and washing. *Use a shower if you have one and you'll save time, money and water.*
- Remember to turn off lights when you leave a room for long periods. *Switch off your TV, video and Hi-Fi at the set. Standby can use as much as 10%-60% of the electricity that would be used by the device if it was switched on.*
- Defrost fridges and freezers regularly to keep them running efficiently.

Here are some ways to save energy when you cook:

- Use the right size pan for the food and cooker hob.
- Keep saucepan lids on - this enables you to turn down the heat.
- Don't use more water than you need.
- Use a kettle to boil water for cooking.
- Use a toaster rather than the grill to make toast.
- Avoid over-filling the kettle for just one drink but be sure to cover the element.

Low cost tips:

- Use low energy light bulbs wherever you can as they use less than a quarter of the electricity used by ordinary light bulbs and can last up to 15 times longer!
- Putting a lagging jacket around your hot water tank and insulating hot water pipes can pay for itself in a few months and go on saving you money for years to come.
- Put draught strips around windows and outside doors and fit a flap across the letterbox.

RECYCLING TIPS

Recycling is easy to do, especially if you follow these handy tips. Remember, when you recycle, you help save valuable natural resources and reduce waste

- Whether you are at home, school or work, don't waste paper, using both sides is a great way to save
- Donate magazines to friends, senior citizens, hospitals, doctors' offices, hospital waiting rooms, etc.
- Avoid aerosol cans. They have no practical reuse or recycling potential. Instead, look for products like hair spray or room freshener that come in pump spray bottles that are recyclable.
- If you bring home shopping bags, reuse them as bin bags or return them to the store for recycling. Most supermarkets now have recycling bins for plastic bags. Even better, bring your own bag with you when you go shopping.
- Compost your kitchen and garden waste at home. This can help reduce your waste by up to 25% and fertilize your soil (without having to buy expensive fertilizers).
- Make a list and buy only what you really need when you shop. Remember, perishable food ends up as waste in our landfills.
- Buy concentrates such as cleaners and detergents - they have far less packaging and are often more economical.
- Use sponges or rags instead of paper towels.
- Think "litterless" lunches for work or school. Place sandwiches, snacks and drinks in reusable plastic containers. Pack everything into a plastic lunch box.
- Cut up old towels and bed linens and use them for household chores such as dusting, or donate them to an animal shelter for pet bedding.
- Use old toothbrushes as cleaning tools for those hard-to-reach places.
- Buy products in packaging that you know can be recycled.



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In the same month, Fiat Auto recorded over 100,000 vehicle sales in Europe, which represents a 17.9% growth over January

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ALERT OVER UNSAFE USE OF NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

In-car navigation equipment could be proving to be more of a hindrance than a help to the nation's drivers, according to new research by safe driver champion, Privilege Insurance.

As satellite navigation systems become as common as CD players the research reveals that over one in ten drivers (11 per cent) have used the controls on their satellite navigation while driving, instead of programming their route before hitting the road. What's more, over half of these (53 per cent) admit that doing so meant that their eyes were taken off the road,

leading to driving danger.

Nearly one in eight (13 per cent) of drivers who use a satellite navigation device while driving confess to not spending any time planning a route they are unfamiliar with prior to setting off, relying heavily on the equipment to get them to their destination.

Its not just misuse of satellite navigation systems that can be a danger to drivers, the Privilege Insurance research reveals. Almost one in four (22 per cent) drivers admitted to reading a map while driving in the last twelve months, with

over a quarter of these (26 per cent) doing so at least once per month.

The majority of drivers using any form of navigational equipment while driving (75 per cent) spent up to 10 seconds doing so which, at 60mph, means the drivers would find themselves travelling twice the length of a football pitch* without their full concentration on the road.

The navigational mayhem hotspots are the UK's cities, according to the Privilege research. Over a quarter (27 per cent) of drivers who used navigational equipment

while trying to negotiate their way around, did so in Britain's urban sprawls, compared to 20 per cent in the countryside and just seven per cent in a small town.

It seems that when it comes to safety, the satellite navigation systems can be more of a distraction to drivers than good, old-fashioned map reading. The Privilege Insurance research reveals that almost one in five (19 per cent) of drivers using the controls of their satellite navigation while driving lost concentration, compared to 17 per cent of those who read a map while behind the wheel.

IT'S GOOD TO BLOG, SAYS HONDA

An internet blogging network that lets users create content and express opinion on well-known brands and products, is being supported by Honda (UK).

The 2TalkAbout site will provide a trusted community-based environment for users with similar interests and tastes to share unbiased information. Honda is the first major brand to commit to the project.

Visitors to 2TalkAbout can publish their views, respond to what other people are saying on the community and gain unbiased opinion and information about particular products and services.

The Honda-sponsored site is aimed at anyone with an interest in Honda cars – particularly the new Civic. Although the content will be completely independent from Honda, engineers will regularly log-on to contribute and respond to feedback, providing users with direct access to the brand.

"We like people talking about our cars," says John Goodbody, Website Manager at Honda (UK). "And now there's a blog site where you can discuss your Honda experiences with others or get a useful insight into Honda ownership. We encourage our customers to interact, and this is a great medium for doing just that."

David Rivier, 2TalkAbout Marketing Manager, says: "At 2TalkAbout we're passionate about bringing people together and encouraging dialogue, interaction and sharing views and content. We're pleased that Honda shares this vision and is the first sponsor to support our objectives."

Other companies, including some from the mobile communications, financial services and FMCG industries have already expressed a strong interest in participating on the 2TalkAbout network.

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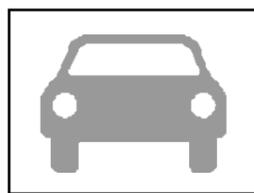


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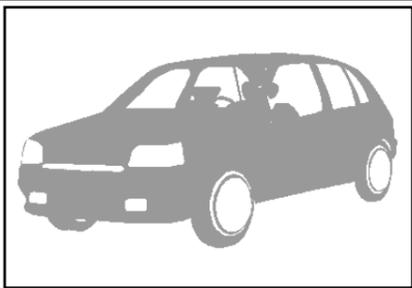


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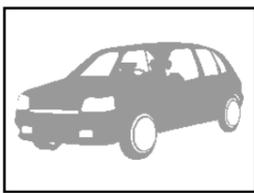
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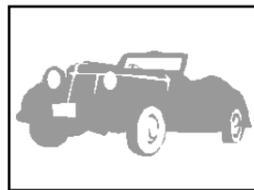


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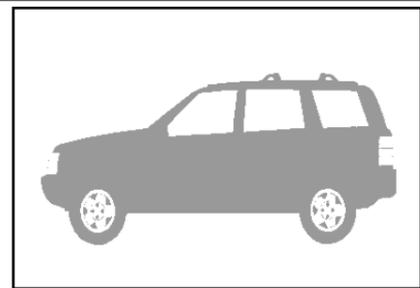


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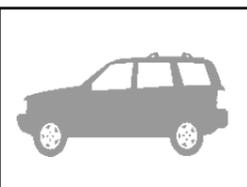


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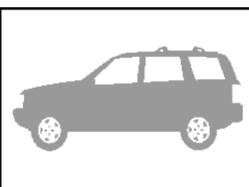


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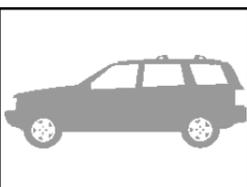


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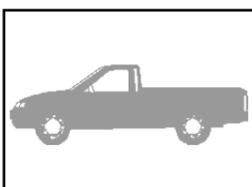


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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- Reference No: 06/00208/OUT
- Applicant: Mr R. Gilmour
- Proposal: Site for the erection of new dwelling house - Policies contravened - Strat 4, Kintyre Local Plan (1st review and alteration) 1988
- Site Address: Land At Quarry, East Of Largiemore Farm Kilkenzie Campbeltown Argyll PA28 6QD
- Location of Plans: Campbeltown Area Office
- A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)

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

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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

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- Applicant: M And C Ralston
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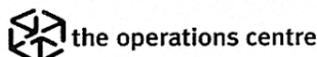
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 'It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord' (Lamentations 3:26)

BIRTHS

BELL - Stuart and Petra are pleased to announce the birth of Marcus on February 16, 2006, in Brisbane, a brother for Callum, Charlie and Sienna.

McCALLUM - Kevin and Lesley are delighted to announce the birth of their third son Kyle on February 15, 2006, at Wishaw General Hospital. A wee brother for Lewis and Scott.

PARKER - WHITE - Gordon and Lora are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Ellie Caroline, born on February 18, 2006, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, a little sister for Kirstin, Hannah, Ian and Abbie and granddaughter for Robert and Sylvia White, Bridgend and Isabel Parker, Clydebank. Special thanks to the excellent midwifery team especially Jackie and Karen.

ENGAGEMENT

McCALLUM - GILLIES - Both families are thrilled to announce the engagement of William, younger son of Lamont and Margaret McCallum, Wellpark, Kilkenzie to Sharon, only daughter of Willie and Jacqueline Gillies, Kintyre Gardens, Campbeltown on February 14, 2006.

DEATHS

KERR - On February 18, 2006, peacefully at Duncuan Unit, Argyll & Bute Hospital Lochgilphead, Katharine Isobel Yuille, in her 97th year, beloved wife of the late, Maxwell Kerr and much loved mother of Jean, dear mother in law of Max and dearly loved gran of Karen and Stuart. Funeral service took place at Tarbert Parish Church, on February 23, 2006, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

McCALLUM - Suddenly, at home 15 Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown, on February 16, 2006, James Kerr McCallum (Jimmy) in his 80th year, dearly beloved husband of Mary Brodie, dearly loved father of Catriona, Margaret and the late Neil and a much loved and loving granda and great-granda.

McGAUGHAY - On February 17, 2006, peacefully at Ardfenaig Home, Ardrishaig, Agnes Brown Johnston in her 81st year, beloved wife of the late James McGaughay and much loved mum of Jim, dear mother-in-law of Jackie and loved gran of Ann. Funeral service took place at Cumlodden Parish Church on February 21, 2006, interment thereafter at Killeven Cemetery.

McINTYRE - Suddenly, but peacefully at his home in Northampton on February 16, 2006, Scott Gordon McIntyre in his 38th year, dearly beloved son of Duncan and Maria McIntyre, 100 Ralston Road, Campbeltown. Funeral private.

SPREADBURY - MUIR - Donna beloved wife of Alasdair, mother of Craig, daughter of Moira and the late Charles and much loved elder sister to Deirdrie and Charles, slipped away peacefully at home on Thursday, February 16, 2006, after a short illness courageously fought. Funeral service took place on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at 10 a.m., with interment at Pennyfuir Cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

HALL - Marina and family of the late Maggie (Marguerite) Hall would like to thank friends, relatives and neighbours for all their kind support, cards, sympathy and assistance following their recent sad loss. Thanks also to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside.

MACCOLL - the family of the late Jean MacColl wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy received at this very sad time. Heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Duncuan for their care and attention shown to Jean over the last two years. Very special thanks for the support given by the Rev. Roddy MacLeod and for a thoughtful and comforting service also sincere thanks to Roddy MacDonald and staff for the efficient and caring funeral arrangements.

MARTIN - The family of the late Lena Martin would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind support and expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. Thanks to the nurses and staff of the Mid Argyll Hospital and all the doctors who looked after Lena. Thanks also to Rev Richard West for his comforting service. Donald MacDonald and staff for their professional services and the Argyll Arms, Ardrishaig for a lovely purvey. A final thank you to all who paid their respects at church and graveside. The sum of £260 was collected for Cancer and Heart Research.

SOUTHGATE - The family of the late Michael Southgate would like to thank everyone for their kind support, cards and expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. Thanks to district nurses and carers and thanks to Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their kind help and professional services. A very special thank you to Dr Findlayson for all his help and attendance.

STEWART - The family of the late Gordon C Stewart would like to thank most sincerely all relatives, neighbours, friends and past customers for their support and kind expressions of sympathy following their sad loss of Gordon. Thanks also to all those who attended the Church and Kilkerran, to the Rev. Burroughs for his comforting services and to Mr D Gardiner for playing Gordon's favourite music. Special thanks to all the staff at Auchinlee for their care and kindness shown to Gordon over the past 3 years. Our sincere gratitude to Mr H Thomson for his unfailing support to Gordon and the family over the years and for continuing their engineering business in Gordon's name. Thank you to Alasdair Blair for his personal and professional funeral arrangements. We are very grateful for your kind donations to the RNLI, Campbeltown.

IN MEMORIAM

CLARK - Treasured memories of our dear dad and grandpa, John, who died February 24, 1977, also Peggy our dear mum and gran who died, March 28, 1993. Remembered always.

- Family at home and away.
MACKAY - Remembering my dearly loved husband, Alex, who died on February 23, 2003. A greatly missed father, granddad, and great grandfather. No longer in our lives to share, But in our hearts you're always there, Loving memories keep you near, As time unfolds another year. God bless.

- Sheila and family, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Glasgow, Oban, Alva, Inverness, Kilmarnock and Forres.
McMILLAN - In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle, Duncan, who died February 21, 1996. Just as you were you will always be Someone special in our memory. Remembered always.

- Mamie and family at home and away.
MORRANS - In loving memory of our dear mum Sadie (Soudan), died February 24, 1999. Remembered always.

- The family.
MORRANS - In loving memory of my dear friend Sadie Soudan.
 - Isa Lindsay (McLean), Coatbridge.

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Sunday 26 February 2006
 11.15 a.m. Morning Worship
 Creche in Church (0-3 years)
 Junior Sunday School
 Kirk Street Hall
 Senior Sunday School Church
 6.30 p.m. Evening Service
 Kirk Street Hall
Monday 27 February
 7.30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting - Manse
Tuesday 28 February
 Badminton Club
 Kirk Street Hall
 6.30-7.45 p.m. P1s-P5s
 7.45-9 p.m. P6 upwards
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Thursday 2 March
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Tuesday 12.30 p.m. Pensioners' Lunch Club
 1.45 p.m. Home League (Ladies Meeting)
Thursday 11.30 a.m. Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
 New-To-You Stall
 7 p.m. Bible Study
 A warm welcome to all

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 26 February 2006
 Ford 10 a.m. Preacher: **Rev. Richard West**
Tuesday 28 February
 Guild meets, Church Hall, Kilmartin, 7.30 p.m. Speaker: **Mrs Joyce Goel on Visit to India**
Friday 3 March
 Joint World Day of Prayer Service with North Knapdale Parish, Kilmartin Church 7.30 p.m. Followed by refreshments in Church Hall
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
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Saturday 4 March 2006
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 Prayer and Praise 9 a.m. All welcome
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PACT
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Tuesday 28 February 2006
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 Kirk Session at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 2 March 2006
 Choir Practice 7.30 p.m.
Friday 3 March 2006
 Lunch Club 12.15 p.m.

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 6.30 p.m. Evening Service Bible Study
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Thursday
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Pupils in league action this Saturday
Football

TOMORROW (Saturday), Campbeltown Pupils are at home to Greenock in a Premier Division league tie, with a win against their Clydeside opponents long over due for the Pupils.

The match is scheduled to kick off at Kintyre Park at 2.30pm.

Last Thursday, after a meeting at Hampden Park, Glasgow, the Pupils were awarded all three Premier Division points following an investigation into the recent abandoned home league tie against Gourrock.

The match was abandoned when trouble flared after Pupils defender Shaun Grumoli was left with a nasty facial injury.

The Pupils were leading the match at the time. The Pupils' multi-club is starting up again and supporters can obtain a number from club members.

South Kintyre Sports Council urgently needs new blood

WITH some important sporting issues coming up in Kintyre in the next few months, the area's sports council has said that new members are desperately needed.

At the moment only a small number of local clubs and organisations are actively represented on the South Kintyre Sports Council and with issues like the

all-weather playing surface coming to the fore more members are needed.

Minority
Sports council secretary Donald Colville said: 'There are only a few of us who regularly attend the monthly meetings and it is impossible to speak for the majority of people when only a minority are present. 'One of the main things

the sports council does is run a minibus and that is going to need to be replaced soon.

'The all-weather pitch issue will also need to be discussed and possibly taken forward and we need as many clubs and groups as possible to join the sports council and send representatives to the meetings so we can talk about all the

sporting issues in the area.

'It is important to get all the local clubs back round the table together and I would ask all of them to send someone to our meeting next week so that we can try and get things back up and running properly.'

Open
South Kintyre Sports Council is open to groups and individuals with an in-

terest in sport in Kintyre.

Its next meeting is being held on Monday (February 27) at 7.30pm in the town hall, Campbeltown.

Existing members who have not already done so are being reminded that their subscriptions need to be renewed, and lapsed members are also encouraged to attend the meeting and register their new contact details.



Olympian helps to launch fencing club

THREE-time Olympian Linda McMahon travelled from London to help launch a new Argyll fencing club.

The new club, Swordplay, is organised by fencing coach Kathleen Hannigan from Taynuilt near Oban.

Kathleen said she knows of quite a few people in the Argyll area who have fenced before, some to a

Fencing

fairly high standard, but welcomes anyone who is new to the sport.

She said: 'I am a newly qualified coach and I am hoping to promote fencing across Argyll.'

She was helped by her friend Linda McMahon who helped her get the club

started on Sundays at The Beach, Oban. As well as representing Great Britain at the Olympics, Linda is a three-time British champion and Commonwealth Games bronze medallist.

Linda said: 'Fencing is like any combat sport; you need timing, good footwork, controlled aggression and good reactions.'

Dalintober hosts chess challenge

Chess

THE BRITISH Land UK Chess Challenge was held at Dalintober Primary School when 25 competitors took part.

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2 Deinn McCallum 18/21
3 Martin McCallum 16/21

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Under 11 - Andrew McClement, Martin McCallum and Hannah McKellar.
Under 10 - Gareth Scott-Dodd and Lauren Wilson.
Under 9 - Duncan Campbell and Emily MacIntyre.
Under 8 - Amy Shaw.

Open Pairs names

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Boys back in action this week

Football

CAMPBELTOWN Boys' home game against Rutherglen last Saturday was called off after overnight rain left the park at the Meadows soggy and unplayable.

The local side hope to return to action tomorrow (Saturday) when they are scheduled to travel to Clydebank to take on St Joseph's in a Premier Division Two encounter.

The match is due to be played at Singer Park.

Tarbert hot shot aims at Commonwealth Games

Shooting

A TARBERT hot shot will be the youngest ever Scottish competitor in his discipline when he targets a Commonwealth Games medal next month.

Jonathan Reid, at 20-years-old, is the country's youngest ever Olympic Trap Shooter at the games and is looking forward to

putting his wits against some of the world's best.

He told *The Campbeltown Courier*: 'I feel excited and proud to represent my country and it's great that I am the youngest ever to shoot for Scotland at the

games in the Olympic Trap event.' Living in Tarbert makes it difficult for Jonathan to train as the nearest shooting range available for practice is Dalry, North Ayrshire. His coach, Peter Croft is based in Tamworth, near Birmingham.

However, he gets most of his shooting practice through his job as a gamekeeper in Tayinloan.

Jonathan shot the required score at a competition in Ireland last August and is one of three in the Olympic Trap team which also includes Ossie MacLean (Glasgow) and Shona Marshall (Aberdeen).

The Tarbert man will compete in two events: an individual shoot and will pair up with Ossie for a two-man shoot.

Although he still shoots at junior level, Jonathan hopes to compete with the professionals who will be gunning for glory in Melbourne between March 15-26.

He said: 'I can't wait to get there and shoot with the other competitors. It will probably be the Australians looking to take top honours as they have the best shooters in the Commonwealth

but if I beat my personal best by even one target I don't think I will be far from the medals.'

Jonathan has only been shooting since the age of 14 but has held the title of Scottish Junior Champion every year since 2000.

He follows in the footsteps of his father, John, who shot for Scotland for 16 consecutive years.

Jonathan, pictured right, also turned out for the British Junior Team at last year's European Championship in Belgrade.

Despite his success Jonathan admits it is difficult to gain sponsorship for his training and competition fees, which can be as much as £600 for one competition. He added: 'Sponsorship is near impossible because as soon as you mention guns, potential sponsors just say, "we don't do that kind of thing" but some local businesses have helped me out this year.'

He made the move to Olympic Trap from Down the Line shooting in order to fulfil his aspirations to shoot for Great Britain, a goal he could not achieve shooting Down the Line.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Jonathan can contact him on 01880 825514.



Tarbert's Jonathan Reid will represent Scotland in the Commonwealth Games next month.



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Matthew claims national cross country bronze

Athletics

KINTYRE athlete Matthew Turner, from Kilkenzie, won a bronze medal at the Scottish Cross Country Championships held at Callender Park, Falkirk last Saturday.

Matthew has won several national and district titles on the track in recent years but this was his first medal success over the country.

Matthew was third in the under 17s race over 6.4 kilometres in a time of 23 minutes 39 seconds.

The race was won by Michael Gillespie of Central A C in 22:56 with Michael Haskett of Aberdeen in second place.

Matthew's main event is the 800metres on the track and he is the reigning Scottish under 17 champion over the distance.

Matthew is a fifth year pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School and his successes in 2005 have resulted in him being included in the Bank of Scotland sponsored elite squad of young athletes.

He competes for Mid Argyll Athletic Club and Shettleston Harriers and the latest much deserved reward for all his efforts is an invitation to attend a warm weather training camp in Gran Canaria for two weeks during the Easter school holidays.

Mid Argyll's Andy takes out 'The Viking'

Darts

LOCHGILPHEAD darts crackshot Andy Hetherington, has taken the darts world by storm by beating former world champion Andy 'The Viking' Fordham.

Andy Hetherington travelled to the Scottish Open Darts Championships at the Normandy Hotel, Renfrew, at the weekend with Lochgilphead darts buddies Michael Todd and Eoghan MacInnes.

The three players, who only play darts around once-a-year, all did exceptionally well with Eoghan making it to the final on his board, Andy making it to the quarter-final and Michael making the semi-final.

The Scottish Open is the third-largest darts open in the world and it was Eoghan who was the last Argyll man standing. He made it down to the last 124

out of 1280 players. Michael Todd said: 'When there's a star on a board the place is mobbed. Everyone crowds round the board. Andy was playing 2004 World Darts Champion Andy Fordham. He [Andy Hetherington] took the first leg and the place just erupted. Then he took the second leg and he must have thought, 'I could beat him'. Fordham was sitting on a double 18 and Andy was on 121, and he finished it on the bull.'

Kintyre was represented at the event by Kenny Campbell, Martin Coffield and Gregor McGregor.



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