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Dalriada ready and willing

WILL Dalriada Shipping be given the chance to run the ferry service between Campbeltown and Ballycastle?

Hopes of the ferry service being reinstated were raised again this week when Transport Minister Tavish Scott announced his plans to begin negotiations with companies which have expressed an interested in the route.

Although none of the four original bidders submitted tenders, the minister has informed Parliament that work will continue to see if a suitable operator can be identified.

Successful

And fighting all the way to prove they are the one who can do it is Dalriada Shipping with Campbeltown's James Robertson, as managing director and Andrew Banks of Orkney who owns the successful Pentland Ferries which has operated the short sea ro-ro service between St Margaret's Hope and Caithness since 2001.

The Transport Minister stressed that any potential operator will have to meet the qualification criteria and their proposals will have to comply fully with the terms set out in the invitation to tender.

Mr Scott said: 'Any company considering taking over the route will have to meet the qualification criteria set for the competition and comply fully with the terms set out in the Invitation to Tender.'

'Economic arguments'

This news was met with open arms by the Dalriada Business Action Group (DBAG), which has been campaigning for the reinstatement of the service since December 2003.

John Semple, DBAG secretary, said: 'It is good that Mr Scott recognised, in his statement, the legitimacy of the economic arguments which we have been strenuously making for business and tourism which we believe will benefit enormously from the establishment of a new service.

'However, it is imperative that he now identifies a timescale and process for negotiating with those interested operators. Both the successful operator and the business communities on both sides of the route will need sufficient time to prepare and market their services in order to maximise the benefits.

'We applaud the ferry companies lining up to provide a service and offer them all the support we can in preparing their proposals for the executive.'

At a meeting of Campbeltown Community Council on Monday evening, James Robertson, managing director of the Dalriada Shipping Company, a company set up specifically to operate the route, said his company is still in a position to have the service up and running by May 1 this year.

Mr Robertson said: 'The executive hasn't put a time limit on it. It's all very well but if they want the ferry this year we've got to move soon.'

Forever waiting

Mr Robertson stressed that the Dalriada Shipping Company cannot hang on to its vessel forever waiting on an announcement.

'We've to make our mind up as well because what can we do with a ship and crew?' he said. 'We can't keep it and do nothing.'

Despite the original knock-back Mr Banks told *The Orcadian* this week that Dalriada planned to submit a fresh bid once a new invitation to tender is released by the Executive.

'We are prepared to take on the contract which would be run for 11 months of the year, with one month off for refitting the boat.

'It is over 30 miles across by sea and fairly exposed, quite open to the

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Photo competition winners

AFTER looking at the hundreds of entries received for the Courier and Advertiser's first ever photo competition, we are pleased to announce our winners and runners-up.

This lovely photograph of a young fawn at Achnamara, taken by Alistair Sinclair from Shieldhall, Glasgow, won the animals and people section.

Runner-up was Nichola Willcocks from Achnamara Cottage, Achnamara, with *My Dog Maney.*

In the places section, Bob Goodman from Dell Road, Campbeltown, won with *Paps of Jura*, whilst Lisa Schroder from Scourie, Sutherland was runner-up with *Snowdrops at Woodbank.*

The winners in both sections each receive a day out with a professional photographer, *The Scottish Field's* Roy Summers, as well as a cheque for £50 and a £20 photo processing from Kintyre Photography in Campbeltown.

The runners-up each receive a cheque for £25 and a £10 photo processing voucher from Kintyre Photography.

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Ferry hopes afloat

❒ *Continued from page one* . . . Atlantic. Ballycastle is not a good port to lie in all year round; that is why Sea Containers ran a summer service.'

Mr Banks said Dalriada would run the service with the Claymore, which was also the vessel used by Sea Containers on the route.

'The *Claymore* is doing the Pentland Firth crossing at the moment in place of the *Pentalina B,* which is due back on route on April 1 or 2.'

He is certain that the route would be profitable. He said: 'What the contract is asking for is two round trips a day and we think we can provide that. Basically, it is the same as in St Margaret's Hope - if you provide a service that the public want then they will use it.'

The Pentland Ferries enterprise had to be funded entirely by the Banks family and private investors, as they were unable to attract funding from elsewhere, most notably Orkney Islands Council, which had lost £10 million in its attempt to set up a short sea crossing more than 10 years ago.

As *The Campbeltown Courier* went to press Mr Robertson was pursuing the Scottish Executive regarding the transport minister's statement.

Council warns against rogue builders

A RISE in consumer complaints has led Argyll and Bute Council's Trading Standards Officers to consider for the first time using special powers to combat rogue traders.

A Trading Standards spokesman said: 'We have had these powers for a number of years, but have not previously had to use them. The overwhelming majority of Argyll and Bute traders operate fairly and do not set out to defraud their customers, but we have noticed a significant rise in certain types of complaints.'

One practice causing particular concern to officers is when certain building firms obtain significant deposits to purchase materials and then use the money for other purposes. The promised work is then not completed, with the builder citing 'cash-flow problems' as the reason for the delay. This has led to some people losing large, often four figure sums of money.

If you feel that you have been defrauded in this manner, you can contact Trading Standards direct on 01546 604779.

Hamish Dunlop with the bottle of Campbeltown Loch water he's selling on the Internet.

Hamish's five billion-years-old water

JUST a few months after selling a jar of mist on the Internet to raise money for charity, Hamish Dunlop is at it again!

Hamish, from Machrihanish, has now put a bottle containing water from Campbeltown Loch, on the ebay auction website to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK.

Since raising over £150 for the charity last year when he sold a jar of Mull of Kintyre mist, Hamish has been desperately trying to think up another novel way to raise more money for the charity.

Hamish truly believes that, since the universe was created around 15-million-years ago, this bottle of water could be up to five billion-years-old.

As *The Campbeltown Courier* went to press, the current bid for the unique bottle was £50. But Hamish hopes that it will raise a lot more.

'There's so many people I know have been affected by cancer, he said. 'And I just thought it was something fun to do to raise money for Cancer Research UK.' Bidding for the bottle ends at 6pm tomorrow evening (Saturday).

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Curfew to be lifted

THE 12.30am curfew applying to premises operating under a 2am licence is to be lifted.

At a meeting of the Oban, Lorn, Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Licensing Board, chairman Duncan MacIntyre, said: 'Because of the smoking ban, the board considers that circumstances relating to the curfew have changed significantly. The board has therefore decided, unanimously, that the curfew should be lifted.'

Under the terms of the curfew, no one is allowed to enter the premises after 12.30pm, even if they have been in previously and left only for a short time. The curfew will be lifted from Sunday March 26 when the smoking ban comes into force. Twenty-one licensed premises will be affected.

Annual quiz success

THE ROTARY Club of Campbeltown held its annual quiz in The Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown, last Friday(March 10).

A total of 10 teams took part in what turned out to be a close-fought, but always good-natured, contest.

Rotary's own team comprising Ron Togneri, Alan Minshaw, Don Mitchell and Clive Good, eventually won by a short head from the team representing St Kieran's Roman Catholic Church.

The ladies from the Inner Wheel Club, having been neck and neck with St Kieran's for several rounds, ere were just beaten into third place. All the teams present acquitted themselves well and no-one need be ashamed of their contribution. The Rotary Club is grateful for the support of the other teams in this purely social event, because without these teams there could be no contest.

In the 11-years of the Rotary Quiz this is the fifth time the home team has won and only two other teams have held the trophy.

Campbeltown Sailing Club and the Highland Parish Church have each won the quiz on three previous occasions.

After the presentation of prizes and the drawing of the raffle, those taking part enjoyed an excellent supper and there was general agreement that it had been a very enjoyable evening.

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Poor weather conditions cause havoc all over Argyll

BRITISH Summer Time may officially begin in just over a week's time, but winter reared its head with a vengeance at the weekend, creating a blanket of snow across Scotland that forced the closure of many roads.

A woman travelling six miles north of Carradale on the B842 was concerned for the safety of her two young children when her car left the road on Sunday due to the snow.

The woman feared that the car's fuel pump had burst and so she was unable to start the vehicle to get a heat. As a result her oldest child, an eight-year-old girl, began to shiver and go into shock. The police and ambulance attended but the mother and the two children were okay.

On the same day (Sunday) over 200 homes in Southend were also left without any electricity for almost 24 hours when challenging weather conditions stopped engineers from Scottish Hydro Electric sorting a faulty transformer.

The electricity went off in the village just before 11pm on Sunday night and did not come back on in many houses until 8pm on Monday evening. With no heating and no lighting, the village was left cold and dark as engineers battled it out to alleviate the problem.

Additional staff were called in to help but, due to high winds this was almost impossible and efforts had to be postponed until first light the following day. Scottish Hydro Electric would like to apologise to all its customers in the area who were affected. Travellers from Kintyre looking to visit Glasgow were faced with a long detour when BEAR Scotland and Strathclyde Police closed the A82 at Balloch due to heavy snow.

The same road was reduced to one lane in each direction between Arden and Barloan, with police advising that it was passable with care, whilst the section between Tarbet and Crianlarich was also closed, finally reopening on Tuesday.

The Erskine Bridge, which crosses the River Clyde to link West Dunbartonshire with Renfrewshire, was also closed on Sunday due to high winds.

Stewart Turner, head of roads and amenity services at Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'In general terms, compared with the rest of the country, the Argyll and Bute area got off relatively light. The worst-affected areas were the east and north parts of our area.

'Up to 300mm of snow fell on some parts of the public roads between Saturday evening and late Sunday morning.'

Mr Turner explained that Argyll and Bute's roads were cleared in a pre-determined order based on priority.

He said: 'There are 28 winter maintenance routes and the ploughs and gritters were out on all these routes.

'There were some routes closed overnight, but due to the sterling work put in by all the winter maintenance staff, it was possible to report that by Sunday morning all access was available, although some routes were still passable with care.

Another major issue was that, due to the heavy snow, there were numerous trees where branches dropped, causing temporary road closures. There were also some problems with power lines, but these were attended to by the power companies.'

Sergeant Martin Balkeen of Strathclyde Police said: 'Special patrols were out during the storms over the weekend. Because of the weather, we received a number of calls about roads being blocked due to fallen trees. A number of alarms were also set off because of high winds.

'The fallen trees were dealt with by our colleagues at BEAR Scotland, and there were no major issues.'

BEAR Scotland was unavailable for comment as *The Campbeltown Courier* went to press.

Police Files

Drunk man arrested

A MAN was arrested in Cross Street, Campbeltown, last Friday (March 10) for trying to enter a public house whilst drunk.

Fighting

A REPORT is being sent to the procurator fiscal following an incident which occurred outside the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Saturday (March 11), whereby one man was arrested for fighting with staff.

Disturbance

CAUSING a disturbance in Main Street, Campbeltown, on Sunday morning (March 12) resulted in a man being arrested. A report is being sent to the procurator fiscal.

Man arrested

A PORTUGUESE man was arrested for drink driving in Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, in the early hours of Sunday morning (March 12). A report is being sent to the procurator fiscal.

Longrow disturbance

A MAN and woman were both arrested following a disturbance in Longrow, Campbeltown, on Sunday (March 12).

Refusing to leave pub

POLICE were called to the Parahandy Bar, Campbeltown, on Sunday (March 12) after a man refused to leave the premises. He was warned about his behaviour.

Children detained

A NUMBER of children were detained at Campbeltown Police Office last week for causing an annoyance in the Smith Drive and Ralston Road areas of Campbeltown.

The children were warned before their parents were contacted to collect.

Reminder to walkers

THE KINTYRE Antiquarian and Natural History Society is asking all walkers and vehicle owners to avoid disturbing above the low tide mark until early July.

Shore nesting birds will once again be starting to rear young. Some have returned to Kintyre from thousands of miles away, with many of them unfortunately dying along the way due to hunters and bad weather conditions.

Salvation Army puts on a lovely tea

Campbeltown Salvation Army put on a tasty tea on Saturday morning at its premises in Burnside Street. There was a large turnout and a jumble sale ensured that everyone who went along could pick up a good bargain. The smell of fresh pancakes had passers-by flooding in and an enjoyable time was had by all. Pictured hard at work in the kitchen are, left to right, Dolores Thomson, Agnes McKerral, Maureen Lafferty and Margaret Raeside. c11sal01

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Aqualibrium staff build their skills

Staff at Campbeltown's new Aqualibrium complex got to know one another a bit better and develop their team-building skills when they attended a corporate induction day which was held in the Town Hall, Campbeltown, recently.

The staff are pictured taking a break from the induction day to have their photograph taken. c11pol01

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Scottish Water fined for city fish deaths

JUST 18 months after Scottish Water was fined £5,000 for polluting Campbeltown Loch in the height of the tourist season with macerated faeces and other effluent, the company has been fined yet again after a blocked sewer caused the deaths of over 2, 000 fish in Glasgow.

At Glasgow Sheriff Court last Tuesday (March 7), Scottish Water was fined £2,500 when it pled guilty to allowing polluted matter to enter the Forth and Clyde Canal at North Canal Bank Street, Port Dundas on January 23 this year.

The case was reported to the Procurator Fiscal by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). The incident came to light after an angler reported a fish kill to SEPA. Two officers investigated the complaint and witnessed dead and distressed fish, at the Port Dundas area of the canal.

Further investigations by both SEPA and Scottish Water, revealed a choke of the sewer - which resulted in the contents of the sewer backing up and filling the pipes upstream.

George Rattray, SEPA investigating officer said: 'This was a serious pollution incident that had a massive ecological impact on the canal.

'This could have been avoided had Scottish Water fully carried out its' statutory duties at this sensitive location. SEPA is asking Scottish water to take all necessary measures to reduce the likelihood of this event re-occurring.'

Youths to descend on Tarbert

MORE than 50 young people from across Argyll and Bute will arrive in Tarbert for two days in June for a youth participation conference.

The teenagers, aged between 14 and 18, will be staying at the Stonefield Castle Hotel and will attend workshops at the Templars Art and Leisure Centre, Mac and Mags and Tarbert Academy.

The event is being organised by Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and will educate young people about community planning and propose new ways of working with decision makers in Argyll and Bute and nationally. Workshops will show youngsters how to get their voices heard, explore the importance of the media and teach them how to create positive PR (Public Relations) for their groups.

They will also find out more about the rights of young people, learn about funding opportunities and volunteering opportunities at home and abroad.

There will also be team building activities, with the youngsters taking part in canoeing, gorge walking, sailing, mountain biking and lots more.

The event will take place on June 1 and 2 2006. It has already received £5,000 of funding from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme, which will go towards the team building activities, evening activities, travel and accommodation costs.

Argyll and the Islands Enterprise (AIE) has agreed to fund a percentage of the final eligible costs and Argyll and Bute Council has granted £2,000 from its Capacity Building Fund.

Argyll and Bute Youth Forum has groups in Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Oban, Dunoon, Rothesay, Bowmore and Helensburgh.

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Guitar quartet in town

THE Scottish Guitar Quartet rolled into Campbeltown Picture House on Friday evening to entertain the people of Kintyre with their fine musical talents.

Although the audience was quite small in numbers the quality of the performance was outstanding.

The four guitarists, Malcolm Macfarlane, Nigel Clark, Ged Brockie and Kevin Mackenzie played two sets of varied music which consisted of jazz, classical and Celtic.

The quality of the music was so good they got two encores and played well over their time.

Individually they are extremely talented performers and are described as, 'truly world class in every respect'. This is a statement that would be borne out by any of members of the audience on the night.

After playing in Campbeltown they headed off to Ardross near Inverness and at the end of the month are performing in Vienna.

In all, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Pictured at the Building For The Future conference held in Kilmory Castle recently are, from left, Jim Maitland of Maitland Construction; Peter McDonald of Fyne Initiatives; Gayle Stead of Argyll Community Housing Association; construction liaison officer Dianne Smith; Ailsa Clark of Fyne Futures; Claire Gibb of Argyll and the Islands Enterprise; Steven Girvan of CITB Construction Skills.

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Building on construction in Argyll

CONSTRUCTION Excellence recently hosted its second conference for all involved in the construction industry in Argyll and Bute.

The conference, held in Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, included guest speakers and four themed workshops.

The first workshop examined investment programmes throughout Argyll and Bute, including an overview of planned work by local housing associations, the NHS and Argyll and Bute Council, the cumulative value of which between now and 2010/2011 is £241 million.

Proposed training provision for apprentices in Argyll and Bute was examined during the second workshop. Amongst the topics discussed were the lack of female apprentices and the Argyll Construction Training Group.

Much discussion ensued on the proposed construction skills centre in Lochgilphead, to be run by Argyll College, plans for which include offering up to SVQ level three in brickwork and joinery.

The third workshop was a case study of partnering on Gigha, exploring how well the consortium is performing in the completion of the first phase of new houses on the island. Workshop four included an overview of renewable energy in Argyll, what technologies have been brought into the area and which companies have brought them in. This was followed by a discussion on the opportunities arising within the renewable energy sector.

Drumlemble makes good progress

DRUMLEMBLE Primary School has made some very good progress over the last two years, according to a follow-through inspection by Argyll and Bute education authority.

According to the report, the school has met the main points for action specified in a previous report by HM Inspectorate of Education in January 2004.

Under the very effective leadership of the head teacher, and with the strong commitment and support of staff, the school has continued to improve in key areas of its work.

The main points for action were to continue to make improvements to the teaching of the English language and to extend the very good examples of learning and teaching across the school.

Because of the school's effective and focused work in this area of the curriculum, pupils' attainment in both reading and writing had improved.

Also, pupils were benefiting from the high standards of teaching and their attainment continued to improve in both mathematics and English language.

In addition, Drumlemble Primary School was leading the organisation of an international project to commemorate the world's first transatlantic radio transmission in 1906 between Brant Rock, Boston, Massachusetts and Machrihanish in Kintyre.

As a consequence of this, pupils will benefit from taking part in a range of stimulating learning experiences and will use modern technology to communicate and build a lasting partnership with a school in the Brant Rock area.

Councillor Dick Walsh, Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson on education, said: 'The commitment and hard work of the head teacher and staff at Drumlemble Primary is reflected in this excellent report.'

Dalintober's office bearers are elected

NEW office bearers have been appointed for the Dalintober and Millknowe Tenants and Residents Association.

At a meeting in the tenants flat in Parliament Place last Tuesday, Cathie Duncan maintained her position as chairwoman while Willie McAllister was elected as vice-chair.

Betty Mason will take over as treasurer and Willie Durance will be the new secretary.

The senior citizens' Monday Social Club will continued to be run by Cathie Duncan and Lorraine Brown.

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Meet the funders is a success

A WEEK-LONG series of Meet the Funders roadshows which were held throughout Argyll have been hailed a great success by organisers and visitors alike.

Around 1,000 people attended the six roadshows at venues around the area with 20 organisers, including several different departments of Argyll and Bute Council, on hand to give advice and information on how and where to obtain funding.

The idea for the event came after requests from several voluntary sector groups that wanted to meet first hand those who distribute funding.

This enabled the groups to get a better understanding of the funders' requirements and priorities and to be able to inform funders of the particular circumstances of voluntary groups.

The two main aims of the roadshows was to raise awareness of potential sources of funding and to provide targeted support to increase the capacity of the voluntary and community sector to become sustainable.

Despite its diverse geography and widespread population, Argyll and Bute has a voluntary sector worth £28 million, sustaining more than 800 jobs and over 1,000 voluntary and community groups.

The area also has the second highest number of volunteers compared to other local authority areas, with 35 per cent of residents volunteering against a Scottish average of just 23 per cent.

Gigha WRI

GIGHA WRI's guest speaker for its February meeting was George Bradley from the RNLI.

Mr Bradley gave a very interesting and informative talk and slide show about the work carried out by the institute including the training of crew, which includes women. There is a rescue helicopter which members watched on a video taking people off a boat in trouble in bad weather.

The rescue boats are fitted out with all the latest equipment. The RNLI rescues around 700 people a year and a new hovercraft is now in operation for places the boats are unable to reach, like mud flats where the tides have gone out. There is also a beach rescue service to help any one caught out on rubber dinghies.

A free service is available to boat owners where over 1,500 sea checks are done a year. The service is manned by volunteer crews who have pagers. Most have jobs and their bosses are good enough to let them go at a moments notice. The RNLI saves lives and, at the end of the day, what is more important than that?

Competitions

Flower arrangement in a glass case: 1 Audrey Tart; 2 Fiona Henderson; 3 Chris McNeill. Sweet biscuits: 1 Christine Mineham; 2 Audrey Tart; 3 Chris McNeill.

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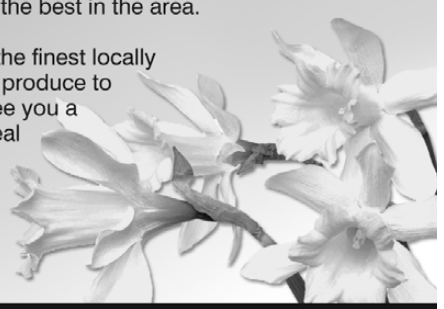

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HMS Argyll back in Argyll

HMS ARGYLL returns to Argyll this week after a busy 20 months away from the area. Working in the far reaches of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, the ship has also spent six months on operational patrol in the Northern Arabian Gulf as the Operation TELIC Guardship.

There *Argyll* worked with coalition forces from the United States, Australia and Iraq, mainly protecting Iraqi oil installations. Away from the media limelight, these installations are critical to building Iraq's economy, as they contribute 80 per cent of the country's total oil exports.

Under constant threat from terrorist and insurgent attack, *Argyll* worked hard to ensure the safety and security of the oil tankers and their crews, the merchantmen ferrying goods around the region and the hundreds of fishermen who ply the rich waters for their daily catch. This has involved regular 'blue light patrols' of the area including boarding 65 merchant vessels to verify their cargo. This effort and the diplomatic manner in which *Argyll* conducted all of her duties earned a rare accolade from senior officials in the region. Since returning to the UK, *Argyll* has maintained a high tempo and is currently training for her next deployment to the Mediterranean later this year.

Whilst in the area, *Argyll* will be at Inveraray from Thursday March 16 until Tuesday March 21. A busy programme of events includes the ship's helicopter, a presentation team and the ship's own physical trainer visiting the primary schools in Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Inveraray. The ship will also compete against various local teams over the weekend.

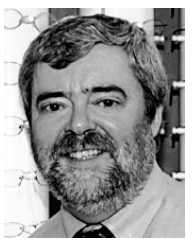
Prior to her return commanding officer of *HMS Argyll*, Cdr Will Warrender, said: 'I am very much looking forward to this visit to Argyll and being able to renew our affiliations having been away for some 20 months.

'We are trying to get out and about whilst at Inveraray, sending members of the ship's company to support different activities throughout the area.'

Above: HMS Argyll's helicopter returning at sunset.
Left: HMS Argyll on station off Iraqi oil platforms.

Eye to Eye

with John Wallace



What Does It Mean?

This month I want to explain the difference between an optometrist and an optician.

When I graduated 30 years ago the profession was split into three sections. Ophthalmic opticians were allowed to examine eyes, prescribe and dispense spectacles. We could treat vision anomalies but we were forbidden to diagnose or treat any medical problems affecting eyes. Dispensing opticians were only able to advise on and dispense spectacles with a prescription issued from an ophthalmic optician or a doctor. Manufacturing opticians then made the spectacles. In the late 80s change was afoot and unregistered sellers (people with no optical qualifications) were allowed to sell spectacles to the public. At the same time the term 'optician' ceased to have any legal protection and anyone (including people with no training or professional qualifications) could call themselves opticians.

To differentiate ourselves from the unqualified, many of us chose to opt for the title 'optometrist' as it was recognised throughout the world as describing a professionally qualified person who examines eyes, prescribes and dispenses spectacles, and who diagnoses (and sometimes treats) eye diseases.

Recently the law changed and optometrists are legally allowed to manage a limited range of medical eye conditions. Shortly, some of us (myself included), who have undertaken extensive further training, will be able to prescribe medication to treat a much wider range of eye conditions. This means instead of visiting your GP if you have an eye problem, you would seek the advice of a 'therapeutically qualified' optometrist. (This is similar to dentistry; you would not normally see you doctor about problems with your teeth.) This massive change in the provision of eye-care should occur early next year. Until then you can seek advice from your optometrist and they will tell you if a visit to your GP or an ophthalmologist is required.

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Pipe band concerts are a big hit

The Kintyre Schools' Novice Pipe Band performed *MAP Tunes 2006*, *Competition Medley 2006* and *The Dawning of the Day*. c11pip09

Look out for more photos in *The Courier* Centre window

Left: The Kintyre Schools' Beginners Band entertained the audience with *Battle's O'er* and *The Green Hills, Rowan Tree* and *Bonnie Galloway* and *La Boum*. c11pip05

KINTYRE Juvenile Pipe Band Association held two fantastic concerts in Campbeltown last weekend.

Performances from the Kintyre Schools' Pipe Bands, James McCorkindale dancers, Davie Robertson, Nicole Harvey, and a beautiful duet by Kathryn Fraser and Claire McFadzean kept the large audience entertained on both nights.

One of the highlights for many people was seeing and hearing drummer Lee Lawson from Craigavon in County Armagh do a rendition of River Dance.

Lee, who began piping at just two-years-old, has had numerous successes over the years. Before reaching her teens she was appointed leading drummer with Moneygore Pipe Band and in 1996, at just 14, she was invited to join the drum corps of the grade one Royal Ulster Constabulary Pipe Band. Just four years later this drum corps became world champions with Lee.

The Kintyre Juvenile Pipe Band Association is now excited at the prospect of hopefully being able to secure her as drumming instructor in Kintyre schools as a part-time basis.

The organisers would like to thank all the businesses who very generously donated to the bands during the year and to the people of Kintyre for their continued support.

The chanter group did brilliantly. c11pip14

Task force seeks update

MEMBERS of Campbeltown Sewerage Task Force are hoping that a representative from Scottish Water will attend their next meeting to provide the group with an update of the company's remedial works.

The task force wants to know Scottish Water's progress with the phase one works relating to the Kinloch Park Pumping Station and wants to know when the above ground screens and equipment will be removed.

The group also wants Scottish Water's reassurance that the completion of these works will result in less spills into Campbeltown Loch during the summer season. Scottish Water will also be asked which route the phase two pipeline will take and what measures are being carried out to minimise disruption to the town centre and Low Askomil whilst this work takes place.

There will also be an update at the meeting from Argyll and Bute Council regarding its current progress and future plans for removing inflow from the system and the feasibility of the promenade option for phase two of the works.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting which takes place this Monday (March 20) at 7pm in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown.

Access forum members wanted

ARGYLL and Bute Council is seeking people from Kintyre with an interest in access to the countryside to set up a new forum.

Since last month, everyone is entitled to statutory access to the majority of land and inland water in Scotland, under the terms of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

One of the obligations under the act is for local authorities like Argyll and Bute Council to set up an advisory body known as a local access forum.

It will be an independent body offering advice on a range of outdoor access issues.

Access rights only apply to people who exercise them responsibly, similarly land managers and owners need to manage their land in a way that both recognises and does not infringe on the new access rights.

To help to understand these a Scottish Outdoor Access Code has been published.

As well as including those with an interest in outdoor access, the forum will include representatives from public bodies, land managers and owners, users and communities.

It is hoped that Argyll and Bute's forum will be able to help develop and manage outdoor access through advice and guidance.

Anyone wishing to apply for membership of the forum should contact Douglas Greirson on 01546 604228 and return their application by Monday April 3.

Application packs will also soon be available on line via Argyll and Bute Council's website.

Town banner project is moving forward

MEMBERS of Campbeltown Community Council have been asked to think on famous people who originated from the town or have connections with the area.

The Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG) is planning to create banners to hang from lampposts in the town which will give snippets of information about famous people from the area.

At a meeting on Monday evening, chairwoman of the community council, Nancie Smith, read out a letter from KIWG chairman, Donald Kelly, asking that all members think on relevant people whose names could go on these.

Argyll kids need more things to do

CHILDREN and young people throughout Argyll and Bute have called for more things to do in a nationwide poll organised by Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People (SCCYP).

Almost 16,000 youngsters from across the country have told SCCYP what they would like changed to make their life better.

Commissioner Kathleen Marshall has pledged to adopt their choice as a priority, shaping her work for the next two years.

The local result was reflected nationally, with most young people calling for more things to do, activities that are affordable and accessible to all, and that are designed by young people themselves in co-operation with adults.

Don't Forget

MOTHER'S Day takes place next Sunday (March 26) and to celebrate this special time of the year, The Campbeltown Courier and Argyllshire Advertiser are searching to find the area's mum in a million.

Perhaps your mum's always tidying up after you, maybe she's been there for you when times have been bad, or perhaps she's simply your best friend and you share all your good times together?

Whatever the reason, we want you to tell us! All you have to do for your chance to win your mum a beautiful bouquet of flowers is tell us in no more than 20 words, using the coupon on this page, why your mum deserves the mum in a million crown.

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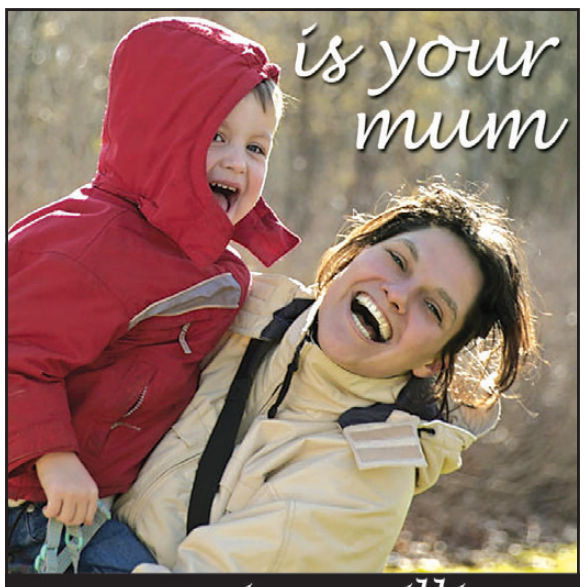

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Or needed something
But put me first instead.
For everything we share,
The dreams,
the laughter,
And the tears,
I love you with a
special love
That deepens
every year.

Mother's Day

It's the little things that will touch your mum's heart so why not do something traditional like make her breakfast in bed?

From the moment you were born your mum has been there for you. She was there to put the plaster on when you fell and cut your knee, she was the one who comforted you when you cried about the school bully and she's the one who you know you can always rely on.

Where there's a mum there's food and most mums would rather walk around their local supermarket in a bikini than see her children go hungry.

Before you could buy your own clothes, who helped you to furnish your wardrobe? Yep, mum that's who! Every time fashion changed your mum was there to keep you looking up-to-date with the rest of your friends.

But, the most important maternal function of them all is love. Your mum is the one person who gives you unconditional love. When you're feeling a little bit down, you can take comfort in the fact that your mum loves you more than anyone else on this planet. Show her you love her back this Mother's Day!

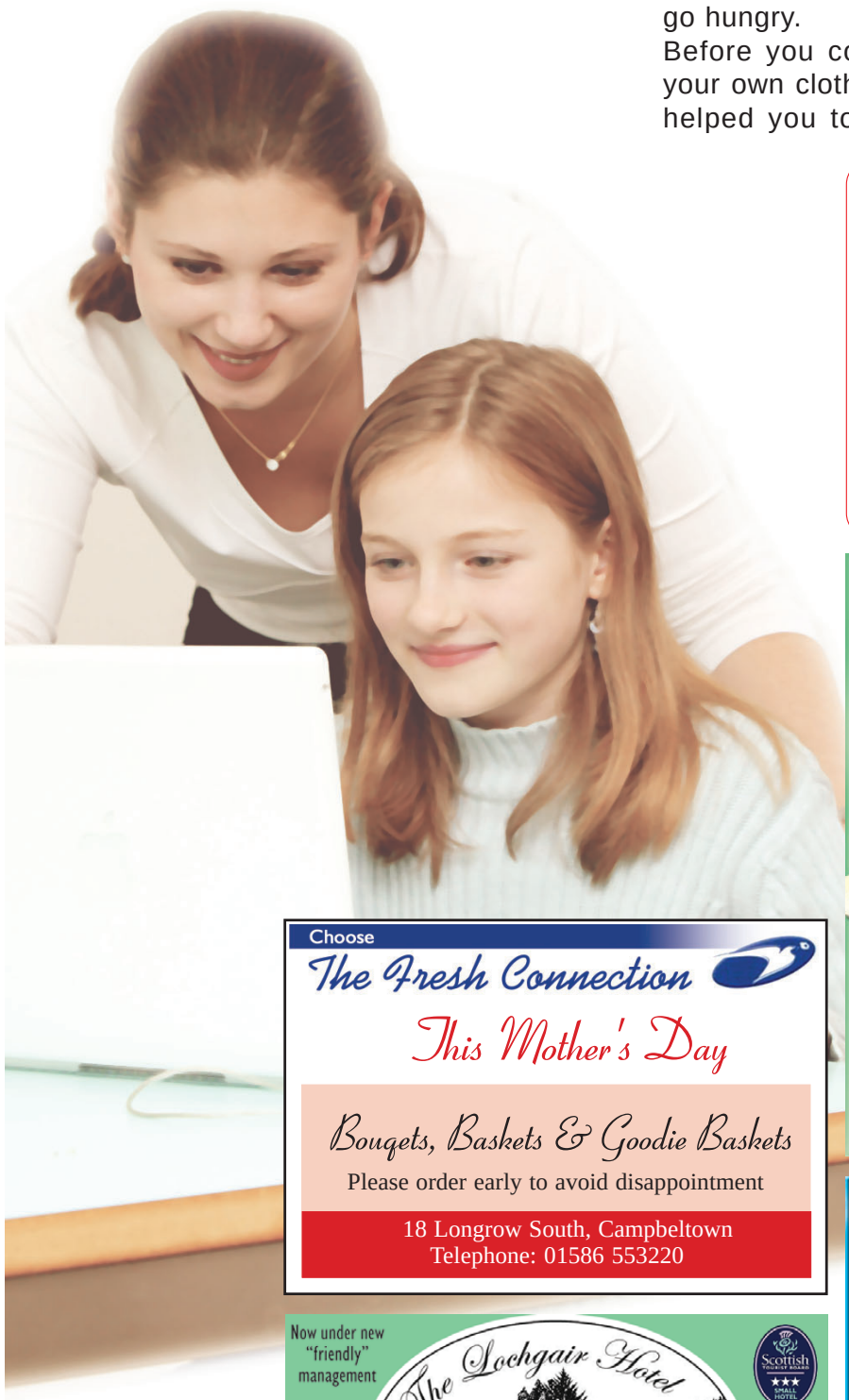

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Photo competition winners

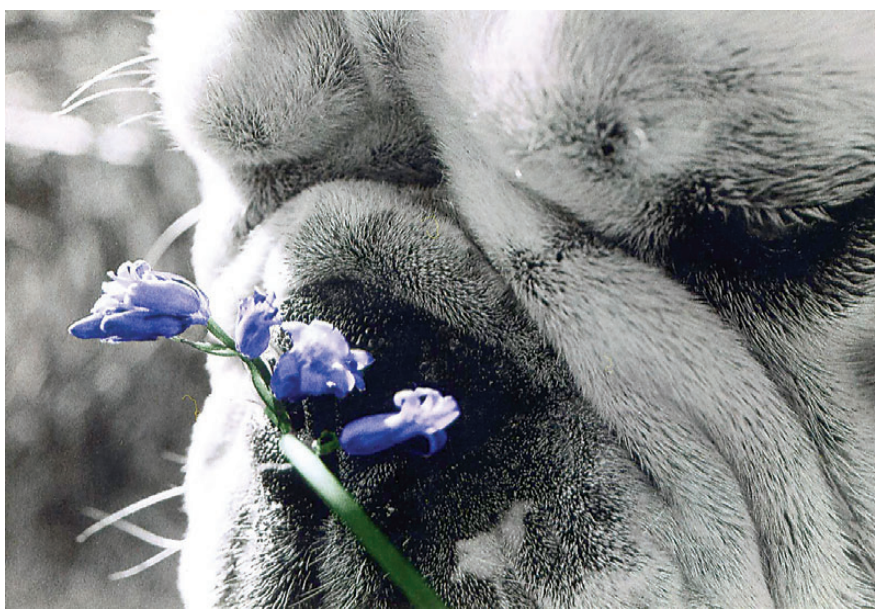
Places runner-up

Left: The runner-up in our places section is Lisa Schroder from Scourie, Sutherland with *Snowdrops at Woodbank*.

Right: The winner of the places section is Bob Goodman from Dell Road, Campbeltown, with *Paps of Jura*.

Places winner

People and animals runner-up



Left: Runner-up in the people and animals section is Nichola Willcocks from Achnamara Cottage, Achnamara, with *My Dog Maney*.

People and animals winner

Right: Alistair Sinclair from Shieldhall, Glasgow, is the winner of the people and animals section with *Deer near Achnamara*.

The winners in both sections each receive a day out with a professional photographer, *The Scottish Field's* Roy Summers, as well as a cheque for £50 and a £20 photo processing from Kintyre Photography in Campbeltown. The runners-up each receive a cheque for £25 and a £10 photo processing voucher from Kintyre Photography.

The best of the rest of our photo competition entries

DUE to the large number of entries received by *The Campbeltown Courier* and *Argyllshire Advertiser* in our first ever photo competition, unfortunately we were not able to print all the photo submitted.

We received enough entries to print a page in the paper every single week until this time next year!

There were some wonderful photographs submitted to us and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to send them in. Those who provided us with a stamped addressed envelope will have their photos returned shortly. Here are just a few of the entries we did not manage to publish.

Christmas Nuts by Norman Watson, Mathieson Place, Lochgilphead.

Oystercatcher Sitting Tight by the Rocky Burn by William McKinlay, Castleacres, Campbeltown.

Space Invaders Over Loch Gilp by Mollie Pullan, Fernoch Crescent, Lochgilphead.

Unusual Visitor by Fiona McCuaig, Rowan Park, Lochgilphead.

Like Mother, Like Daughter by Joanne Phillimore, Chalmers Street, Lochgilphead.

Colville steps down as Ring means business at Tarbert

ARGYLL and the Islands Rural Business Ring held its second annual general meeting in Tarbert on Friday and its first AGM after a full year in operation.

After a successful year, the Ring is fast establishing itself as the first stop for businesses in Argyll, Bute and Arran for a whole range of products and services.

Ring chairperson, Rory Colville opened the meeting and began with a reflection on the huge amount of progress made since the notion of such a Ring was first floated seven years ago.

He congratulated the manager, Colin Cameron, on his commitment to realising the vision of establishing a Rural Business Ring in Argyll and the islands to sustain the rural economy.

Mr Colville added: 'Personally, I am more convinced now than I was seven years ago that the Ring is capable of making a real difference to the future wellbeing of our rural communities.'

Rory Colville stood down as chairman

He then closed by thanking the members of the original steering group, the current board of directors, staff at SAOS, Highland Business Services, and Iain Campbell of Hecla Consultants.

Mr Colville also accorded appreciation to the various funders of the project; AIE, Argyll & Bute Council; Leader Plus; Argyll & Bute Council and Argyll & Bute Employability Team

Colin Cameron, in his role as Ring manager gave an account of the years activities from his own viewpoint. He reiterated the point that the Ring had made real strides in the first year. Products and commodities sourced for members had formed the bulk of turnover, whilst equipment and labour hire had played a slightly lesser role in the first year.

Mr Cameron noted that this was noticeably changing as the Ring becomes a familiar partner when members are in need of equipment, machinery and labour.

Mr Cameron added that all kinds of businesses are now seeing the benefits of membership by increasing their business and work opportunities and their buying power through the Ring network.

He then recorded his thanks to all members who had benefited from the Ring's services for their support, and also to the directors for their enthusiasm and help in the start-up phase.

Rory Colville intimated his intention to stand down as chairperson at this meeting, with Alastair Barge of Otter Ferry being voted in as the new chair.

The meeting closed with Alastair Barge thanking Mr Colville for his energy in championing the creation of the Ring in the first place, and also for his invaluable contribution in the chair during the preceding operating year.

There was unanimous agreement from the board of directors and all in attendance that these words were well deserved.

Poltalloch Limousin to 144.6p per kilo at Oban Livestock Centre

CALEDONIAN Marts had 188 store cattle and 297 store sheep at Oban last Tuesday when all classes of cattle met an excellent trade. A Limousin cross bullock from Poltalloch, Lochgilphead sold to 144.6p per kilo with the bullocks selling to a sale average of 121p per kilo. Heifers averaged at 117.1p per kilo at to a top of 130p per kilo for a Limousin cross from Upper Largie, Kilmartin. Bullocks sold to £530 per head twice, for Limousins from Lagganulva, Mull and from Upper Largie. Top price for heifers was £520 for a Simmental from Achnacreemore, North Connel.

Ardbeg Belgian Blues to 163p per kilo at Islay sale

UNITED Auctions held a special sale of store cattle at Islay Auction Mart when they had a catalogued entry of 375 head.

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The top priced bullocks per head came from Dunlossit Farms, Keills for Charolais crosses selling at £655 to M/s Watson, Fordyce.

The top priced heifers came from Mr MacDonald, 6 Bayview, a Limousin cross selling at £650 to Dunlossit Farms.

The top priced bullocks per kilo came from the Ardbeg consignment when their Belgian Blue cross bullocks sold to 163pence and Belgian Blue cross heifers from the same home sold to 146pence, both lots were purchased by M/s Watson.

The overall price per kilo for bullocks was 137.3 pence whilst heifers levelled out at 119.6 pence per kilo.

Kintyre Holstein breeders host AGM

KINTYRE Holstein Breeders Club held its Annual General Meeting when the guest speaker was Jim Boyd Jnr of Lettrickhills Holsteins, Cambuslang.

Mr Boyd entertained members to a very interesting talk on his experiences of the dairying industry, both at home and in Canada where he worked for some time. He also expressed his views on the future for the industry.

Mr Boyd presented the club trophy for the most points gained during the year to T Ralston, Dhurrie and the following office bears were elected:

Chairman: J Smith
Vice-chairman: J Ralston
Sectrtary: T Ralston
Treasurer: A Graham
Committee: J Semple, J McLean, D MacKay, J Wallace.

Mr J Ralston, vice-chairman closed the meeting with a vote of thanks.

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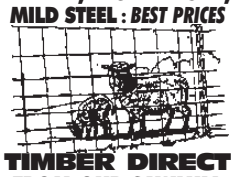

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Thought for the Week

THINK of a misty morning, think of the grey gloom of it. Then, in your mind's eye, let the mist lift as the sun burns through, and imagine the glow of day driving the mist into mere memory.

The sun was always there; you just couldn't see it because the mist came between you and its glory. There are times when life drives from our minds what is real and substitutes only what we can see in front of our noses.

Christians can feel as though they've let God down, as though they've sinned so often despite the Lord being their Saviour that he must have given them up for lost. They can feel such failures that they lose the sense of God's forgiveness and their assurance of his love. If that's where you're at today, there is a wonderful word in the Bible for you. God says, 'I have swept away your offences like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.' If all you can see is your sins, look away from yourself and all your failures, look up to Jesus, and remember what he has done for you. (see Isaiah 44:22) **Irene Howat**

Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane photograph was submitted to us by Barbara Wilkie of Crossibeg Farm, Campbeltown. The photo was taken sometime between 1949 and 1950 and shows pupils in classes five and six at Campbeltown Grammar School.

Back row, left to right: William Clark, Duncan Purcell, Dugald McFarlane and John McLean.

Centre row: Campbell Clark, head of the maths department (the rest of the names are not known).

Front row, left to right: Pat McKinnon, Sheila McFarlane, Catherine Waterson, Barbara Macmillan, Hetty Smith, Rosemary Gulliver, Eleanor Leslie, Mary Galbraith and Renee McGougan, maths teacher.

Those Were The Days
The Campbeltown Courier, March 17, 1981

Gigha request refused

A PROPOSAL that West Coast Motors should wait for ferry passengers after telephone requests has ben turned down.

Gigha Community Council has been told that owing to frequent and considerable depth of water on the ferry ramp at both slipways, Caledonian MacBrayne has agreed to provide a gangway for foot passengers and suggested that the ramp should have legs to raise it above the water level for vehicles. The company has also given an assurance that the ferry will wait for the doctor when he is late for scheduled trips and the charge hand has ben notified accordingly.

The community council was told that no agreement has been reached for standby payments for the ferry crew who can be called out for emergency trips.

It is hoped that the radio telephone rented by CalMac from Marconi will be left in Gigha Shop to be used as an emergency line for medical cases.

MP meets Carradale fishermen

THE DIFFICULTIES facing west coast fishermen have been pointed out to the Earl of Mansfield by MP John MacKay following a meeting he had with Carradale and Tarbert fishermen.

One of the main points raised was the system of paying out Government aid to the industry which is done on the basis of length.

Mr MacKay believes more consideration should be given to boats under 40 feet in length pointing out that smaller boats were more expensive to run.

Mr MacKay wrote in a letter to the Earl: 'Boat owners felt that length alone was unfair and there was a general feeling that horse power should play a part. It was felt by the majority of owners that payment ought to be made on the basis of a joint length and horsepower formula.'

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Parking at Castlehill

Sir,

I refer to the letter in last week's Campbeltown Courier regarding the parking on Smith Drive in the vicinity of Castlehill Primary School.

The comments made are noted and the council agrees that all drivers should drive and park appropriately in the vicinity of any school.

In Argyll and Bute Council, we have previously recognised the various traffic management issues adjacent to both Castlehill and St Kieran's Primary Schools.

In discussion with Castlehill Primary's school board and councillors Alastair McKinlay and Donald Kelly, staff in roads and amenity services have prepared proposals to review the traffic management arrangements in John Street and Stewart Road immediately behind Castlehill Primary and adjacent to St Kieran's Primary.

It is proposed to implement a one-way system in this area in order to improve school pupil safety. It would be hoped that once these proposals are implemented then there will be a significant reduction in parking in the Smith Drive area.

Stewart Turner, head of roads and amenity services, Argyll and Bute Council.

Run to raise funds

Sir,

The Edinburgh Marathon is fast approaching and some people may not yet have secured a place! Others who have a place may not have decided on the charity they will support through their efforts.

We provide the only dedicated free 24-hour CARE Line, which enables patients and their families to discuss their feelings, concerns and emotions at such a difficult time. In addition, we have teams of volunteers who provide local support to patients, we help set up support groups and provide information, discretionary financial support and holidays to those in need.

Leukaemia CARE has a number of places available in the Edinburgh Marathon, which takes place on Sunday June 11. I would like to make an appeal to anyone who would like to take part in the Edinburgh Marathon for us to get in touch.

We provide all our runners with lots of support, including nutritional advice, training schedules, a training t-shirt and a running vest for the day! Get full details on how to get a place with us by phoning our fundraising team on 0870 774 4266 or by visiting the Edinburgh Marathon page at www.run4leukaemia.org.uk.

Elspeth Brewis, regional co-ordinator in Scotland, Leukaemia CARE

Council must look at priorities

Sir,

The furore over the downgrading (for that's what it is) of Argyll and Bute Council's archive service raises the question of whether the council really has examined the financial options.

A council that seems to have displayed financial dexterity in order to enable its staff to buy personal computers at well below the going rate can surely find the difference between the full and part time costs of an archivist, given that the cost of accommodating the archive can't be cut.

I wonder how much money is involved in this staff saving scheme - by its very nature the figures must be easy to identify, and so perhaps one of our councillors could let us know?

If the staff who've benefited were to return their savings to the council's coffers, would there be enough in the kitty to enable the council to think again about downgrading the archive service?

Only a curmudgeon would accuse Argyll and Bute Council of putting more effort into providing staff benefits than services to the public, and I know that many council staff show exemplary commitment to their work; however, recent comments from the Accounts Commission suggest that there's no room for complacency.

Particularly when the council is hacking away at important services.

Robert Wakeham, Tigh Mor na-h-aird, Ballimore, Castleton.

Argyll needs archivist

Sir,

After reading about archivist Murdo's upcoming retirement and the council's decision not to replace him, I'd like to add my support to the mini-campaign to have the council re-think its strategy.

I'm sure that the letter writers, like me, were heavily influenced by the friendliness, interest and excellent level of knowledge that Murdo undoubtedly displayed in helping visitors with roots in Argyll to discover their known (and maybe unknown) past relatives.

In my own visit to Argyll, The Enduring Heartland, with my wife in 1997, Murdo was incredibly helpful to find and show me several letters of the late 1700s that related to my own MacTavish relatives.

I was dismayed, however, to see the working conditions of Murdo in a small, cramped room.

On returning to Canada, I wrote to the council administration asking if his conditions could be improved.

I got a polite but effectively useless reply along the lines of 'scarce resources, blah, blah, blah'.

Argyll folks, like Murdo, are the real true assets of Argyll that cannot be measured in financial balance sheet terms but who enormously enrich the visitor experience.

Gerard Sinclair, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

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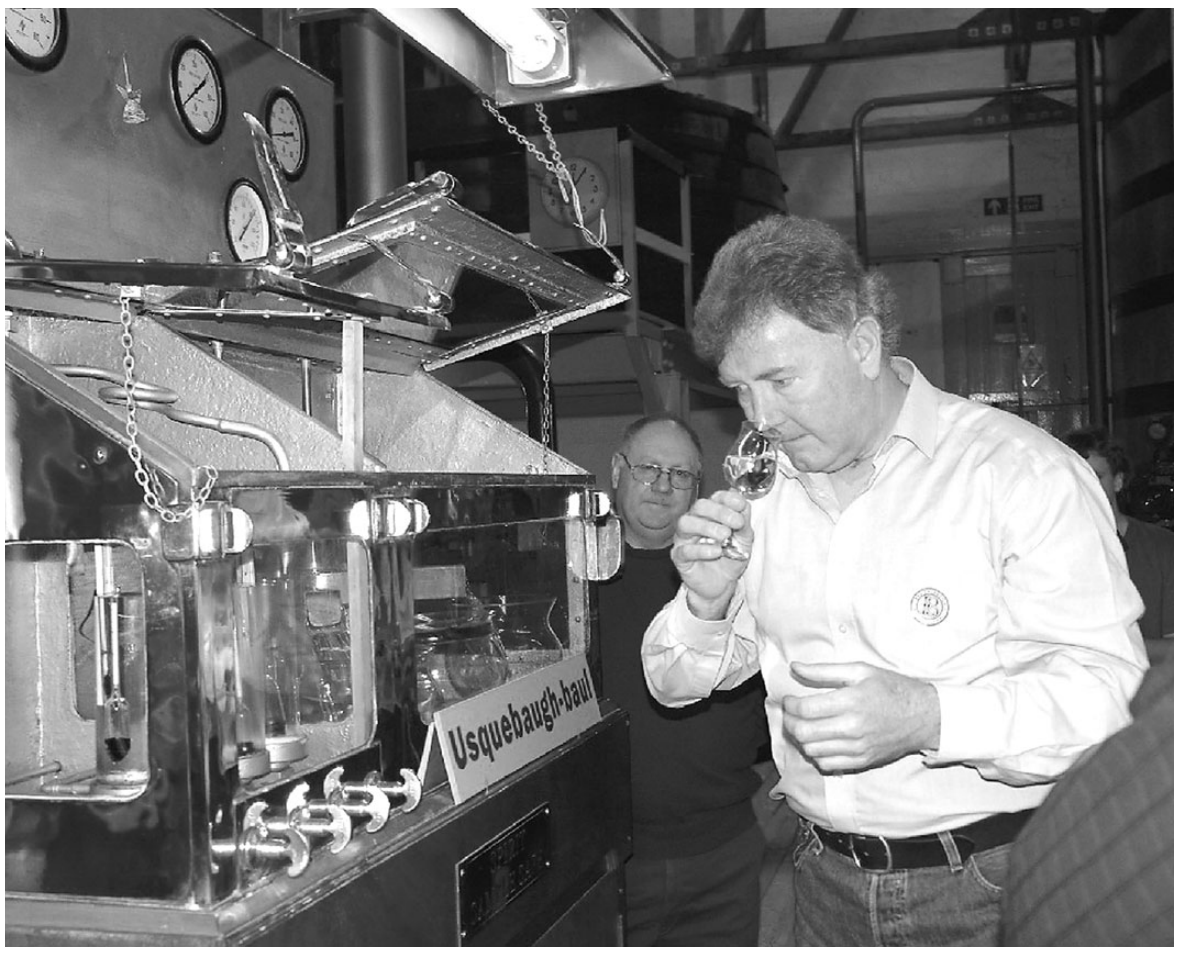
Perilous whisky distilled at Bruichladdich



Master Distiller Jim McEwan noses Bruichladdich's 'perilous whisky'

THE ANCIENT art of quadruple distilling malt whisky has been revived by an Islay distillery.

Usquebaugh-baul or perilous whisky has been distilled at Bruichladdich on Islay, replicating a similar whisky recorded more than 300 years ago be legendary traveller Martin Martin.

He wrote in a whisky tasting note: '...the first taste affects all members of the body: two spoonfuls of this last liquor is a sufficient dose and if any man should exceed this, it would presently stop his breath and endanger his life.'

In 1695 the spirit would have been drunk straight from the still and there are two theories as to why it would have been quadruple distilled. The first is that the more it is distilled, the purer the alcohol becomes and the alcohol was used to extract active ingredients from plants for medicinal use. The purer the alcohol the better the extraction.

Blindness

The second is that distilling three or four times reduced the risk of an impure spirit, the drinking of which could lead to blindness - hence the saying blind drunk.

Last week's quadruple distilled spirit at Bruichladdich was overseen by Master Distiller Jim McEwan, whose tasting note on the new spirit read: 'It must be very similar to the whisky tasted by Martin all those years ago. On entry the flavour is cool, fizzy, citrus - lemon and honey, then the taste of soft gooseberry and pear syrup evolve as it glides across the palette, with cereal and toasted muffins in the slipstream.

'There is no evidence of the power at this stage because the viscosity is almost like glycerine, however, as it engages the taste receptors at the back of the tongue, it really hits the booster button and an amazing heat floods deep into the chest.'

92 per cent

The spirit first 'ran' from the stills at 92 per cent then went down to 88 per cent and will make an average of about 89-90 per cent ABV (alcohol by volume).

Fifty-four American oak casks have been filled with the spirit for maturation and it will lose strength as it ages but when it is judged ready to drink by Mr McEwan it will be bottled on Islay at the strength deemed appropriate at the time.

With such a high alcohol content, this whisky could be matured into its 70th year.

Bruichladdich Distillery was bought in December 2000 by wine merchant and Bruichladdich fan Mark Reynier, together with a group of private investors.

After renovations it started producing whisky again in May 2001, which is bottled on Islay at the island's only bottling hall, and the distillery has won a number of awards since.

New brand for new energy

A NEW brand to represent the renewable energy sector in the Highlands and Islands has been launched.

HI-energy has been designed for all those involved in the renewable energy sector, from local authorities to community energy to renewable energy forums to industry. Highlands and Islands and Enterprise is behind the branding which was designed by Tayburn in conjunction with branding consultant Jean Ramsay Smith.

She said: 'The development of the renewable sector offers significant opportunities to build on the region's extensive natural resources. By co-ordinating our marketing and communication messages and speaking with a single voice, we have the potential to create a much bigger impact within a competitive market place and we can make sure that the area is recognised and understood as a dynamic region determined to be at the forefront of the UK renewable energy sector.'

Individual companies and organisations or community groups in the Highlands and Islands will be able to use the brand free, a copy of which can be obtained by contacting Anna Allan on renewables@hient.co.uk or 01463 244350.

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Jobs to go at HIE

THE HIGHLANDS and Islands Enterprise (HIE) network is merging three local enterprise companies (LEC) into two to improve its service to customers and the agency's efficiency and effectiveness.

The changes have been expected since HIE launched its new strategy for the area, A Smart, Successful Highlands and Islands, in June last year.

It is the most significant review of the network's structures since the organisation was established 15 years ago.

Reduction

The most visible change will be a reduction in the number of HIE's local enterprise companies (LECs) from 10 to nine.

One new LEC will serve the area currently covered by Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey Enterprise (INBSE), plus Easter Ross and the Black Isle.

The second will serve the area currently covered by Skye and Lochalsh Enterprise (SALE) and include Wester Ross.

The present Ross and Cromarty Enterprise (RACE) office in Invergordon will remain, under a new name, as part of the merged LEC arrangements.

Careers Scotland localities in these areas will also merge, in line with LEC boundaries. The boundaries of the seven other LECs and localities will remain unchanged. However, all LECs will be renamed under unified branding, similar to that introduced by HIE Moray last year.

Around 25 new posts will be created but, overall, the network's staffing level is set to decrease.

Voluntary severance

Over the next two years, HIE plans to reduce staffing to around 515 full-time equivalent posts from 555 through staff turnover but voluntary severance may be considered in some cases.

As many as possible of the 25 new posts will be based outwith Inverness, with an overall increase in the number of staff based in the islands.

Careers Scotland (CS) services in the Highlands and Islands will become more closely integrated with the HIE network.

Detailed financial plans for the organisational changes are being developed. The current estimate is of a one-off investment of between £2-3million.

It is estimated the changes will result in annual savings of £1.3million in running costs.

HIE chairman William Roe said: 'In our strategy we set out an ambitious agenda. It focuses not only on consolidating the upturn large parts of our area have experienced in recent years, but also on striving to ensure that over the next 20 years businesses, people and places throughout the Highlands and Islands gain sustainable benefit from the economic, political, and environmental changes sweeping the world in the early years of 21st Century.'

Chief Executive Sandy Cumming said: 'We carried out extensive consultation before embarking on this process of significant change and we do so confident in the knowledge that we have widespread support from our stakeholders both within and outwith the HIE network.

'At the heart of what we are doing is a desire to truly unify the operations of the network, to ensure that we are equally effective in every area in which we operate and that we offer the same excellent level of service to every customer, wherever they may be.

'Our commitment to dispersing jobs and increasing the number of network posts based in the islands is the clearest possible statement of intent we can make that while we work towards unification, we are not about centralisation.'

Re-organistion lacks purpose and bite, says Highland MSP

HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP Jim Mather has criticised the proposed re-organisation of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), saying it lacks an objective people can understand.

The Shadow Enterprise Minister said: 'While I share HIE's desire for increased effectiveness and I welcome any refocusing of resources and any decentralisation of jobs, I am also aware that such reorganisations rarely deliver any significant improvement.'

He said he wanted to see increased economic development and a resultant increase in the number of people living and working in the Highlands and Islands but did not believe the Smart Successful Scotland initiative would deliver that objective.

'Indeed, this reorganisation lacks a quantified objective that people can understand and jointly work towards. That is simply not good enough,' he said.

'We must expect our economic development agency to adopt the strategies and tactics that have worked elsewhere: especially when Scotland lacks genuine economic powers.

'That means we should not be satisfied until HIE sets meaningful targets, gets the buy in of all local stakeholders and ensures that steps are taken to level the economic playing field in favour of the Highlands and islands,' he said.

Loch Fyne now largest seafood group

LOCH FYNE Restaurants is now the largest seafood restaurant group in the UK, with 24 units inspired by the original Loch Fyne Oyster restaurant near Cairndow.

The group has now been presented with the Enterprise Investment Scheme Association's award for Best EIS Exit of 2005 after a cash offer for the company of £22 million was completed in December 2005, giving EIS investors a significant return on their investment.

The original Loch Fyne Oyster restaurant is a founder member of the Argyll Seafood Trail.

This week we take a trip ...

A SPECIAL regatta is being planned for Saturday June 10 to mark 20 years of Tarbert Toppers.

Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club (TLFYC) will be inviting other local clubs to the regatta which will be open to all dinghies.

Tarbert Toppers offer children and young people an introduction to sailing. Robert McPhail of TLFYC said: 'We must have introduced 150-200 children to sailing over the 20 years, which is pretty fantastic for a wee place.'

Tarbert youths to get a place of their very own in new village hall

FUNDRAISING for the refurbishment of Tarbert Village Hall is well underway, with the community eagerly anticipating the result of a lottery application at the end of this month.

The committee has applied to the lottery for £300,000 towards the cost of the refurbishment, which includes tearing down the old cottage at the hall and building an extension for the youth group. Janey Milne, fundraiser for the hall committee, said: 'That's going to be their very own. For the first time in Tarbert the kids are going to have somewhere to call their own.'

The total cost for the village hall project is £650,000 and if the lottery grant is successful this should attract more grants. The committee has to raise £35,000 towards the cost through fundraising and already £15,000 has been raised.

The next big fundraiser takes place in July, when a three-day art exhibition will take place in the village.

Janey said: 'We wrote to the more famous artists in Kintyre and Mid Argyll and asked if they would donate paintings. All of the children in the school are going to do paintings for us.'

On Friday July 7 the children's paintings will be auctioned off and the following Saturday afternoon the artists' paintings will also be auctioned. So far the committee has had donations from about 15 artists, including Jolomo and Kathleen Russell. They are still hoping to receive more promises of pictures before the event.

Sad news as club comes to an end

THERE was sad news for the village this week when it was announced that Tarbert Friendship Club will disband.

The club for the older folk in the village was formed in 1978 and met weekly in the Templar Hall (now arts and leisure centre) with monthly evening ceilidhs.

Initially there was a membership of 155, but over the years numbers have dwindled as members passed away or became housebound. Sadly the club has not attracted the younger senior citizens.

Millie Malia, club president, said: 'It is with regret that the club has decided to disband. The remaining funds are to be donated to the Tarbert Senior Citizens Dinner committee fund.

'The committee would like to thank all the speakers and entertainers who have supported the club over the years and those who have donated money and helped in any other way.'

The friendship club has only had two presidents since its inception, the late Mrs Margaret Muir and the current president Mrs Millie Malia. Both did sterling work over the years.

Yacht club extension

PLANS are in motion to establish Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club as a regional training centre.

Many of the club's young sailors are already in Scottish squads and it is hoped that TLFYC will become a RYA training base.

A planning application has been lodged to improve the clubhouse by extending the changing rooms, improving the toilets and creating a better storage facility.

Laurie Taylor, Richard Blair and Jean Johnson sell hundreds of steak pies at R Hyslop and Sons every week. a11hys01

Who makes the best pies?

IRN BRU, Coca-Cola and Kentucky Fried Chicken are all world-famous for having secret ingredients, but a business closer to home won't divulge what goes into its trademark steak pies.

Richard Blair, manager of R Hyslop and Son butchers in Tarbert, revealed that the recipe has been around for decades, but only a handful of people know its exact ingredients. He said: 'The only people who know the recipe are environmental health - and I've sworn them to secrecy!

'The recipe is at least 20 years old - that's when I got it from another butcher who retired in his eighties after 60 years in the trade.'

Hyslop's pies are so well-renonwed that they are eaten far and wide. Richard said: 'Seventy pies a week go to Campbeltown, and we also send them to Islay and Arran.

'One pie was bought in Tarbert in the morning and was being eaten in Germany that night.'

Richard, who is assisted by Laurie Taylor and Jean Johnson, has been working at R Hyslop and Sons for 35 years.

Although the shop was bought over by Lena Ferguson around 15 years ago, she retained the name due to the reputation it carried in Argyll and beyond.

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Down Your Way in Tarbert

New trustee elected to Tarbert Harbour Board

Shock result as current chairman is not re-elected

TARBERT Harbour Board's annual election for trustees took place on Tuesday, with only one new trustee appointed to the board.

In a shock result Ian Macintyre, the current Chairman of Tarbert Harbour Board, was not re-elected.

Mr Macintyre has served on the harbour board for 24 years and was hoping to make it 25 before handing over to the new administration when the Harbour Revision Order is put in place.

Mr Macintyre said: 'I am disappointed but happy to have served for the number of years that I have and wish the trustees well for the future development of the harbour.'

Mr Macintyre lost his position after three nominees stood for the two 'Traders Representatives' positions. The nominees were Mr Macintyre; Alan MacDonald, current vice chairman of the harbour board; and Ann Thomas.

Mr MacDonald was re-elected with 102 votes, Mrs Thomas won 87 votes and Mr Macintyre received 81 votes.

Newly elected trustee Ann Thomas said: 'I'm really looking forward to doing the best I can. I am a yachting person, I have been sailing for many years and I am very much aware of the needs from the leisure craft. I want to do my very best for that because I think that is the way forward for Tarbert in these days.'

The new positions will be taken up on the first meeting of the harbour board that takes place after March 31.

The fishermen's trustees are Colin Clark and Kenny MacNab and shipping trustees are Captain Hector Thomson and Peter J Korbel, Marine Shipping Consultant.

Current chairman Ian Macintyre, new trustee Ann Thomas and current vice chairman Alan MacDonald. a11har01

Kintyre Way will bring extra visitors to Tarbert

IT IS appropriate that the Kintyre Way, which begins at Tarbert Castle, should be launched this year, as it coincides with the 700th anniversary of the coronation of Robert the Bruce.

The great Scottish King was responsible for building part of the castle and the new long distance walk is sure to attract extra visitors to Tarbert and Kintyre as a whole.

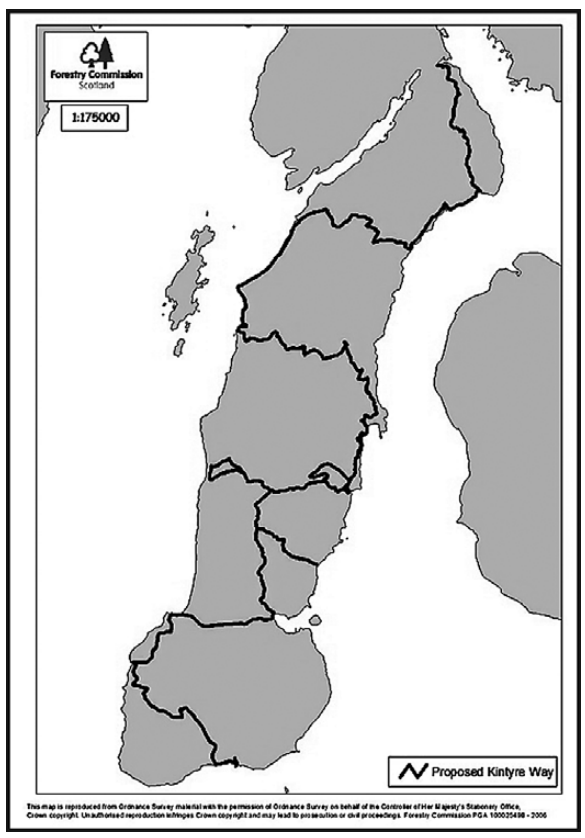
Uniquely for any national long distance walk, the route followed by The Kintyre Way links the majority of communities on the peninsula.

This provides a rare opportunity for visitors to explore some of the area's hidden gems - the sands at Skipness, Sadell Abbey and the fishing villages of Carradale and of course Tarbert.

Each village and community has its own personality and its own speciality and it is this unique sense of place that the organisers believe make this long distance walk special.

The launch of the Kintyre Way on June 10 is an ideal opportunity to celebrate all that Kintyre has to offer both to the people who work and live on it, and to visitors, many of whom will be visiting the peninsula for the first time.

An annual Walking Festival is planned, the first of which will take place the weekend of June 10 and it is to be hoped that as many people as possible will participate in this culinary extravaganza - an opportunity to eat, enjoy, then walk it all off!



The Kintyre Way, which starts at Tarbert and stretches all the way down to Southend.

'Disgrace to community'

THERE is one area that local man Robert McPhail feels is letting down the beautiful village of Tarbert.

Mr McPhail wrote to us to say: 'Tarbert is a conservation area the control of which is in the hands of Argyll and Bute Council.

'One building constructed, looked after and partly occupied by Argyll and Bute in the main approach to the harbour area is a disgrace to the community.

'Running with green staining, poor decoration and sections of roughcast ready to fall and injure a passer by, it looks like something from an abandoned inner city area. I have over several years written to councillors, council officers and the community council. Nothing more than hand wringing has emerged and I feel that with another summer of visitors approaching I must put my concerns in the public domain.'

Keeping Tarbert trim

SINCE Slimming World arrived in Tarbert on March 2 2005, the group's 47 local members have lost a total of 125 stone in weight.

The group meets on a Monday night in the Templar Arts and Leisure Centre. Foods on the Slimming World eating plan will soon be available in the fishermen's Co-op.

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Mid Argyll Music Festival

The 27th Mid Argyll Music Festival begins in Lochgilphead tomorrow

THE 27th Mid Argyll Music Festival begins tomorrow (Saturday March 18), with a record number of entrants competing throughout the week.

Tomorrow will see two sessions dedicated entirely to piping and chanter classes, a section of the festival that has grown in recent years. Performers are travelling from as far afield as Cowal and Kintyre, as well as from Mid Argyll itself, to the contest in Lochgilphead Primary School. Amongst the teams competing for the first time is the strong contingent from Hermitage Academy

Adjudicator for the piping and chanter classes is James MacLean, whose distinguished career in piping has led him to his current position on the staff at the College of Piping in Glasgow.

The festival moves to Ardrishaig on Monday, with competitions running until Friday in the Public Hall and North Church Hall. The Scottish Country Dancing will take place in Inveraray Primary School on Tuesday at 5pm.

There are several new faces amongst this year's adjudicators, including Silvie Taylor in the speech competitions, Sue Porter in dance and Ann Lampard in the vocal and choral sections. Nigel Boddice and Donald Finlayson will adjudicated the instrumental and band competitions on the final day of the competition, Saturday March 25.

Margaret Venables returns to Mid Argyll after an absence of five years and she will adjudicate piano, vocal, choral and string classes.

Organisers are looking forward to a fun but hotly-contested competition, one of the highlights of which is likely to be the 'Songs From The Shows' on Wednesday.

The ever-popular bands competition will close the festival on Saturday evening in Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Admission to each session is £1 for adults, 50p for children, with the exception of the bands competitions, tickets for which cost £5 and £2. Tickets are available from festival venues throughout the week.

Down on the farm in Campbeltown with The Singing Kettle

The Singing Kettle bring their *Old MacDonald's Farm* show to Campbeltown next month.

JOIN the Singing Kettle's Cilla, Artie, Gary and Kevin for their brand new show *Old MacDonald's Farm*. This fantastic show for all the family will have you singing 'til the cows come home!

See milkmaid Cilla, cowherd Artie, scarecrow Gary and dotty farmer Kevin as the 'hard working' farm hands. It's going to be fun, fun, fun all the way!

Old MacDonald's Farm is a hilarious, all action, singalong show guaranteed to have you rocking in your seats with its magical mix of songs like *Two Farmers Went a Walking*, *Three Craws*, *Music Man* and, of course, *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*.

There's audience participation all the way and even a chance for some of the audience to join in on stage. Come dressed as your favourite animals then moo, quack, woof and baa along with The Singing Kettle - or you could even dress as a farmer!

Bonzo the Dog will be trying to round up some sheep and there will be the strangest farmyard animals you've ever seen! If Cilla, Artie, Gary and Kevin work hard enough for old farmer MacDonald, they will dance the night away at the barn dance hoe down - and there may be a special surprise for them!

Don't miss *Old MacDonald's Farm* when it arrives at Campbeltown's Victoria Hall on Thursday April 20. For more information, visit www.singingkettle.com.

We have two family tickets to give away for The Singing Kettle's show at Campbeltown's Victoria Hall on April 20. Two lucky winners will each receive a family ticket for the show, a DVD and a Singing Kettle funpack, and one runner-up will receive a DVD and funpack. To enter the competition, simply answer the following question: **What is the name of The Singing Kettle's 2006 show?** Send your answers to Singing Kettle Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Longrow South, Campbeltown, PA28 6AE. The closing date for entries is Friday March 31.

A delightful evening of chamber music

SIXTY-FIVE chamber music lovers braved the wild weather last Saturday evening to support the Moor Trio's concert in the Ardrishaig Hall, and they were well rewarded with a generous programme and a richly satisfying performance by three outstanding young musicians.

The Moor Trio - made up of Peter Cigleris (clarinet), Jennie-Helen Moston (piano) and Swiss-born Antero Manocchi (cello) are now resident in London and have been playing together for some time, and this was evident from their intuitive ensemble playing, as they communicated closely with one another through the music all the time.

The six-item programme was cleverly devised, with a major Trio opening and closing the concert, and two solo pieces for clarinet and cello respectively sandwiched between, with the piano playing throughout. From the confident first few bars of Beethoven's *Trio in B flat major*, it was evident that here were three superlative chamber musicians, and the three contrasting movements were a delight.

Peter was first soloist with a beautiful rendering of Arnold Bax's *Sonata in D major* - the clarinet spoke eloquently and passionately in this fascinating work. To take us to the interval, we then had 12 minutes of clarinet pyrotechnics in Luigi Bassi's pot pourri of themes from Verdi's *Rigoletto* - great fun and very taxing for both clarinet and piano.

After the break, it was the turn of the cello to enchant and Beethoven's well-known variations from *The Magic Flute* did just that. Antero's rich singing cello tone and the equally responsive piano playing did this enchanting work full justice. During the concert, the items to be played were well introduced and Jennie's short talk on Schumann's love for his wife, Clara, and its influence on the piece to come - the three *Fantasiestucke* - was timely and fascinating. There followed a very moving performance of these three richly romantic pieces, which left one temporarily emotionally drained.

The fitting finale was the Brahms *Clarinet Trio in A minor*, bringing out the very best in the group, in an eloquent performance which gave great pleasure not only to the audience but clearly to the three musicians themselves.

So ended a really memorable concert. What mattered if at times the wind howled audibly outside and the roof beams groaned in the hall - we had been in the presence of a fine chamber group in the Moor Trio and two hours had been spent most pleasurably. **JH**

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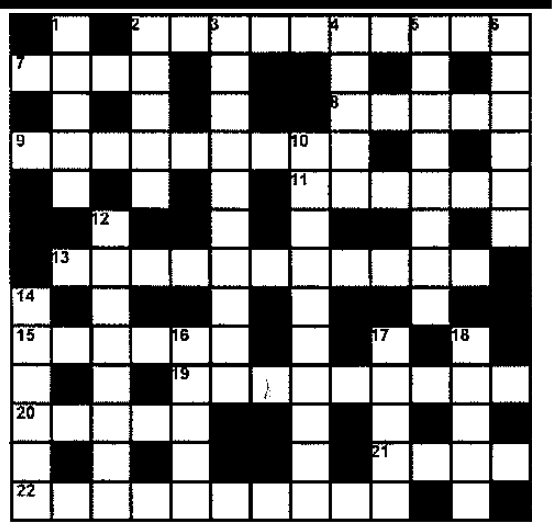

THE THINKER

ACROSS

2 First silent strangers struggle to cross the line (10)
7 Straight route, not round, to get there (4)
8 One performs song, say, for final touches (5)
9 Nine once caught out - lack of knowledge (9)
11 Type of printing not available to group (6)
13 Took in a chap - turned out to be Peter's foe (7,4)
15 Charge for not moving (6)
19 Hear poems written in sign language (9)
20 Great stories of the spice trade (5)
21 Prevent use of weapon (4)
22 Sceptres I'd broken, showing discourtesy (10)

DOWN

1 Hurry in fast car - barely speak (5)
2 Singer's note heard (5)
3 Loyalty, for example, in union (10)
4 Initially, great fire caused distress (5)
5 What came out of English expedition (8)
6 Views expressed, regrets, tense inside (6)
10 Vic and Ann once organised collusion (10)
12 Over-keen supporters - I act firmly to intervene (8)
14 Go upstairs for formal dances (6)
16 Magazine for children (5)
17 The handle is mine (5)
18 Key transport for the weak elderly (5)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

ACROSS: 1.Corgi 4.Coven 8.All 9.Crave 11.Audit 12.Ram 13.Meant 14.Problem 16.Campanologist 21.Menaces 24.Young 25.Ham 26.Miami 27.Pleat 29.Rub 30.Seeps 31.Chute
DOWN: 2.Oar 3.Inertia 4.Championships 5.Video 6.Natal 7.Bloom 9.Comic 10.Alarm 15.Big 17.Pea 18.Olympic 19.Inure 20.Tight 21.Marry 22.Numbs 23.Crate 28.Ant

FIND THE WORDS

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Simple: *Pure, Basic, Crude, Simple, Plain, Naive, Homely, Clear, Obvious, Easy, Spartan, Artless, Rustic, Ordinary, Folksy, Naked, Green, Elegant, Explicit, Candid*

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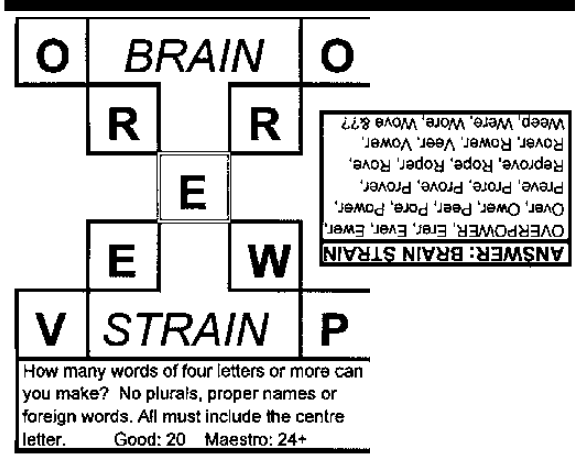

How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 20 Maestro: 24+

ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
OVERPOWER. Efar, Evar, Ewar, Over, Ower, Peer, Pore, Powe, Preve, Prore, Prove, Prover, Reprove, Rope, Roper, Rove, Rover, Rower, Veer, Vower, Weep, Were, Wore, Wove &??

Top guitarist plays close to home

A NATIONALLY-renowned Mid Argyll guitarist played a show close to home last week, when he performed at Ford Village Hall.

Andrew Robinson, who recently completed a post graduate diploma in performance after graduating with a first class honours degree from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD), performed at the hall to help raise funds for Ford Community Project.

He has reached the final of many international guitar competitions and has won both the Orphee and Chenterelle guitar prizes. He also received the Dundee Guitar Festival Scholarship, the Musician's Benevolent Fund, the Charles and Barbara Tyre Trust and the Robertson Scholarship Trust.

Andrew's recent successes have included winning the Edinburgh Royal Choral Union trophy in the final of the Edinburgh Festival and being named runner-up in the Ivor Mairants Guitar Award in London.

The highlights of Andrew's performing career include touring with Scottish Ballet's production of *Carmen*, and playing with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra's performance of Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*. He has also played with The Rein Philharmonic Orchestra in Germany and the Friends of the Edinburgh Festival Orchestra, and has recently returned from a tour of Belgium, Switzerland and Italy playing the concerto with the European Vacations Chamber Orchestra.

In the past year, Andrew has performed at the Dundee Guitar Festival, the Irish Guitar Festival and the Jacinto and Guerrero Foundation in Madrid. He also performed with the Hebrides Ensemble in May for the premiere of Kay Mackenzie's *The Bayous of Louisiana* as part of the Academy Now series at the RSAMD. He also recently performed as a soloist at the RSAMD's Friday lunchtime concert series in celebration of Mozart's 250th birthday.

Andrew's concert at Ford Village Hall showcased his classical guitar skills, raising funds for Ford Community project in the process. For more information on the project, call 01546 810279.

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Dalriada club welcomes Deirdre Adamson

THE DALRIADA Accordion and Fiddle Club welcomes piano accordion star Deirdre Adamson back to the Argyll Hotel on Tuesday, a performer who has graced the club scene for many years despite her young age. Few players have done more for the Scottish accordion scene than Deirdre, with her numerous CDs and her regular appearances at clubs throughout the country. Added to this, her family's publishing business, Deeay Music, is a major source of new Scottish traditional music and composer musicians owe a debt of gratitude for this splendid service over the years.

Many prestigious names have joined with Deirdre on her CDs, notable amongst them being Ian Muir, head of Scottish accordion music at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

Deirdre is undoubtedly at the very top of accordion virtuosi and always enchants her audience with a wide variety of lively set of Scottish and continental music. Her relaxed and entertaining manner never fails to engage the audience.

This is an eagerly-awaited visit and the club hopes for good weather and a full house on the night to welcome this star of Scottish accordion playing.

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PEUGEOT STRENGTHENS 407 SALOON AND SW LINE-UP WITH V6 HDi AND NEW FOUR-MODEL RANGE

- **Enhanced equipment levels ensure 407 remains best value in medium sector**
- **New four-model line-up includes the introduction of the V6 HDi Diesel engine**
- **Introduction of new 407 Sport model**

Peugeot has revised its 407 Saloon and SW range with a four-model line-up, available for May delivery. A new 'Sport' model introduces a compelling specification, while the impressive 2.7-litre twin-turbo HDi Diesel, first seen in the 407 Coupé, is available in the distinctive range-topping 'Executive' model.

The four optimised trim levels now combine a progressively increasing level of desirable features, and are identified by their comprehensive model specification designations; S, SE, Sport and Executive. The S model introduces all the range-wide benefits of standard equipment features on 407, while the popular SE model adds items like automatic activated windscreen wipers and headlamps, tyre pressure sensors and electrically folding door mirrors.

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A substantial choice of powertrain is offered to 407 customers and the new and much praised V6 HDi Diesel unit, with a displacement of 2.7-litres is now available in Executive trim. The DPFS (Diesel Particle Filter System) equipped twin-turbo engine, with 205bhp is mated to the smooth-changing six-speed automatic gearbox, with 'Porsche System' Tiptronic controls, to harness the awesome 330 lb ft of torque delivered from 1900rpm.

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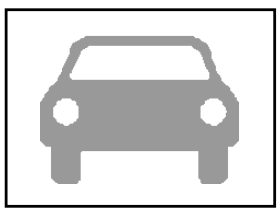

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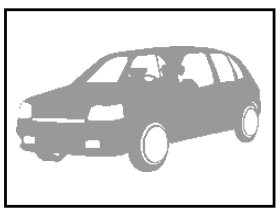

N REG, Tax May 06 Mot Oct. 06

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VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8,

T reg, nice condition, new CD, new timing belt, taxed, new MOT

Telephone
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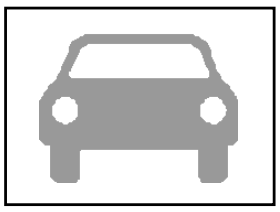

Automatic 1993. Black with sports box. Full electrics, air conditioning, radio. MOT till September

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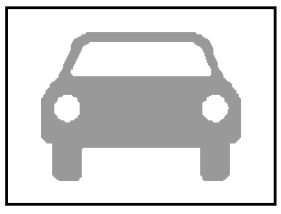

1996 N reg, 1498CC, 3 Door Hatchback, Metallic Blue, Radio/Cassette, Recent f/s & new parts, 9 month M.O.T. 1 woman owner, 85,000 miles, hence price

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07769 918553

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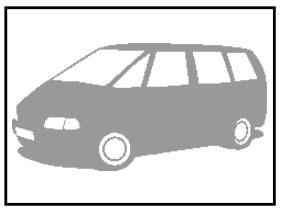
RENAULT SCENIC 1.6E



spacious 5 seat family car, P reg, manual, 80,000 miles, service history, tow bar, 11 months MOT and tax

Telephone
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£1800 o.n.o.

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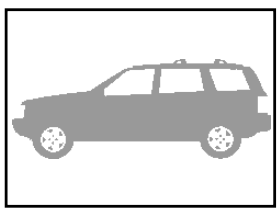

3.1 Turbo Diesel, Duty model, 3 door Metallic Grey "99" MOT & Taxed Service History 90,000 miles In very clean condition

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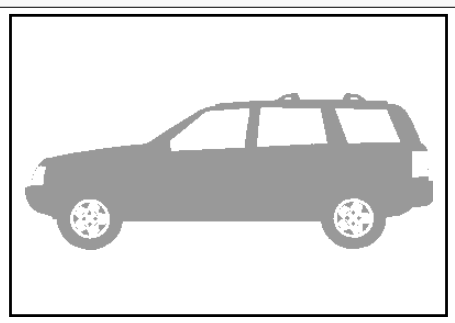

1998, LWB, only 52,000 miles, all leather, alloys, PAS, very smart 4x4, MOT June 2006, any inspection welcome.

£2650 2

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Telephone
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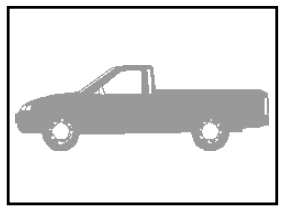
MITSUBISHI PICKUP L200



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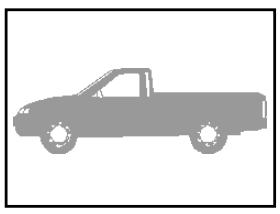

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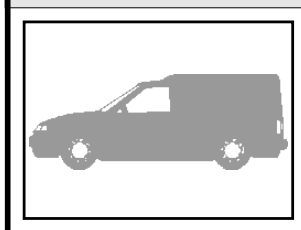
Telephone
07899 896608

£1650 o.n.o.

FORD ESCORT VAN 1.8



DIESEL, 1995, towbar, roof rack, mot'd and taxed, selling due to requiring larger van.

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07950 253281
07776 157866

£700

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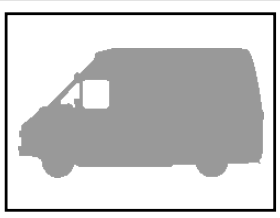

R reg, S.W.B. MOT and Taxed

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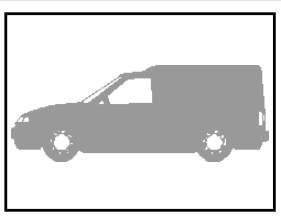
£1400

CITROEN BERLINGO 1.9 DIESEL VAN



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£1750

Telephone
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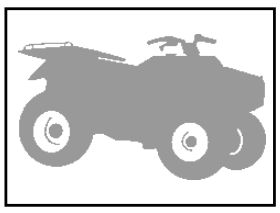
QUAD FOR SALE



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COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949
APPLICATION FOR SINGLE MOORING AT LOCH CRINAN

Notice is hereby given that Mr Smart has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Executive, under Section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by the Section 36 of The Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out Single Mooring at the above location in the positions:

Description	*Latitude*	*Longitude*
Mooring	**56 05.52 N**	**05 33.41 W**

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Crinan Boatyard Chandlery, Crinan, Argyll, PA31 8SW.

Objections relating to safety of navigation, in respect of the application, should be made to Ports and Harbours Branch, The Scottish Executive, Transport Division 4, Area 2F (North), Mailpoint 2B, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference 2SPC/2/4/45.

Mr Smart
Crinan Boatyard Limited
Crinan
Argyll, PA31 8SW

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PLANNING

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTRARY TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 1996

The following planning applications have been lodged for determination with Argyll and Bute Council and are available for inspection during normal working hours at the local area office/Post Office identified below. The proposals contained in the application are considered to be a departure or potential departure from the Development Plan for the area concerned.

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the applications identified below should do so in writing within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Area Team Leader Development Control at the address below.

Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

Ref No: 06/00224/OUT
Applicant: Fyne Homes Limited
Proposal: Erection of 40 dwelling houses and new access roads - Policies Contravened POL HO6A and HO8A of the Kintyre Local Plan 1988
Site Address: Land Adjacent To Football Ground, Oakhill And Easfield Tarbert Argyll
Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Tarbert
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)

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

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

(ROUTE B8025 CRINAN MOSS-KEILLS ROAD, ISLAND ADD BRIDGE) (3 TONNES MGW) (WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2006

On Monday 13th March 2006, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order, which comes into operation on 1st May 2006, restricts a section of the B8025 as carried by Island Add Bridge to vehicles having a maximum gross weight of 3 tonnes.

A copy of the Order and plan relative thereto are available for inspection during normal working hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the following offices;

(i) Operational Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll;

(ii) Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll.

Any person, who wishes to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from 17th March 2006, apply to the Court of Session for this purpose.

Andrew R Law, Director of Operational Services, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8RD

ARDRISHAIG PUBLIC HALL
Annual General Meeting
WEDNESDAY 29 March
at 7.30 p.m.

LINGERTON LIAISON GROUP
Annual General Meeting
will be held on
Thursday 23 March
Lochgilphead Community Centre
at 7.30 p.m., to be followed by
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Community Lets of Schools

Any Organisation wishing to apply for a Sessional Let for a school within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area for April 2006 - March 2007 should submit their application to the appropriate address by 18th April 2006.

Let Applications, Criteria, Charges and further information are available from offices Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Mid Argyll

Community Learning and Regeneration Area Office
Lochgilphead Community Education Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead,
Tel : 01546 604750, verona.reid@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Kintyre

Community Learning and Regeneration Office
Kintyre Community Education Centre, Stewart Road, Campbeltown,
Tel: 01586 552732, michelle.savory@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Islay

Islay Service Point, Jamieson Street, Bowmore, Isle of Islay,
Tel: 01496 301301, sharon.mcharrie@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Tarbert

Tarbert Academy, School Road, Tarbert,
Tel: 01880 820269, enquiries@tarbert.argyll-bute.sch.uk

KINTYRE PIPING SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 19 March
at 8 p.m.
Argyll Arms Hotel Campbeltown

LODGE ST JOHN'S (No. 141)
A REGULAR MEETING
will be held on
MONDAY 20 MARCH
at 7.30 p.m.
Business:
Minutes, Ballot, Passing, a.o.c.b.

TEMPLAR ARTS AND LEISURE CENTRE TRUST
A.G.M.
FRIDAY 24 MARCH
at 7.30 p.m.
ALL WELCOME

TARBERT & SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST

TARBERT AND SKIPNESS COMMUNITY TRUST (TSCT)

Householders in Tarbert, Skipness and the surrounding area can expect soon to receive a colourful leaflet telling them about the aims of TSCT together with an application form and reply-paid envelope to make joining TSCT easy. Why join the Community Trust? Here are some of the items on the current programme -

- **Help to Save Tarbert Castle.** On behalf of the community, TSCT owns the Castle. Already it has in hand the clearing of the rubbish and undergrowth which covers most of the oldest remains. And already it has taken advice on the best and safest way to maintain and restore the fragile Tower and is preparing for action.
- **Join with others to get results.** TSCT is proud to be associated with the excellent showcase CD of local talent ***Dooker Soup*** ; and with the Tarbert Conservation Initiative which will send out "hit teams" of volunteers to target blighted areas in need of a clean-up, such as Tarbert Castle grounds.
- **Put up ideas and set up consultation with local people, about future direction.** At Skipness, following an exhibition setting out what TSCT can do, a feasibility study is planned, with community meetings to inform the thinking and help residents to choose its future direction.
- **Promote the area through its leaflets (thanks to *Awards for All*) and its proposed website.** The colour photography of Tarbert and Skipness on TSCT's leaflets shows the area's rich assets, and this will be echoed in the locally-designed website. It will also open up communication all year round between you and TSCT's managing Board.

The more people join the more effective TSCT can be. Put up ideas of your own or join in with the current programme. So send in your no-cost envelopes when you get them (the one-off joining fee is only £1) and get involved with your Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust – TSCT.

For further info, contact moyralogan@care4free.net or tel 01880 760 266.

NOTICE OF CLOSURE
A83 ARDRISHAIG BRIDGE

Further to our earlier notices we wish to advise all users that the bridge will be closed to all traffic from 2200 to 0600 hours on the following dates:
Friday/Saturday night 10/11 March
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday night 22/23/24 March

Light vehicles (under 5 tonnes GVW) will be diverted via a signed alternative route.

All other vehicles will be held on either side of the bridge until the bridge re-opens at 0600 hours.

During the first listed closure we shall endeavour to allow standing vehicles to cross over the bridge if an opportunity occurs, but only if there are no health and safety risks to our work force.

During the second listed closure of three nights the bridge will be **completely closed** to all traffic. This is to allow the bridge deck surface to be replaced.

Our contractor will have an attendant at each side of the closure to provide directions.

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EAST KINTYRE WINDFARM TRUST

Groups wishing to apply for funds from the above Trust, should contact the Secretary for advice, details and application forms.

Grants may be available for Capital or Revenue Funding for projects, groups, halls, charities, churches, etc., within the East Kintyre Community Council area bordered by Grogport in the north to Peninver in the south.

The closing date for completed applications for this year's final disbursement will be 31st March 2006.

Secretary; Geoffrey Page, Benbecula, Waterfoot, Carradale, Campbeltown, Argyll, PA28 6QX. Telephone 01583 431281

COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949
APPLICATION FOR TWO MOORINGS AT ISLE OF GIGHA

Notice is hereby given that Mr D. Dennis has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Executive, under Section 34 of the Coast Protection Act 1949, as amended by the Section 36 of The Merchant Shipping Act 1988, to carry out Two Moorings at the above location in the positions:

Description	*Latitude*	*Longitude*
Mooring 1	**55 39.38 N**	**05 44.69 W**
Mooring 2	**55 40.44 N**	**05 44.04 W**

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at the Library in Campbeltown.

Objections relating to safety of navigation, in respect of the application, should be made to Ports and Harbours Branch, The Scottish Executive, Transport Division 4, Area 2F (North), Mailpoint 2B, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference 2SPC/2/4/46.

Mr Dennis
Achamore House
Isle of Gigha
Argyll, PA41 7AD

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Simon Green
I would like to thank all family and friends for the lovely cards and gifts I received on my 21st Birthday and also to everyone who came to my party in The Fiddlers and made it a night to remember.
Thank you

Happy 50th Birthday PAPA

Lots of Love - Beckie XXX

Happy '50' Jimmy
Lots of Love
From
Kathleen & Brian
Kenneth & Ellen
XXX

Rachel Stewart would like to say thank you to staff at both Campbeltown and Glasgow S.G.H.S.
Also a big thank you to all my family, friends and neighbours for cards, gifts and flowers
Thank you again.
13 Harbour View
Campbeltown

Happy 40th RAYMOND

Love from Maryanne, Raymond & Zoe XXX

Happy 21st Laura

Love Mum, Dad & Ailie

Happy 40th Birthday To a Special Daddy Lots of Love Adam & Murray XX

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Reward
telephone
01499 302285

Happy 21st Laura

Love Great Grannie, Grannie Dougal, Uncle James, Uncle Peter and Auntie Fiona

Cunningham
John and Isa would like to thank all the family for the Surprise dinner at Lochgair Hotel to celebrate their Golden Wedding.
Also our family, relatives and friends for the many cards and gifts
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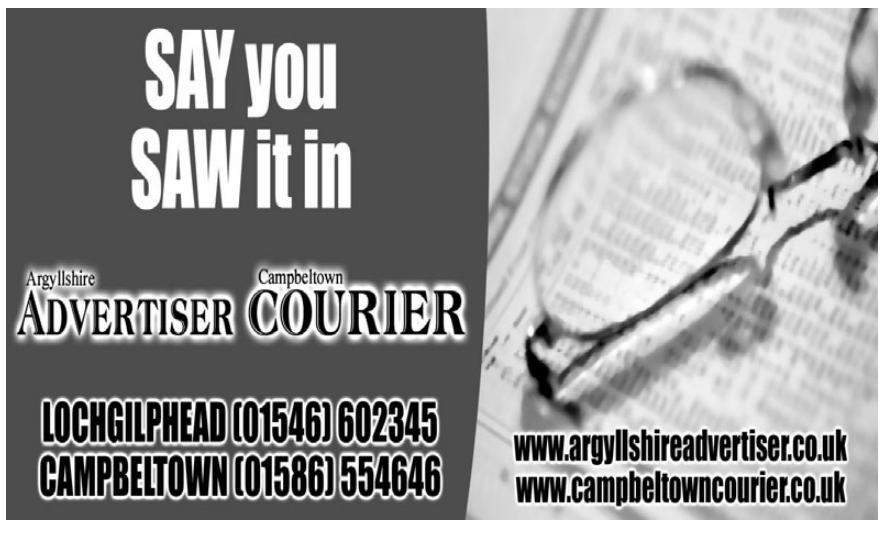

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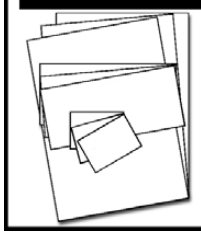

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

'John saw Jesus coming towards him and said: "Look, the Lamb of God" '
(John 1:29)

BIRTHS

STEWART - Willie and Melissa (née Jones) are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Rhianna Lauryn, on March 7, 2006. Special thanks to the midwifery teams both at the Royal Alexadra and the Mid Argyll Hospitals.

ENGAGEMENTS

RUTHERFORD - MACPHERSON - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Julie, eldest daughter of Macky and Johanna to Grant, youngest son of Robert and Fiona.

MARRIAGES

HAMBLY - ANDERSON - At Olowalu Plantation, Maui on February 23, 2006, Shannon Diane, younger daughter of Nancy and Milton Hambly, Vancouver, B.C. to Robert (Bobby) Anderson, son of Catherine and Robert Anderson, White Rock, B.C. and grandson of the late Jemima MacIntyre, Meadowpark and Margaret and Bobby Anderson, Albyn Avenue, Campbeltown.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

CRAWFORD - DAWSON - At Tarbert Parish Church on March 14, 1956 by the late Rev A.R Manson, Alex to Betty, 3 Eastfield, Tarbert.

DEATHS

MACDONALD - On March 11, 2006, peacefully at Duncuan Unit, Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead, Jean Johnson MacDonald, in her 68th year, beloved daughter of Mary and the late James MacDonald, much loved sister of Margaret, dear sister in law of John and loved aunt of Alison and Elaine. Funeral service took place at Tarbert Parish Church, on March 15, 2006, interment thereafter at Carrick Cemetery.

McMILLAN - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital on March 10, 2006, Frances Margaret, in her 62nd year, of 12 Peddie Bank, Lochgilphead, beloved mother of Doreen, Diane, Lynne, Andrew and the late Argyll, loving Gran of Marco and Marissa. Will be sadly missed. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Baptist Church on Wednesday March 15, 2006, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

McMILLAN - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on March 14, 2006, John McMillan, in his 84th year, Cardell, Stronvaar Road, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Jeannie McPherson, loving father of Marjorie and a much loved father-in-law, grandfather and brother. Service in Lorne and Lowland Parish Church, on Friday March 17, 2006 at 1.00 p.m. Funeral thereafter to Kilkerran Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please. A retiring collection will be held in the Church in aid of Cancer Research.

OMAN - Peacefully, after a long illness, at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on March 7, 2006, Colin Donald Oman, in his 79th year, Wellwood, Airds, Carradale, dearly beloved husband of Margaret MacKenzie, much loved father of Leslie, Finlay and Garry, loving grampa of Christina, Rosslyn, Lucy, Karena, Colin, Robbie and Ruairidh and father-in-law of Kate, Karen and Janice.

ROBERTSON - Peacefully after a long illness borne with great dignity, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on March 14, 2006, Susan Robertson nee Hillcoat, aged 51 years, of Teagarach, Silvercraigs, by Lochgilphead. Much loved wife of Brian and loving mother of Emma. Cherished daughter of Jean and the late Willie. A dear friend, colleague and neighbour to many. Funeral service will be held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Wednesday March 22, at 1pm, thereafter to Achnabreac Cemetery. No Flowers please. Donations to ARMS Centre, Lochgilphead.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BARBOUR - The family of the late Archie Barbour would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind support and expressions of sympathy following their sad loss. Special thanks to the staff at Kintyre Care Home, Campbeltown Hospital, Alison, Jen, Julia, B.N.A. ladies and Southend Surgery. Thanks also to Rev Martin Forrest for his kindness and support, Muneroy Tearoom and Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for professional services.

KERR - The family of the late John Kerr would like to express sincere thanks to the staff of Kintyre Care Home for their caring and attentive service shown to our father while in their care, also Dr J Leask for his attention and care. Thanks also to Rev P Burroughs and his organist for a thoughtful and comforting service. We also thank Mr K Blair and his staff for excellent professional service and support, thanks also to Jennifer and staff of the Argyll Hotel for catering services and finally to everyone who came to give support to us at the Church and graveside and for donations to the retiral collection, which raised £331. Thank you all.

MACLAREN - John and the family of the late Isabel MacLaren would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours, for kind support and expressions of sympathy and for cards and floral tributes received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all doctors and nursing staff, at home and hospital, for kind care and attention received, to Rev Brian Wilkinson for his wonderful support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for dignified and professional services, Scotch Heather Shop for outstanding floral tributes, Brambles of Inveraray for an excellent purvey and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The collection for the Beatson raised £800.

McINTYRE - Duncan and Maria would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and ex-colleagues of Campbeltown Hospital for their kind support, cards, letters and flowers, also thanking all the kind people of Campbeltown for expressions of sympathy on our sad loss of Scott. A very special thank you to Fiona and Robert for all their loving support and help, our granddaughters Siobhan and Tanya for all their loving hugs and bringing sunshine into our lives, also a special thank you to Tracy who brought lots of love and laughter into Scott's life, Alasdair and Kenneth Blair for their kindness and professional services, Humanist John Kelsall of Dunoon for the lovely interment service at the graveside. Thanking Police, Paramedics and Coroner Officer Dave Norman of Northampton for his unfailing support to us and Nicola Dare for the beautiful Humanist Service at Milton Crematorium, Northampton.

McTAGGART -The family of the late Margaret McTaggart would like to thank relatives and friends for all their kind words and sympathy in the passing of a much loved and respected lady who will be sadly missed. With special thanks to Dr Lazarus for his attentiveness and care and to district nurses Beverley and Eleanor who were a great support, also the staff at the Health Centre and Hospital in Campbeltown. Thanks for the kindness from the Macmillan nurses and a special thanks to Rev Forrest for a comforting and touching service. Alasdair and Kenny Blair, thank you for the arrangements made and kindness shown. Thank you.

ROBERTSON - Leslie, Jimmy and Noreen would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind support and flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy following the sudden death of their mother Margaret, on March 6, 2006. Special thanks to paramedics, police, Dr Lazarus and Agnes Stewart for her support and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for his professional services, staff of Seafield Hotel for the catering and a final thank you to all who paid their last respects at Church and graveside.

IN MEMORIAM

GRUNEWALD - In loving memory of Ian 'Grouse' who died, March 21, 2005
If tears could build a stairway
And memories a lane
I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.
- Marie, son Ian and family.

MACPHAIL - In memory of John, loving son and brother, died March 15, 1995.
Forever in our thoughts.
- Mum, Caroline and Linda.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH

75 Longrow, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
Breaking of Bread .... 10 a.m.
Coffee ..... 10.45 a.m.
Family Service with Sunday School and Creche
11.15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship . 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting ..... 7.30 p.m.
All welcome
Wednesday
Jellytots Parent and Toddler Group ..... 10 a.m.
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Argyll Street, Campbeltown
(A Province of the Anglican Communion)
Sunday 19 March 2006
Third Sunday of Lent
10.45 a.m.
Family Communion
Details of services are on the Church door
Enquiries to
Rev. A. J. Williamson
Telephone **01586 551478**

TARBERT LINKED KILBERRY
Sunday 19 March 2006
Tarbert Church ..... 11.30 a.m.
Seniors' Service ..... 3 p.m.
Templar's Centre
'The best vitamin for a Christian is B1'
Rev. Bill Gray

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome
Sunday 19 March 2006
Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Miles**
11 a.m. ..... Morning Service with Communion
6.30 p.m. ..... Evening Service
Bible Study
Monday 10.30 a.m.
Discipleship Course
Ladies' Meeting
Monday at 2.30 p.m.
Rev. Andrew Miles, Lochgilphead
Wednesday@7
Prayer Meeting
Thursday
Luncheon Club
Friday 10-11.30 a.m.
Jumpstart Group

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN
Sunday 19 March 2006
11 a.m.
Worship Service for All Ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: **Stewart McGregor**
Thursday 23 March 2006
Praise and Prayer
Special Weekend!
March 25/26, 2006
Speakers: **Dennis Walker** and **Mike Grimshaw**, from USA
Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.
All welcome
'Come and see'

GLASSARY, KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 19 March 2006
Ford ..... 10 a.m.
David Logue
Thursday 23 March 2006
Congregational Board
7.30 p.m.
Kirk Session ..... 8.30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CUMLODDEN LOCHFYNESIDE AND LOCHGAIR
Sunday 19 March 2006
The Valley of Dry Bones
(Ezekiel 37)
Cumlodden (Furnace)
10.30 a.m.
Lochfyneside (Minard)
12 noon
Lochgair 3 p.m.
Rev. Roderick MacLeod
All welcome
Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Guild
Annual General Meeting
Cumlodden
Wednesday 22 March
7.30 p.m.

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 19 March 2006
Service at 11 a.m.
Rev. Walter Smith
All welcome

Details for funeral directors Alasdair Blair, Stan Lupton and Donald MacDonald can be found on Page 29

LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
www.lorneandlowland.com
Saturday 18 March 2006
The Guild Sale of Work
at 2 p.m.
Youth Club at 7 p.m.
Sunday 19 March 2006
Morning Worship ..11.15 a.m.
(Creche, Sunday School, Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs
Monday 20 March 2006
The Guild Business Meeting
7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 21 March 2006
Mothers and Toddlers
9.45 a.m.
Kirk Session at 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 23 March 2006
Choir Practice ..... 7.30 p.m.
Friday 24 March 2006
Lunch Club ..... 12.15 p.m.

Faith Mission
ARGYLL RALLIES
Friday 24 March
Oban Baptist Church
7.30 p.m.
Saturday 25 March
Salvation Army Campbeltown
7.30 p.m.
Sunday 26 March
Lochgilphead Baptist Church
6.30 p.m.
Speaker:
Mr Joe McNeilly
Faith Mission
Scottish Director
All Welcome

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 19 March 2006
Inverlussa ..... 11.30 a.m.
Preacher David Logue
Thursday 23 March 2006
Prayer Meeting .... 7.30 p.m.
Tayvallich Church
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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES
Sunday 19 March 2006
Ardrishaig at 11.00 a.m.
Achahoish at 12.30 p.m.
Luke 19
'Doing Business'
PACT
for children of all ages meets in Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.

Highland Parish Church

Tonight (Friday) 17 March
Quiz, Kirk Street Hall
7.30 p.m.
Sunday 19 March 2006
11.15 a.m.
Morning Worship
Creche in Church (0-3 years)
Junior Sunday School
Kirk Street Hall
Senior Sunday School
Church
Monday 20 March
Crucial Kirk Session Meeting
7 p.m.
(re Presbytery Plan)
Kirk Street Hall
Tuesday 21 March
Badminton Club
Kirk Street Hall
6.30-7.45 p.m. P1s-P5s
7.45-9 p.m. P6 upwards
Cost £1 (includes tuck)
Thursday 23 March
7.10 p.m.
Congregational Board, Hall
7.30 p.m. Stated Annual Meeting, Hall
Rev. Michael J. Lind
Everyone very welcome

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Sunday 19 March 2006
The Town Hall, Campbeltown
11 a.m.
Praise and Worship
Speaker: **Rev. Stuart McLean**

SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown
Sunday Services
10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 12.30 p.m.
Pensioners' Lunch Club
1.45 p.m. ..... Home League
(Ladies Meeting)
Thursday 11.30 a.m.
Meet 'n' Eat Cafe
New-To-You Stall
7 p.m. ..... Bible Study
A warm welcome to all

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

ST COLUMBA'S, POLTALLOCH
3.30 p.m. ..... Evening Prayer

Pupils denied victory

Football

SAFL Premier Division
Gartcosh United 2
Campbeltown Pupils 2

CAMPBELTOWN Pupils were denied victory during Saturday's game as the home side scored twice in the last 15 minutes for a share of the points.

Both sides finished the match with 10 men in what was a hard-fought encounter.

The Pupils had the strong wind behind them in the first half and soon had the home side under pressure, Alan Sinclair and Grant Grant both coming close to giving the Pupils an early lead.

They got the breakthrough in the 26th minute. Alex McPhee made a strong challenge for across from the left and the keeper spilled the ball at the feet of Paul Grumoli, who made no mistake from six yards out.

The home side protested to the referee about McPhee's challenge but the goal stood and the keeper was booked.

The nearest Gartcosh came to scoring was an effort from a corner that hit the side netting. In the second half the Pupils knew it would be their turn to be under pressure with the wind advantage now with Gartcosh.

The Pupils' defence of Norman Thomson, Craig Colville, Jamie Burns, Shaun Grumoli and Ewan McIlory were coping well with the pressure, forcing Gartcosh into desperate long-range efforts that never really troubled Neil McKay.

The Pupils extended their lead in the 68th minute in a rare second half attack. Darren McGilvray's flighted free-kick was easily gathered up by the Gartcosh keeper but he kicked out at Paul Grumoli with the ball in his hands and the referee pointed to the spot and sent off the keeper.

Shaun Grumoli stepped up to score with a well taken penalty kick against the stand-in keeper.

The sending off did not affect the home side as they increased the pressure on the Pupils and pulled a goal back in the 75th minute. A headed clearance was volleyed home through a ruck of players passed the unsighted McKay.

Alan Sinclair was dismissed for a second yellow card in the 85th minute. As the Pupils tried to hold on, McKay pulled off a fantastic save in the 87th minute in a one-on-one situation with a Gartcosh striker.

But, the home side were not to be denied and they equalised in the 88th minute. The Pupils took a poor throw in on the left and lost possession. A first time pass caught out the defence and the Gartcosh number nine ran through to core with a mishit shot.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Pupils are at home to Eaglesham Amateurs in the quarter final of the Jimmy Marshall Trophy. The tie must be finished on the day and the winners will meet St Pats or Kilpatrick in the semi-final. Kick-off is at 2pm at Kintyre Park, Campbeltown.

Multi Club winners

Saturday March 4: 1 Paul Grumoli Snr, 350; 2 Neil McKay Jnr, £20; 3 Joanne Thomson, £10.

Saturday March 4: 1 Darren McGilvray, £50; 2 Chloe Colville, £20; 3 Kenny Campbell, £10.

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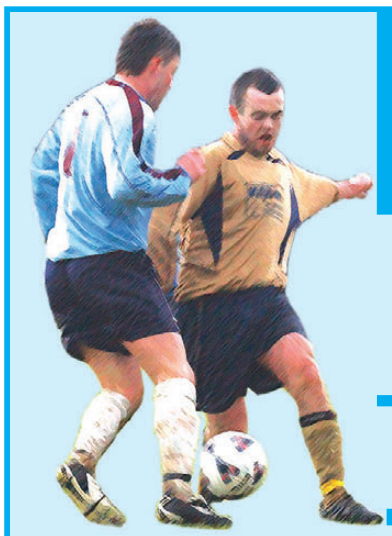
Left to right: M Bannatyne, J McLachlan, A Johnston, A Black (semi-finalist), A Mackay (semi-finalist), Margaret Bannatyne and Hugh MacDonald. N/A

John wins open singles

AS stated in last week's Courier, John McLachlan from Argyll Bowling Club is the town's finest exponent of the indoor bowls game and he proved it again this week when he added Campbeltown Bowling Club's open singles title to the pairs he won last week.

In winning the trophy he was undefeated in seven qualifying matches in the round robin stages and a further three from the quarter finals to the final.

His opponent in the final, Archie Johnston from Campbeltown Bowling Club, was also unbeaten in the qualifiers but was always under pressure and could not match John's consistency and deadly accuracy through the eleven ends of the final that John comfortably won. The prizes were presented by president Malcolm Bannatyne and his wife Margaret.



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Kintyre kids perform well

IN ORDER to qualify to take part in the Scottish Primary Schools Championships in years gone by it was necessary for Argyll Schools' players to travel to Dumbarton to take part in that area qualifying competition.

This year, for the very first time, the Argyll and Bute section of the Scottish Schools Badminton Association, which has for three years successfully organised the Argyll and Bute qualifiers for secondary aged pupils, decided to run a qualifying day for primary aged pupils.

Such was the response from the schools that 12 pools for boys singles (six boys per pool) and four pools for girls (five girls per pool) had to be organised in the singles competitions.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature intervened and there was a heavy snow fall which prevented pupils from the Oban, Dunoon and Helensburgh areas travelling to the Mid Argyll Sports Centre on Sunday. This was very disappointing for all concerned.

Players did manage to attend from Dalintober, Castlehill, Drumlemble, Glenbarr, Tarbert, Ardrishaig, Furnace and Lochgilphead primaries and all thoroughly enjoyed their games.

Pools were quickly reformed and instead of the hoped for 12 pools for the boys singles there were only six. As only four girls turned up there was only the one pool of girls. Each pool was managed by a Lochgilphead High School pupil who had willingly given up his or her day to help the young players. The organisers are most grateful to these pupils.

Lewis McFadyen from Dalintober gained full points in pool one, followed in second place by Calum Hooper from Castlehill, a primary four pupil who is a very promising player for the future. In the second pool Lochgilphead's Gregor Peacock took first place, also with maximum points. Castlehill's Duncan Hooper came second.

Dalintober's Alan Lazarus had beaten all his fellow pool members with Lochgilphead's Alistair MacVicar, the second placed player in pool three. Joshua Denton, Castlehill, pipped David Proven of Ardrishaig for the top spot in pool four.

Joseph Redman, Lochgilphead, played well to gain himself maximum points in the fifth pool with Struan Watson, Castlehill, in second place. Gregor McFadyen, Dalintober, beat Craig Holt of Ardrishaig in their pool game to give Gregor the top place. The top two in each pool went forward to the knock-out stage of the competition.

The semi finalists were Alan Lazarus, Duncan Hooper, David Proven and Lewis McFadyen. Alan beat fellow pupil Lewis in the final 15-4, 15-2.

The girls singles final was between Lindsay Armour and Louise Mitchell, both from Drumlemble. Lindsay took the first game with 11-5. Louise almost forced the third set but Lindsay managed to win 13-11. There was only one game in the girls doubles section with Annie Neilson, Ardrishaig, playing with Louise Mitchell, as her partner had been unable to travel from Carradale. Lindsay was partnered by Eilidh McAlister from Glenbarr. Lindsay and Eilidh won 15-13, 15-8.

The boys doubles pairings were divided into two pools of six couples in each. In the first semi final, Craig Holt and David Proven faced McFadyens, Lewis and Campbell. The McFadyen boys won 15-9.

David McFadyen, partnered by Struan Watson, then played Alan Lazarus and Gregor McFadyen in the second semi. Gregor and Alan reached the final to face Lewis and Campbell. Gregor and Alan took the first boys doubles title in the Argyll and Bute section of the Scottish Schools Badminton Primary Qualifying competition.

Although the day started disappointingly for so many players who were unable to get to Lochgilphead, as well as the organisers, a great day's badminton was enjoyed by all the participants who did arrive. Faithful as ever, vice convenor, councillor Donnie MacMillan, braved the weather to be at the Sports Centre to present the new trophies and mementoes to winners and runners up.

The finalists in the four competitions have qualified to take part in the National Primary Championships for Scottish Schools which will be held in Perth on April 22 at the Bells Sports Centre.

This will give the Argyll children the opportunity to meet and play against pupils from all over Scotland.

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Christopher scoops Rangers tickets

A LOCHGILPHEAD boy with strong Campbeltown connections thinks that *The Campbeltown Courier* is *Simply The Best* after he scooped a pair of Rangers tickets in our recent competition.

Lochgilphead High School pupil Christopher MacAulay, who has lots of relatives in Kintyre, was the lucky winner of a pair of tickets to the Ibrox club's match with Kilmarnock last weekend.

Twelve-year-old Christopher, whose favourite player is Chris Burke, said: 'I've always been a Rangers fan. It was my first time at Ibrox, and it was great to see Rangers winning.'

Christopher was just one of the thousands of Rangers fans who cheered the league champions on to a comprehensive 4-0 win over the Ayrshire side as they look to qualify for next year's Champions League.

Kenneth Mathieson from Drumlemble also won tickets to the game. a11ran01

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