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Carradale's GP concerns go to meeting

CARRADALE Community Council is to meet NHS Highland representatives to discuss the proposed withdrawal of GP Dr Malcolm Elder from 24-hour on-call service.

Dr Elder has applied to opt out because he has been unable to fill the vacancy for a second doctor at the practice to help him out.

The news was announced this week by NHS Highland.

The meeting is fixed for Thursday May 4 at 7pm in Carradale Village Hall.

It is being held at the request of Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership. A meeting is also to be held at a date to be fixed with Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

Dr Elder, who covers the east side of Kintyre between Carradale and Campbeltown and up to Skipness in the north, is planning to withdraw overnight and weekend medical cover from September. However, a decision on it could be deferred while NHS Highland looks at alternatives, one of which could be trying to find a second GP.

Dr Erik Jespersen, Clinical Director for Argyll and Bute CHP, said: 'As a result of this decision NHS Highland has a statutory obligation to provide alternative out-of-hours arrangements.

'We are therefore working closely with partner organisations such as the Scottish Ambulance Service and NHS 24 to ensure that these arrangements are put in place.'

Dr Jespersen will attend the meeting along with John Dreghorn, locality manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay; Daren Mochrie of the Scottish Ambulance Service and Dr Elder, whose surgery serves a population of around 680.

'Since the majority of GPs in the UK have opted out there is a limited number of GPs looking to take on a job with on-call commitment.'

Dr Elder said: 'This has been a one-man job as I have been unable to fill the vacancy since Dr Livingstone left in September. No-one applied for the vacancy so in November I applied to opt out of the 24-hour service.'

Outlining the reasons why he did not receive a single application for the post, he added: 'Since the majority of GPs in the UK have

opted out there is a limited number of GPs looking to take on a job with on-call commitment. That, together with the remoteness of the area, has prevented people applying for the vacancy.'

Dr Elder has been the principal GP at the surgery since March 1999.

He believes a decision will not now be made by the NHS until perhaps August but if his request is turned down he does have a right of appeal.

He said he wanted the meetings arranged so that local people could be kept as fully informed as possible from the beginning of the process.

John Dreghorn said: 'The aim of NHS Highland is to ensure that local communities receive a safe, high quality, local service and to work closely with communities to meet the needs of the local population.'

'We were therefore keen to arrange meetings with community councils in those areas served by this practice so that we can make the local community aware of the situation and how we are planning to put alternative arrangements in place.'

No one from either community council was available for comment as *The Campbeltown Courier* went to press.

Putting a price on history in Kintyre



Campbeltown Bowling Club hosted its antiques roadshow on Saturday April 22, with large crowds turning up to have their heirlooms evaluated by the experts from McTears. Auctioneer Ian Glennie is pictured with a Georgian barometer. Photo by John Gillespie

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War of words over windfarm proposal

A WAR of words has broken out between the company hoping to construct a windfarm at Tayinloan and Argyll's self-appointed 'windfarm watchdog'.

ArgyllWindfarms.com said this week that it has received hundreds of objections to the proposed windfarm at Largie, from as far afield as the USA, Wales and Spain.

The group is so determined to prevent the development by Eurus Energy UK going ahead that it has set up a website detailing its objections.

ArgyllWindfarms claims that the proposal for seven 110 metre high wind tur-

bines is 'one of the worst possible locations in Argyll.

Chief amongst the group's complaints are the potential negative effects on Kintyre's tourism trade. Objectors are also concerned that the turbines could kill hundreds of Greenland white-fronted geese each year, as the proposed site lies between feeding grounds at Rhunahaorine Point and roost lochs at Loch Garasdale, Loch an Fhraoich and Loch Ulagadale.

But Eurus Energy believes that its proposal is well-sited and mindful of the risks to both tourism and wildlife.

Tim Kirby of EcoGen, Eurus Energy's partner company said: 'The *Campbeltown Courier* article last week referred to the concerns

of ArgyllWindfarms.com, that the proposed Largie wind farm would destroy views, the tourist industry and thereby the economy of Kintyre. Its belief is that the population of Greenland white-fronted geese will also be harmed.

Concerned

'ArgyllWindfarms seems to be mostly concerned about the effect on views out from the site threatening the tourist economy. However, the site selection

and design of Largie is carefully focused on the extent of views towards the site. Largie's Environmental Statement includes a computer-generated map showing where the wind farm site could potentially be seen. The map shows that there is very little chance to see the site from the main tourist routes of Kintyre. Most of the potential visibility lies within forestry, offering little opportunity for views out through the trees.

Mr Kirby also told The *Campbeltown Courier* that Eurus Energy and EcoGen were aware of the potential threat to geese.

'We are of course very focused on the protected population of Greenland white-fronted Geese which roost and feed near the site,' he said.

Risk

'Central Science Laboratory's (CSL) specialist bird management unit has been engaged to assess the situation and advise on the design of the wind farm at Largie. CSL's work includes the assessment and management of bird risk for aviation and airports. Twenty-four hour radar surveillance has been used to establish the flight patterns of the geese, which has determined the layout and

number of turbines. This work is published in the addendum to the Largie environmental statement and concludes that even taking the very worst case assumptions, the proposed wind farm does not present a significant threat to the protected goose population.

'In short, Largie is a well-sited, well-designed wind farm which would be a further good example of Kintyre's commitment to sustainable development, on average offsetting the CO2 emissions of another 16,500 UK households, approximately twice the electricity required by all the homes in Kintyre and Knapdale.'

Police Files

Window smashed

A WOMAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal after a window of the old sheriff court in Main Street, Campbeltown, was smashed last Thursday (April 20).

Town hall incident

Strathclyde police say they are continuing their inquiries into the smashing of a window at the town hall in Campbeltown on Saturday night (April 22).

Castlehill disturbance

A MAN was arrested following a late-night disturbance in Castlehill, Campbeltown, on Saturday (April 22).

Two arrested

FOLLOWING an incident in Main Street, Campbeltown, on Sunday night (April 23), two males were arrested.

Close commotion

A MAN has been reported to the procurator fiscal for causing a disturbance and breaking a window of a common close in Longrow, Campbeltown, on Sunday night (April 23).

Grassy area damaged

AN area put down to grass in Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown was badly damaged after being driven over.

The matter was reported to Strathclyde police at Campbeltown by Argyll and Bute Council on Monday (April 24).

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Angela's farewell after 30 years



Angela Cochrane (centre) retired on Friday April 21 after 30 years as a nurse at Campbeltown Hospital. A special party was held in the hospital to mark the occasion, with Angela receiving specially-made Grant Logan earrings, flowers and chocolates from her colleagues in the hospital and ambulance service. Angela, who lives in Campbeltown, is going to take a well-earned break after 39 years in nursing, and is looking forward to visiting her sister in Virginia next month. She is pictured with ward sister Hilary Rankin and charge nurse Ian McPherson, who made the presentation. c17ang01

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HMS Campbeltown under new command



Captain Adrian Bell is driven away on a 1930s fire engine as crew members from HMS Campbeltown wave him off.

IT'S never plain sailing when you're away at sea and for HMS Campbeltown the last few months have certainly been full of adventure. Now the Devonport-based frigate has a new master and commander at the helm. Captain Rupert Wallace replaces Captain Adrian Bell as commanding officer of the vessel which has been deployed for five and a half months east of Suez, supporting the UK's commitment to Operation

TELIC in the Gulf and the US-led Operation Enduring Freedom. But Captain Bell certainly left his ship in style on his last day. The crew organised for him to be driven away in a 1930s fire engine, part of the naval base museum's fire service collection. As he left he said: 'I have very much enjoyed my time in command of HMS Campbeltown, the ship and her company have worked hard and achieved a great deal.'

'I wish them the very best for the future.'

Captain Wallace joined the Royal Navy in 1981 and has served in several ships including HMS Campbeltown, in which he was principal warfare officer. He was previously in charge of HMS Sutherland, also based at Devonport.

As for his new ship, she is undergoing maintenance work and will take part in training exercises for several months before returning to full operational duties.

Police to crack down on school drinkers

POLICE have warned they will take immediate action if they see anyone using a Campbeltown school's playground as a drinking den.

Staff at St Kieran's Primary School in the town, concerned at the amount of litter they found last weekend, alerted officers after finding the mess.

Now Strathclyde Police has agreed to step up patrols in the Castle Hill area and has warned that it will deal with any individuals in the appropriate fashion.

Head teacher Mary Watson said staff were disgusted by the amount of litter left by the culprits. Empty beer cans, broken bottles and cigarette butts had to be cleared up so that children could use the school safely. It is thought the perpetrators were juveniles.

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Tarbert Hall's lottery win!

TARBERT Village Hall Committee was this week celebrating the announcement of a £300,000 lottery grant.

The funding will help to refurbish the village hall and provide a new area specially for Tarbert Youth Group.

But the announcement means a lot of hard work. The grant is conditional on the hall committee raising the other 50 per cent needed within six months.

Chairman Dr Neil Macdonald announced the news

at the village hall Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday night.

He said: 'This is due to a tremendous amount of work, especially from Robert McPhail and Val Watson, my thanks to them.'

Councillor John MacAlpine attended the AGM and confirmed his support for the project.

Dr Macdonald said: 'In Tarbert we should consider ourselves lucky to have the Templar centre as well as the village hall and it is hoped in the future to have

these running in partnership.'

The committee needs to raise £650,000 for the refurbishment, so the lottery money is a welcome boost. They are also hoping to receive cash from Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll and the Islands Enterprise.

Dr Macdonald explained: 'The other grant bodies have been waiting to see if our lottery application would be successful before considering our case. These applications will now go ahead, but we as a commit-

tee must all make every effort to get grants or raise funds ourselves.'

He continued: 'Between August 2005 and February 2006 as the result of donations, dances, raffles, auctions, CD launch and other activities, a total of nearly £7,000 has been raised and our thanks must go to Janey Milne and her helpers, particularly for her efforts in the grand raffle.'

'This figure also includes another grant for the Cruden Foundation for £500.'

Work begins to improve Tarbert Castle

VOLUNTEERS have started work on improving the surroundings of Tarbert Castle.

Tarbert Conservation Initiative (TCI) has received assistance from Tarbert Enterprise Company to provide insurance cover for the volunteers.

Tools and other equipment have been purchased with grants from NHS men's health programme, The Scottish Executive and Strathclyde Police.

Tuesdays have been selected for the volunteer sessions with work taking place in the afternoons from 1pm and evenings from 7pm.

Everyone who is inter-

ested in the area's heritage and environment is urged to go along and help as much or as little as they are able.

Robert McPhail, TCI chairman, said: 'The castle is a ruin but of great educational, historical and visitor interest. The castle and sur-

roundings have been taken into community ownership and are very close to the village centre, providing a recreational space for the community. Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust is now investigating the best method of promoting our

castle with Royal connections in parallel with improvement works to the surroundings and ruins. We hope to get better value for the community from this under-exploited resource and increase visitor interest.'

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Kintyre drama teams' success at Argyll festival



Accent Players were awarded second prize at the 58th Argyll Drama Festival, held in Ardrishaig last week. Peninver Players were also amongst the honours, taking home the trophy for best set. a17dra03

'A VERY high standard,' 'hugely enjoyable, every evening,' were some of the many positive comments made by the large audiences who attended on each of the four nights of the 58th Argyll Drama Festival of one-act plays in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

Mr Brian Marjoribanks, the adjudicator, declared that he was highly impressed not only by the number of plays in the festival, which ran from April 18-21, but by the high standards achieved by all the clubs.

Accent Players from Campbeltown were awarded the Oban Town Council Trophy as the second-placed team for their presentation of *Cards, Cups and Crystal Ball*.

Peninver Players won the Maisie Reekie Trophy for the best set and were Tuesday night's winners for their production of *Eagle Eye* by Peter Rolls

The winner for the evening on opening night was *Too Long an Autumn* by Jimmi Chin, presented by

Lochgilthead Drama Club team (G).

This production told the story of Maisie May, a retired music hall actress living out her remaining days in the old folks home for show business people in which she has been placed by her family.

With a particularly effective opening, imaginative staging, good acting and a splendid performance from the key character of Maisie May, the mood of the play swayed back and forth effectively from humour to melancholy with a sad yet triumphant ending.

This team was awarded the Dunoon Town Council Trophy for first place, the John B Anderson Trophy for best acting and the Oona Campbell Trophy for dramatic production.

Lochgilthead Drama Club team (J) was awarded the Jean Brown Trophy for the best comedy and the MacKellar Trophy for third place for their performance of the hilarious farce, *Husbands Supplied* by Falkland

L Cary, set in Mrs May's

Matrimonial Bureau in the 1930s.

A fast pace and lively tempo and rhythm marked the beginning of this farce and continued throughout, much to the delight of the very appreciative audience.

Thanks are due to the festival committee for all its hard work; to the many people who helped provide catering for the teams and the audiences; those who coped with the tickets and the door; who helped backstage, in particular Peter Simson the stage manager; and who did the lighting, that is Gordon Hutton; who looked after the adjudicator and presented the prizes - Margaret Annan; and the brilliant and entertaining adjudicator, Mr Brian Marjoribanks; to the marvellous audiences who

packed the hall each night; and finally to the generous sponsors, Scottish Co-op and Argyll and the Islands Enterprise.

This was a very successful festival with clubs and audiences already looking forward to next year.



Angus Vajk from Benderloch was presented with the Youth Achievement Cup by Margaret Studholm. a14dra04

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* See page 26/27

Conference proves huge hit
AQUACULTURE Today 2006 was a major success with delegates having a confident report of a sector on the move. Keesen Collier, general manager for Scottish Fish, said the conference was a 'real success' and that the industry was 'moving forward'.

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Highland Year of Culture cash on offer to Kintyre groups

MORE money is being offered to local people to help them stage special events to celebrate Highland culture.

Highland 2007, which was set up to promote the area, has launched the Cross Community Fund to mark the Highland Year of Culture next year.

It will support individuals or groups to stage events that will be held in more than one area within the Highlands - a touring arts exhibition for example - or those which will attract people from across the region.

An extra £200,000 is being made available in addition to the £3 million already being spent by High-

land 2007 to promote the area's culture.

No limit has been set on the amount being offered, although it is hoped the money will benefit a number of projects.

Celebrations
The latest funding programme is targeted at existing and new events in the Highlands that will form part of the year-long celebrations.

Highland 2007 chairwoman Alison Magee said: 'The introduction of the Cross Community Fund will enhance the support that is already available for event organisers who want to play a part in Scotland's

Highland culture. 'The fund will build on and add to the ongoing success of the regional events programme and community programme. 'The establishment of the Cross Community Fund also recognises how strong many community-based events already are in the Highlands and how they are expanding throughout the area.'

There will be one round of awards from the Cross Community Fund with a deadline for applications of June 30 2006.

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Mather calls for marine park caution

A HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP has added his voice to those calling for caution over the setting up of a marine and coastal national park in the West Highlands.

Jim Mather MSP says he has had representations from farmers and fishermen who are 'deeply concerned' about the way the initial consultation has been handled.

'I understand that a much fuller and wider consultation is to follow this autumn and I will encourage the widest participation in this process,' he said.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) recently gave its initial report on areas suitable for a national park to the Scottish Executive.

There are fears from the fishing and farming community that legislation and planning restrictions associated with a marine and coastal national park could impact severely on their industries.

'SNH is on record as stating that a marine park will not be imposed if there is significant local opposition,' said Mr Mather.

'I have asked [minister for rural development] Ross Finnie to state clearly what that means and how it might be quantified.'

Encouraging Argyll to exercise more

PEOPLE from all over Argyll took part in a course last week aimed at getting people to take more exercise.

The programme, which took place in Dunoon, saw 23 people become tutors of 'exercise on referral'.

These classes make up a 10 week programme of exercise and activity seen as an alternative to conventional medicines.

Health professionals will be able to prescribe the classes for people who are not currently active or those recovering from long term illness or injury. It is a first step to making exercise fun and easy and includes tips on healthy eating and relaxation.



Councillors Donald Kelly and Alastair McKinlay in the Burnet Building, one of the historic council-owned premises that will be refurbished through a grant from Historic Scotland. c17her01

Facelift funds for Campbeltown centre

CAMPBELTOWN'S historic buildings will be repaired and refurbished through a grant from Historic Scotland.

Argyll and Bute Council has been awarded £385,500 to invest in key local projects, with Campbeltown Town Hall, the Burnet Building and the Christian Institute already earmarked for major investment. Campbeltown's share of Historic Scotland's £6 million Historic Environment Regeneration Fund (HERF) will also support shop front and householder grants for repairs to features such as sash and case windows.

Additional

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The grant will help to fund the repair and maintenance of Campbeltown's outstanding built heritage.'

'Additional funding has also been provided by Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll and the Islands Enterprise.'

The funding boost comes

at a time when Argyll and Bute Council is reviewing the future of Campbeltown's historic buildings, with plans afoot to move staff from offices on Dell Road and Witchburn Road into the refurbished Town Hall and Burnet Building.

Reconsidered

The news comes in the week that Argyll and Bute Council has announced that it is reconsidering proposals for the Burnet Building, an announcement that has been welcomed by local groups.

The Grade A listed Burnet Building was built in 1899 by James Macalister Hall to house a library and museum for the people of Campbeltown.

With the removal of the library to Aqualibrium, Campbeltown Property Options Group recommended that 17 council staff move from the Dell Road office to the Burnet Building.

Controversial plans for the Burnet building included moving some of the artefacts from the museum

and giving it a multi-function use as a marriage room and meeting room.

The existing library room and accommodation at the back of the building would be used to house staff.

Sandy McTaggart, head of facility services, met councillors, representatives from Campbeltown Community Council, Kintyre Civic Society and the local Action Group last week.

He explained that he had been given the green light by the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) to revisit the proposals by using the first floor to house staff.

Intact

This could leave the museum intact and see the existing library used as a marriage room and meeting room.

Ronald Togneri, head of the Action Group, commented: 'I see the revised proposals which will put the meeting room and the marriage room into the lending library as a much better proposition.'

Lyon selected to contest Argyll again

ARGYLL and Bute MSP George Lyon has been selected to fight the same seat for the Liberal Democrats at next year's election.

At a meeting of the Argyll and Bute Liberal Democrats in Oban on Saturday April 8, Mr Lyon was unanimously selected to fight the Scottish Parliament Election.

He said: 'I am very proud and pleased to accept the nomination on behalf of Argyll and Bute Liberal Democrats for the constituency.'

'I believe that after our fantastic by-election win in Dunfermline, the Liberal Democrats are in a strong position to make significant progress in the general election next year.'

'I will continue to work hard on behalf of my constituents in Argyll and Bute in the coming year and I look forward to contesting the seat successfully in next year's election.'

East Central Kintyre Councillor Rory Colville, chairman of Argyll and Bute Liberal Democrats, said: 'We are delighted that George has been re-

selected to contest the Argyll and Bute seat on behalf of the Liberal Democrats.'

'With George in Holy-



George Lyon MSP will stand in Argyll at next year's election

rood and Alan Reid in Westminster, the Liberal Democrats have a powerful team fighting Argyll and Bute's corner at all levels of government in the UK.

'George has a well-proven track record of unstinting hard work, loyalty and dedication to the people of Argyll and Bute and I believe that record will stand him in good stead in the forthcoming election.'

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Forests full of life

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Birds are nesting, bees buzzing and buds unfurling. To share this vibrant energy, visit a wood or forest and drink in the natural world all around.

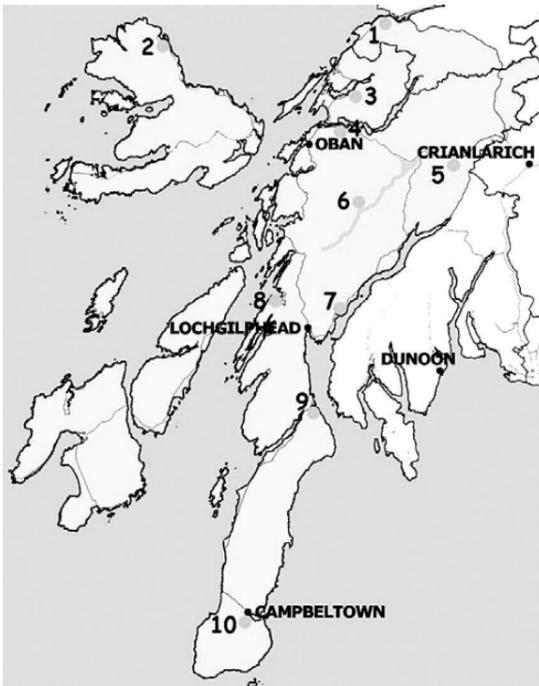
It's easy to find freedom among wonderful scenery this spring and summer. There are miles of waymarked routes to walk or cycle at Forestry Commission Scotland sites from Ballachulish to Campbeltown, Crianlarich to Tobermory.

Get out with the family and enjoy the benefits of healthy exercise, or simply relax at one of the many attractive picnic sites. You can explore on your own or join an organised event led by a ranger.

To come really alive this spring, use all your senses when in the woods. What can you hear? No doubt the sound of birdsong, and perhaps also a breeze through the leaves or the splash of a burn.

Feast on the sight of primroses and wood anemones, whilst keeping an eye out for wildlife - maybe a roe deer, pine marten or even a sea eagle. Remember to use your sense of smell as well. Breathe in the scent of a bluebell wood or the resinous aroma of a birch tree newly in leaf.

Children love to explore by touch. Let them feel the difference between soft wil-



low catkins and rough Scots pine bark. Find out just how sticky horse chestnut buds are.

Fun and relaxation

For a spot of aquatherapy, seek out woodland walks beside lochs, rivers and waterfalls. Few things are more invigorating than the sight and sound of lively, crystal clear water. The River Lochy at Strone Hill near Dalmally and the waterfalls and sea views at Aros Park near Tobermory are great for refreshing the spirits.

Trees and their foliage act like a natural hide, enabling visitors to the woods to come much closer to the wildlife than they would be able to in the open. Go quietly and you could surprise a red squirrel or an otter

foraging for food. Sparrowhawk and buzzard fly between the trees, while heron and sandpiper frequent the loch shores.

If you need a bit of encouragement to get active in the woods, a ranger-led event can introduce you to new areas and activities. It might be searching for Easter eggs, participating in a family treasure hunt on bicycles or joining a guided walk with a wildlife expert.

Inspiring experiences

Expect a fascinating time in the forest.

You can meet the giants of the tree world by walking amongst their soaring trunks. Douglas fir and other trees introduced from North America are well on



Looking over Crinan from a forest road above Ardnoe Point in Knapdale Forest

their way to becoming record breakers at Sutherland's Grove in Barcaldine Forest on Loch Creran and at MacKenzie's Grove at Cruachan on Lochaweside.

Many woodland trails lead to sites of historical and archaeological interest. At Torinturk on West Loch Tarbert there are Neolithic and Bronze Age burial cairns. Or explore the remains of an ancient settlement, with a cross slab and holy well, at Kilmory Oib in Knapdale.

A short walk on Kintyre leads to Tarbert Castle, which was extended by Robert the Bruce after he became king of Scotland 700 years ago. The more recent history of the clearances is evident in several forests, such as Inniemore on Morvern, where the tales are particularly poignant.

At all these places, Forestry Commission Scotland interpretative boards and waymarked routes add an extra dimension to the experience.

Active Woods

Here are some great Forestry Commission Scotland woods and forests to explore: 1. Glenachulish - enjoy cycle routes with magnificent views of sea lochs and mountains - signed from the A828 one mile west of Ballachulish Hotel.

2. Aros Park, Mull - follow woodland walks with waterfalls, views of Tobermory and rhododendrons flowering in early summer - walk from the town, or drive one mile south on the A848.

3. Sutherland's Grove - chose from walk and cy-

cle routes, or a wayfaring course - don't miss the waterfalls and a stand of giant Douglas fir - the forest car park is signed off the A828 by Loch Creran.

4. Fearnoch Forest - ride out from Oban via Glen Lonan to cycle around the forest roads or go further west to walk in Glen Nant National Nature Reserve - car parks off the A85 west of Taynuilt and off the B846 south of Taynuilt.

5. Strone Hill - relax on gentle walks through mixed woodland beside the River Lochy - car park and picnic site off the A85, about 4km east of Dalmally.

6. Loch Awe - explore an-

cient oakwood and planted forest on the west shore on foot or by bike - start from Barnaline visitor centre, just north of Dalavich, or car parks at Kilmaha, Cruachan or Inverinan.

7. Ardcastle and Glashan - visit the site of St Bride's Chapel and look for sea birds and seals on the shores of Loch Fyne, or watch dragonflies at Loch Glashan - signed on the A83 eight miles northeast of Lochgilphead.

8. Knapdale Forest - from Barnluasgan visitor centre, walk in wildlife-rich native woodland or cycle to viewpoints overlooking the

Faery Isles - on the B8025

south of the Crinan canal. 9. Tarbert - wander from harbour to castle in Tarbert - on the A83, or walk from nearby Torinturk, on the B8024, to prehistoric burial cairns and a 1,000-year-old hill fort.

10. Campbeltown - take a walk up Beinn Ghuilean, home to birds of prey and moorland flowers, for outstanding views over Davaar Island to Arran - waymarked from Tomaig Road.

* For great places to go and a host of healthy activities and events happening in Forestry Commission woods throughout Great Britain visit: www.forestry.gov.uk/activewoods.



Having fun on the Tarbert Castle walk



A family pause to check the map on a forest cycle ride



Wild cherry blossom



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Council announces bird register details

ARGYLL and Bute Council has announced details of its bird registration scheme, which it hopes will help to combat the spread of avian flu.

The council's scheme is aimed at supporting keepers of less than 50 birds, although anyone in Argyll and Bute who owns birds which spend time outdoors can register.

Susan Mair, head of legal and protective services

with the council, said: 'This scheme is entirely voluntary, however, it is very much in people's interest to register and we hope that the scheme will be of real benefit.'

'By using the register, the council will be able to provide information and advice to keepers if there are developments in the future.'

Current legislation requires only those keepers with more than 50 birds to

register with the Department for the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs. But with bird flu having reached Scotland in recent weeks, the council hopes that its spread into Argyll and Bute can be limited.

Registration packs for the scheme can be ordered from the council by phoning 01546 604795 or downloaded from www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/birdflu.

Tommy's trip of a lifetime!



The trip of a lifetime was how Tommy McGrory of Campbeltown celebrated 40 years working with local company McFadyen's. Tommy and his wife Jen were VIP guests at Donnington in Derbyshire where the British Superbike Championships were held. A highlight of the trip was meeting the Ducati team in the pits and enjoying a pre-race meal with them.

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Gigha visit to help Kintyre residents brush up on skills

KINTYRE folk are being invited to spend a day on Gigha and learn some new skills or brush up on existing ones - free of charge.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is inviting them to take part in a series of workshops including drystane dyking, bird and butterfly identification, felt-making and beach-cleaning. Also being offered are beach-cleaning and path maintenance.

SNH staff from Lochgilphead, Oban, Islay, Dunoon and Stirling will be coming to the island for the work-

shops on May 17, 18 and 19. The idea is for people to attend workshops, activities and evening events which take advantage of Gigha's natural heritage. Taking part also will be Lochgilphead drystane dyker Gordon Campbell and Carradale felt-maker Shelagh Galbraith.

There will be plenty of time to relax with a pub quiz and an illustrated talk by Planet Earth cameraman Mark Smith who filmed the programme on snow leopards.

Jane Rennie, Chairwoman of Gigha Heritage Trust, said: 'The trust is delighted that

SNH is coming to Gigha. It provides an excellent opportunity to promote the island to those on the mainland and visitors from further afield.

SNH's Andrew Campbell added: 'Our local staff are very keen to get out on the ground and do something practical alongside local people. Between us we have a wealth of knowledge in different fields and the island lends itself to being an outdoor training venue.'

People wanting more information should contact Caroline Anderson at the SNH office in Lochgilphead.



In the fourth of our regular features on Aqualibrium we look at how the health benefits and exercise programmes will help you to achieve the right balance



Swimming is a wonderful form of exercise and the pool in Aqualibrium is superb

With the opening of the much anticipated Aqualibrium on Kinloch Green now only weeks away we are looking at how the facility will help you to look and feel great and ensure that you are energised for the summer.

Health Benefits

Everyone knows that regular exercise is an important part of adopting a healthy lifestyle - but not everyone likes to do the same type of exercise. With its extensive range of equipment and classes, Aqualibrium caters for everyone, regardless of age or fitness level. Its team of qualified fitness

experts will find a level of training that suits you - and more importantly will help you find an activity that you really enjoy.

Exercise Tips and Advice

The hardest part of exercise is getting started. Set yourself a target and reward yourself when you hit it - which you will with the encouragement of the Aqualibrium team.

If you haven't exercised for some time you can expect to be a bit sore after you start a new exercise plan. Speak to one of the fitness instructors at Aqualibrium who will be

able to give you specific advice to help you reach your goal.

Fitness Choices

Having a strong and healthy cardiovascular system affects our quality of life - and lifespan itself - so a good diet and exercise regime play the primary role in keeping the heart, our body's strongest and most important muscle in peak condition.

Life Fitness has supplied the gym equipment in Aqualibrium. There is a comprehensive range of cardiovascular equipment which includes treadmills,

lifecycles and cross trainers - each with its own integrated entertainment screen. The gym also boasts a progressive line of strength machines, from the Signature Series, Cable Motion Series and Hammer Strength plate loaded.

I Don't Exercise - What's in Aqualibrium for Me?

Even if you don't currently take part in any form of regular exercise Aqualibrium is still for you. It now also houses Campbeltown Library and as well as all the usual services there is now the opportunity for regular special events to be

held in the light, airy space. Events may include extracts of a featured book being read by the author, book signings or any number of exciting exhibitions which can be accommodated in the library area. When you have exercised your brain you can call into the Mussel Ebb bistro for a healthy snack, lunch or a more indulgent treat.

So our message is - do not judge an Aqualibrium (book) by its cover - keep an open mind about how we can help you achieve the right balance.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Competition

Thanks to everyone who entered last months competition to guess how many books will be in the library in Aqualibrium. The winner is **Rowan Simpson** from Tarbert who was closest to the answer of 12,000 by answering **11,500**. Well done to Rowan who will receive a book token.

Now for this months competition which is - Spot the Beanie...

Over the last few months we have sent out more than **100 Aqualibrium beanie hats** from our competitions run through the pages of the Campbeltown Courier.

What we want to know is - where is the most unusual place you've seen one?

To get you started we've printed a photo of a beanie



(and beanie owner) an eagle eyed reader spotted in the Polish city of Krakow.



If you think you can match this then send your photos to Communications, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT or enter through the Aqualibrium pages on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk The winner will be revealed in May.

Thought for the Week

CHILDREN are back at school now, and for the older ones that means they are in the final straight before sitting their exams. While it is a very long time since I took my O-levels and Highers, and while I've sat many exams since then, I still remember the pressure these exams put on me as a 16-year-old.

Today there is an emphasis on continuous assessment rather than set examinations. And there is a sense in which we are all undergoing continuous assessment every day of our lives. The Lord God, our Maker and Judge, sees all that we are, all that we think and all that we do. In the Bible, King David asked: 'Where can I go from your Spirit, where can I flee from your presence?' And the answer is nowhere at all. While that is extremely uncomfortable when we know we're doing wrong, if we trust in Jesus as our Saviour and Lord, the knowledge that he is ever-present is the greatest comfort. Jesus says to his friends: 'I will be with you always.' (see Psalm 139:7, Matthew 28:20) III



Down Memory Lane

This week's Down Memory Lane photograph was submitted by Edward Dewar of Limecraigs Road, Campbeltown, and was taken at the Kilty Ball in the Territorial Army Hall, Campbeltown. Mr Dewar is pictured with his sister Rose, left, and Margaret Robertson (nee McKechnie). Do you have old photographs you would like to share with The Campbeltown Courier's readers? Bring them into our office at Longrow South or email them to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk. All photographs are returned to their owners.

Tayinloan wind farm plan is worst ever

Sir,
On the subject of the proposal to construct yet another Kintyre 'wind factory', this time at Tayinloan, (*The Campbeltown Courier*, April 21) I cannot decide if Mr Tim Kirbie is being purposefully disingenuous, extremely ignorant, or perhaps both together.

Whatever, he is far from reassuring by putting up an exceedingly complacent and arrogant defence of Eurus Energy's latest plans for what is probably the worst-sited 'wind factory' ever to be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council for approval.

How Mr Kirbie proposes to lose seven 110 metre-high turbines in a Sitka spruce plantation where the trees will reach

a maximum height of 30m, and placed on an elevated site, is beyond my understanding. Nowhere in any location worldwide where 'wind factories' have been constructed have they been shown not to kill migratory birds or impact adversely on local bird and bat populations. To site these monstrosities in the flight paths of protected wintering goose flocks brings a new and unmeasured dimension to absurdity. The government laboratory that gave Mr Kirbie his information was probably open on April Fools' Day and hugely enjoyed feeding Mr Kirbie a diet of tripe.

Finally, it is high time some of these 'tourist studies' were revisited in the interests of objectivity. There is now very considerable and real alarm throughout the industry as to the impact of 'wind factories' on visitor numbers. Many of the more discreet sites have already been taken, whilst the physical

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size and presence of the turbines only increases. I wonder if even the wind factory-minded islanders of Gigha will be keen to advertise to their visiting guests the view of the Kintyre coast if this development goes ahead.

**Dr Neil Duncan,
Stonefield Farms, Tarbert**

Executive must look at wind farms

Sir,
I write to express my considerable alarm at the amount of wind farm developments in Argyll that have either already been built or are at the proposal stage. Power companies seem to feel that, because the county is not densely populated, there will be little objection to their plans and we seem to be inundated with applications covering the whole county.

This county is renowned for its peace and quiet and also for its natural beauty and wildlife, and consequently attracts large num-

bers of tourists, many from outwith our country, who bring in much-needed revenue to keep the local businesses in being.

If many of these proposals are allowed we will shortly find that we have a county completely spoiled by massive windmills, which will have to be coupled to large pylons and cabling.

(The power line proposed from Beaully to Denny will only be the start of the requirement.)

Apart from the despoilation of our scenery, we will be faced with considerable damage to both our native birds and those that overwinter in Argyll and the islands around and other wildlife.

Tourists are not prepared to come to an area completely ruined by such developments and all that goes with them and will holiday elsewhere, thus ruining the prospects for the hotel and catering trade and all those businesses which are also related to tourism in Argyll for ever.

The county planners and the Scottish Executive must be made to realise

the implications mentioned above and restrict the proposed applications before it is too late.

Allan Angus, Cherrygate Cottage, Portavadie

Daffodil display is magnificent

Sir,
Anyone driving into Campbeltown on the A83 recently cannot have failed to notice the magnificent display of daffodils on display this spring.

Thanks must go to the Rotary Club of Campbeltown for its generous donation towards the costs and Argyll and Bute Council's amenity services team, led locally by Tony Lambert.

Well done and many thanks, or as William Wordsworth said: 'They stretched in never-ending line, Along the margin of a bay; Ten thousand saw I at a glance, Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.'

Councillor Rory Colville

Those Were The Days

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Shipyard launches new £1million boat

CAMPBELTOWN Shipyard launched its first £1million-plus boat this week, the 87-foot *Boy Andrew* which will be heading to Wick.

The *Boy Andrew* has been built for Skipper Andrew Bremner and partners of the Bremner Fishing Company Limited of Wick. The vessel, which was named by the skipper's wife Ulla Bremner, will be the most sophisticated boat of her size in the Scottish fishing fleet when she comes into service next month.

Managing director of Campbeltown Shipyard Les Howart said: 'It is an absolute triumph having got the order which would otherwise have gone to Denmark or Holland. This is the most sophisticated 87 boat we have built at the yard and is the first to cost over a million pounds.'

'We started building the boat last August and it will be completed at the end of next month.'

Boy Andrew is the first Scottish boat to be equipped with an extensive system of conveyors between a hopper into which fish goes when the net is brought aboard, the gutting and washing areas under the shelter deck and the glass fibre-lined insulated fishroom which has a capacity of 1,800 boxes. This will save the crew lifting and carrying and will contribute to their safety. She will also be the first Scottish boat fitted with a Becker rudder.

Boy Andrew is the third vessel built to the yard's latest Campbeltown 87 design and the first of these to have a cruiser stern.

Mr Bremner's previous vessel, a Campbeltown 85 which was also called *Boy Andrew*, has been the most successful seiner in the Scottish fleet for the past four years and is now named *Opportune*.

'Mussel Ebb' name should be explained

Sir,
I refer to *The Courier* of April 21 and the information that the name of the cafe in the new swimming pool/library complex is to be 'The Mussel Ebb'.

This is an excellent choice of name and a very attractive one; but after a recent conversation with a friend of only 20-odd years' Kintyre residence, I realise that the full significance of the name is lost for many people.

Is it possible to have on display some kind of explanation that the 'mussel ebb' was in fact that part of the head of Campbeltown Loch which is now Kinloch Park and which houses the new complex? It might also be possible to point out to 'newer' Kintyre residents- and to visitors that the Mussel

Ebb featured in the once well-known local song 'Flory Loynachan' where the last verse contains the lines:

*'Oh the clabby-dhu it lo'es the Trench,
The cruban the quay-neb,
While the anachan an' brollachan
They lo'e the mussel-ebb.'*

For the uninitiated, the name cruban is a crab, while anachan, brollachan and clabby-dhu are various shellfish.

To give some of this kind of information would, I feel, make the excellent name more meaningful, and much more significant for more recent residents and for visitors to the area.

**Agnes R Stewart,
Creagdu Mansions,
New Quay Street, Campbeltown**

The deadline for letters is Tuesday 2pm

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Malcolm's amazing Amazonian adventure

Campbeltown man Malcolm McFadyen recently enjoyed the trip of a lifetime to the Amazon rainforest. Now he tells *The Campbeltown Courier* about five unforgettable weeks.

FOR MOST of us, the thought of 'roughing it' on a summer holiday would mean spending a fortnight in a tent on a campsite with electricity, running water and a shop.

But one young Campbeltown man recently enjoyed the trip of a lifetime, spending five weeks in the depths of the Amazon rainforest.

Twenty-year-old Malcolm McFadyen travelled to Pavacachi in eastern Ecuador in August last year to take part in a rainforest biodiversity and community involvement expedition.

Pavacachi is more than 100km from 'civilisation', and is only accessible by small plane, which lands on a clearing at a remote military outpost on the banks of the Rio Curaray.

Malcolm described arriving in the rainforest as one of the most memorable aspects of the trip: 'Flying over the rainforest and seeing a sea of green extending as far as the eye could see in every direction, broken only by the meandering course of the lowland rivers, was amazing.'

The exhibition was organised by Global Vision International, an organisation that send more than

1,500 people each year to projects and expeditions all over the world. The trip to Pavacachi is though to be the most remote volunteer expedition anywhere in the world.

Malcolm said: 'The trip involved trekking through a transect system in the rainforest with local guides, recording sightings and evidence of birds, mammals, reptiles and butterflies. We also did vegetation mapping.'

'In order to do this we had to become familiar with identifying different species by sight and using identification books to identify unknown species. We also learned common bird calls and used a bird call recordings library to identify unknown birds.'

Amongst the many highlights of Malcolm's Amazonian adventure were seeing exotic birds, animals and plants close up. 'We had a Colombian with us who was trained in mist netting, which is a technique for catching birds for closer analysis,' he said.

'It was amazing to see the beautiful rainforest birds so close up.'

During his five week stay in the rainforest, Malcolm saw spider monkeys, saddle-backed tamarins, howler monkeys, woolly

monkeys, squirrel monkeys, brown capuchin and saki monkeys.

'I saw a harpy eagle, which is very rare and one of the biggest in the world.'

'I also saw a hoatzin with its chicks. It's another rare big bird, unfortunately one of the young birds appeared to be eaten by piranhas.'

Malcolm also encountered South America's most venomous snake, the fer-de-lance; held a caiman, a reptile similar to an alligator; and saw giant turtles, a sloth, scorpions and big spiders including tarantulas and Brazilian wandering spiders.

'Unfortunately I never personally saw any of the big rainforest mammals, but I did see a lot of footprint evidence of peccaries, tapirs and big cats!'

Daily life for the 18 Scottish, English, Irish, American, Canadian, Dutch, Colombian and Australian people living in the traditional style camp saw the day start between 4am and 7am, which allowed the group to get out into the rainforest at dawn, when many of the birds and animals were most active.

The average daytime temperature in the rainforest was 30 degrees centigrade, whilst the typical



Malcolm on the bank of the Rio Curaray

humidity was around 90 per cent.

Malcolm said: 'Sometimes we went away for satellite camps where we camped overnight in hammocks.'

'Saturdays were Minga days, which was when we helped the local community with one of their projects and gave them English lessons.'

The group got its fresh water from captured rain or from filtered and purified river water. They had only a limited power supply to charge the expedition equipment batteries. All food was flown in with the team or grown by the volunteers or the local Pavacachi people. This food was supplemented by catching piranha and catfish.

But the five weeks wasn't all fun.

'My lowest point was spending three days in bed with a serious illness,' said Malcolm.

'My camera also got wet and died within the first few days, I had to share a hammock with biting ants and had more than 200 insect bites on my arms.'

'I also got bitten on the bum through my clothes by a huge bullet ant!'

One especially memorable incident could have led to a major disaster.

Malcolm explained: 'An oil pan on the fire exploded and set the

thatched palm roof of the kitchen on fire!

'It was all hands on deck with buckets of water from the river to extinguish the fire!'

Nonetheless, the highlights vastly outweighed

'I was also given a special birthday haircut!'

Sampling the unusual food and drink on offer in the rainforest was also a highlight. Malcolm said: 'Eating live lemon tree ants was strange, and to

After five weeks in the rainforest, Malcolm returned to everyday life and the third year of his honours degree in geography at St Andrews University. But his plans for this summer will take him on fur-



Meeting the local community in Pavacachi

the low points.

'How amazing it was to experience life for such a long period in such a remote and exciting part of the world and interacting with the locals,' said Malcolm.

'Having my 20th birthday in the rainforest, I discovered that it is possible to cook a delicious birthday cake on an open fire with limited ingredients!'

my surprise they tasted great.

'At the final party we drank Chica, which is fermented Yucca, and other home brews, and sung and danced with the local community well into the morning.'

'In my diary I described Chica as tasting like 'a strange, alcoholic, vinegary, woody, lumpy, fruit juice'!'

He will also begin research this summer into the attitudes of the people of Kintyre and Gigha towards windfarms, a subject he will cover in his final year university dissertation.



Malcolm gets to grips with a young Caiman lizard.

Corran singers in concert Musical coup for Ardfern as top gig comes to Craignish Village Hall

THE CORRAN Singers will mark the conclusion of their 25th season with a concert on the afternoon of Sunday April 30 in Ardrishaig Public Hall. The programme will include favourite operatic choruses from *Aida*, *Il Travatore*, *Nabucco*, *Gounod's Soldiers Chorus* from Faust and the *Easter Hymn* from *Cavalleria Rusticana*, together with popular tenor arias and the duet from the *Pearl Fishers*.

The second half will feature a choral version of Bizet's *Carmen* and will include the *Habanera*, the *Seguidilla* and the *Toreador Song*. The choir will be joined by the Kilmallie Singers from Fort William with their director Heather Moore. This combination has become an annual event for the past 10 years and gives both choirs the opportunity to perform twice - on Saturday evening in Fort William and in Ardrishaig the following day.

Sheila McCallum, who formed the Corran Singers in September 1981, will conduct and John Langdon will be the accompanist on this special occasion.

OVER 140 people descended on Ardfern last Friday evening, when Craignish Village Hall committee presented a musical coup with a stunning gig from cult US country singer-songwriter Bonnie 'Prince' Billy and the radical young Scottish folk band, *Harem Scarem*.

Fresh from the ABC Glasgow, and playing at arguably the most intimate venue of their Scottish tour, *Harem Scarem* demonstrated their musical precision with emotive, female four part harmony singing and acoustic instruments across a range of traditional

songs and reels together with original material by accordionist Inge Thompson.

Exemplary songwriter Will Oldham (Bonnie 'Prince' Billy) demonstrated his laconic charm and on stage charisma, whilst playing a moving solo set to fans who had travelled to the venue from as far away as Ireland and the south of England. He was then joined by *Harem Scarem* with the superb Alex Nielsen on drums and together they proceeded to play for over an hour. While much of the material was new, they also incorporated some fascinating reinterpretations of Will Oldham's back catalogue with the use of five great

singers, two fiddlers and a cello bow on the drum kit.

The next arts event in Craignish Village Hall couldn't be more different! On May 22 at 6.30pm ajtc Theatre presents *The Gar-*

denner a new play by Mike Kenny with music by Nigel Waterhouse, for young children and their families. Details can be found on the website www.craignishvillagehall.org.uk



Bonnie 'Prince' Billy.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THE HILLS HAVE EYES (18), showing tonight (Friday) 28th April for six days (not Monday), stars MAXINE GIFFARD and TOM BOWER in the most terrifying and thrilling epic for many years. If you enjoy a real seat-gripping thrill, this is for you.

FIRST MONDAY PRESENTATION, "Memoirs of a Geisha" (12A), showing for one day only on 1st May, tells the charming, moving story of a young girl brought up in a Japanese geisha house. A real treat!

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Mull of Kintyre Airshow ready for takeoff

THE 2006 Mull of Kintyre Airshow will take off on Saturday July 22 and Sunday July 23, with a whole host of attractions throughout the weekend.

Amongst the entertainment on offer will be static displays of aeroplanes and helicopters and the chance to meet the aircraft crews.

Helicopter pleasure flights will head out over the Mull of Kintyre, whilst a simulation ride will give people a chance to experience the thrill of a flight from the safety of the

ground. Saturday will also see a death-defying display from stunt riders Kevin Carmichael and Arian Van Zwedan.

Model aircraft displays will help to keep the crowds entertained, as will an exhibition on the airfield's history and a vintage vehicle display.

Sunday's aircraft display promises to be the biggest ever seen at the Mull of Kintyre Airshow, with planes of all shapes and sizes taking to the skies.

The warbirds display will include genuine World War Two planes - a British Spitfire, an American P-51 Mustang and a German Messerschmitt 108.

A Battle of Britain memorial flight will involve a C-47 Dakota and two 208 Squadron Hawks. The RAF Falcons Parachute Display Team will also be descending on Kintyre.

Three display teams will be taking to the skies on Sunday. The Utterly

Butterfly team will bring their two Boeing Spairmen, with the Caledonian Chipmunks arriving with their two planes. The airshow will also be visited for the first time by Team 2Excel, a four-plane display team.

This year's show will also see a special appearance by the United States Airforce, which will conduct a fly-past in a Rockwell B1-B Lancer Bomber, a plane which uses Stealth technology.

Campbeltown Brass Band and Campbeltown Pipe Band will both be performing during the airshow.

The stunt day on Saturday July 22 will run from 1pm until 4.30pm, and will be followed on Saturday evening by Southend Highland Games. Plans for a concert or dance in the Victoria Hall are currently being discussed.

The airshow on Sunday July 23 will run from 11am until 5.30pm.

Councillor Donald Kelly, chairman of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG), said: 'As chairman of the KIWG, I'm absolutely delighted on the progress made with this year's airshow and would encourage as many members of the public as possible to come along and support the event.'

Admission on Saturday costs £4 for adults and £2 for children, with car parking charged at £2. Tickets for Sunday's show are priced at £6 for adults and £3 for children. Weekend family tickets will be available for £35.

For more information, visit www.mullofkintyreairshow.com.

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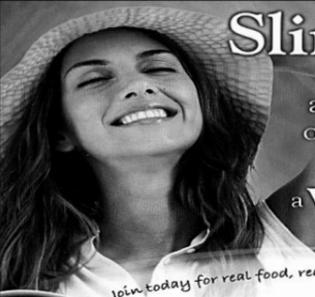
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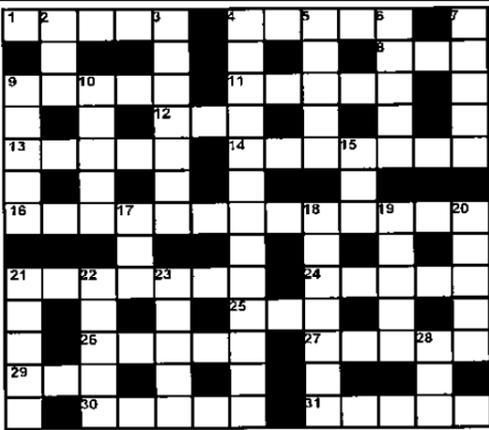
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ACROSS

- 1 Stylish transport returns (5)
- 4 Man follows cricketer to take the water (5)
- 8 The best toy (3)
- 9 It's about time wall covering got a name (5)
- 11 Show disgust after the French find it funny (5)
- 12 Beer suggested if you get ill (3)
- 13 Cook changes rotas (5)
- 14 Benefit from death of woman trapped in it (7)
- 16 Indian goes to America - that's novel (5,3,5)
- 21 She'll deliver if I'm wed satisfactorily (7)
- 24 Ready to fight in dream battles (5)
- 25 Not one of them is said to be a religious type (3)
- 26 Useless at tenpin bowling, mostly (5)
- 27 Note support for hunt in the dark (5)
- 29 Leaving, so not available (3)
- 30 Agree unlikely story? Yes (5)
- 31 Poetry - some you can feel, eg Yeats (5)

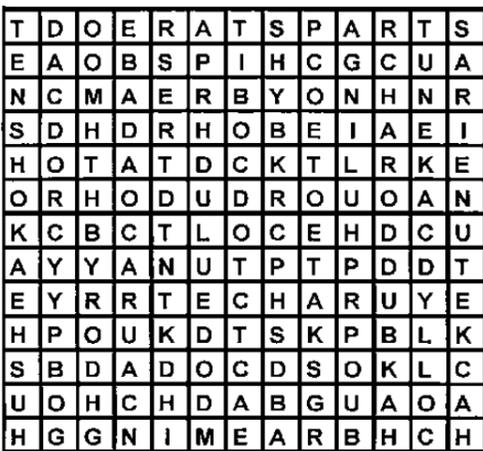
DOWN

- 2 Me? I'm holding up nothing (3)
- 3 Article on rate change presented in lecture room (7)
- 4 Ill with beer - gently does it, or aggressively (13)
- 5 Ought to move back to front, but it's difficult (5)
- 6 Her majesty holds the anaesthetic (5)
- 7 Covering's lifted for small fish (5)
- 9 Feel pain when cooking broth (5)
- 10 Unsuitable headwear at air display (5)
- 15 Self-importance in the Government (3)
- 17 Promise to love being in German car (3)
- 18 Argue about lawn Reg cultivated (7)
- 19 City has nothing for the lover (5)
- 20 City you must avoid (5)
- 21 Type of key for prime minister, once (5)
- 22 Go along with doctor, fit, exercising (5)
- 23 It's best when I distribute cards (5)
- 28 Get a fix from drug doctor held back (3)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

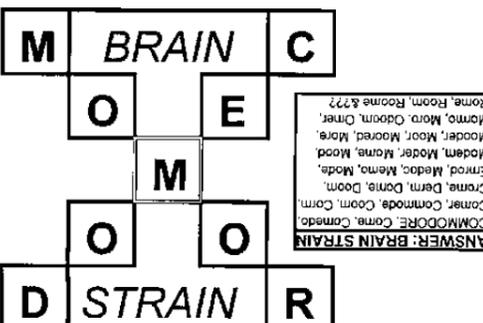
ACROSS: 1. Larch 4. Matinee 7. Rock bottom 9. Onus
10. Amputee 12. Enacts 14. Assent 17. Canister 20. Prim
21. Brake light 23. Smuggle 24. Torch
DOWN: 1. Larva 2. Recap 3. Habitat 4. Mutate 5. Two
6. Endurance 8. Moans 11. Mannerism 13. Climb 15. Skillet
16. Rankie 18. Tiger 19. Retch 22. Rag

FIND THE WORDS



Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: 20 Fish:
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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: 15 Maestro: 25+

Phoenix club hosts charity night

THE PHOENIX Accordion and Fiddle Club season ended on Wednesday April 12 with a grand charity night at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Ardrishaig, with music by local artistes.

First on stage was Achnamara's Archie John MacVicar, who entertained to his usual high standard and set the night off to a great start. Stella McCallum from Tarbert, with her three row button box, was next, playing her selections in her own distinctive style.

An up-and-coming new talent then took to the stage in the form of young Craig Lane from Lochgilphead, who played the bagpipes with great aplomb.

Campbeltown featured next as Rodger Gillespie played some fine tunes on his piano accordion, including some less familiar waltz tunes. Ardrishaig's Johnny Fisher followed, playing his three row box in a toe-tapping, jaunty style.

Club president Fraser McGlynn then took to the stage, including in his set a newly-composed 6/8 tune which was then auctioned. Auctioneer Kevin McGlynn was very busy as bids came in fast and furious until, at £350, the tune was bought by Dochie MacDonald from Tayvallich. Dochie and wife Libby were celebrating 37 years of marriage that very day, so it was no surprise when Dochie named the tune *Dochie and Libby's 37th*.

Half time saw the draw of the raffle. A sound centre donated by Robbie and Fay Livingstone was auctioned and raised £45. It was particularly fitting that raffle was drawn by Ann MacLean of Kilmore, who worked in the NHS in Oban for 32 years and who, at the end of the night, shared in the pleasure of donating the money raised to the Mid Argyll District Nurses Cancer Care Fund.

The second half of the evening started with Ann MacLean's husband John Allan MacLean playing his three row box with a lovely selection of tunes in the West Coast style.

Hans Unkles from Tayvallich, with his unique three row, was next, but he was upstaged by his very young daughter Lorna, who sang two songs which held the audience spellbound with clarity, tone and melodic expertise.

The next act was a first for the Phoenix Club, as the Kerry Maid band from Tarbert took the stage. The band consisted of Archie McCallum, Douglas Robertson and Malcolm McNiven, who provided the audience with a selection of traditional Scottish tunes.

John Weaks from Glasgow played a three row. He was followed by Stuart MacDonald from Clachan, giving his usual polished performance. The final three turns were all from

Campbeltown, beginning with Alec McAllister. His piano accordion sounded amazing. The fiddle of Roddy McCallum was next up and he gave a very able

rendition of classic Scottish tunes. The evening concluded with Danny Murphy strapping on a piano accordion and giving a selection of well received tunes. The

night raised £1,050 through donations, the auction and raffle. The first night of next season will take place on Wednesday September 7. DM



Fraser McGlynn, president, and Anne Houston, treasurer, of Phoenix Accordion and Fiddle Club, hand over a cheque for £1,050 to Ann Clark, deputy team leader with the Mid Argyll District Nurses Cancer Care Fund.

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High risk for young drug drivers

One in five (20 per cent) of young motorists take to the road every day while high on illegal drugs, according to the RAC Foundation and Max Power Magazine - revealing the shocking results of a new survey* today (24).

The survey, carried out by Max Power magazine and published in the May edition, found that:-

20% of those surveyed say they "drug drive" every single day

44% regularly drug drive with passengers in their car

59% of those surveyed have driven after smoking marijuana

37% have driven after taking cocaine

67% believe drink driving is worse than drug driving

46% think they are unlikely to get caught drug driving

Drug-driving is a growing problem in the UK. 18% of drivers who died on the roads between 1996-2000 had been driv-

ing with illegal drugs in their system, compared with just 3% for the period 1985 - 1988. A major road safety campaign in 2005 found that more than one in seven drivers stopped tested positive for drugs - twice the number of those found to have been drinking. Young people are now twice as likely to be driven by someone high on drugs as someone who is over the drink-drive limit.

The RAC Foundation and Max Power are calling on young motorists to face up to the dangers of drug driving. At best, they are risking a heavy fine, a one-year driving ban or 6 months in prison. At worst - a death sentence for the driver or their mates.

Edmund King, executive director of the RAC Foundation said: "Some drivers may think that drug driving gives them a buzz, but the startling increase in the number of young drivers killed on our roads shows that the

buzz soon goes flat. Only dopes drug drive and only mugs allow themselves to be driven by dopes."

John Sootheran, editor of Max Power, added: "Driving under the influence of drugs makes drivers' confidence rocket while their skill and accuracy plummet, making any drug driver a serious hazard to themselves and other road users."

"Catching drug drivers is also extremely difficult - the reality is that police do struggle to enforce the law, and with no approved roadside testing equipment, they have to rely on simple and often unreliable physical assessments."

To understand the gritty reality of "drug driving", the May issue of Max Power includes a feature called "the need for weed" where five young drivers test the effects of different drugs, including alcohol, on a specially devised off-road course. The results were startling.

The driver who took the wheel under the influence of Alcohol gave a shocking description of his experience. He said: "The more I drank the less I cared. After six cans of

lager I could barely walk straight - let alone drive straight - I would have been lethal on the road."

In contrast, the Cocaine tester said: "After the first few lines I was on top of the world, I felt invincible, like no one could touch me. On the road I wouldn't care if I was reckless."

The Marijuana tester ended up driving dangerously slowly. He said: "After about three joints I felt OK to drive but was much more cautious. This feeling grew into full-on paranoia that I was going to hit something."

The driver who tested the effects of Speed said his driving was "faster and more erratic". At the same time he couldn't stop fidgeting and "just wanted to go faster". The Ecstasy tester said he would be "in a hedge in no time" if he drove on the road under the effects of the drug.

John Sootheran added: "Max Power does not glorify or condone the use of illegal drugs however it does feel it is important and in the public interest to tell its young readers what the likely effects will be should they take drugs and then drive."

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Vauxhall unveils all-new Astravan - Developed and built in Britain

It's the van that can handle the road as well as the load! Vauxhall has pulled the wraps off its new Astravan – the latest incarnation of the company's most established van brand.

Due to go on sale in autumn 2006, the newcomer has been designed and developed in the UK, where almost 10,000 Astravans a year are sold. It has been designed from the ground up to be every inch the 'Driver's Van'.

Based on the platform of the Astra estate, New Astravan retains the dynamic abilities, style and comfort of the car but with even greater practicality. Every component has been reassessed or redesigned so it's purpose-built for commercial duties, yet from behind the wheel it still feels little different to the car.

The new Astravan will be built alongside the As-

tra five-door hatchback at GM's manufacturing facility in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. The plant was home to the current Astravan until 2004, when the line was transferred to Poland to make way for car production.

The greater commonality between New Astravan and the current Astra means it will once again be built in Britain, and will take advantage of Ellesmere Port's state-of-the-art production line and reputation for exacting quality control.

It uses the same basic design as the Astra Estate, but the rear axle has been redesigned to allow the fuel tank to be moved. This allows for extra load space and a completely flat floor without harming the driving dynamics, while the rear torsion beam has been adapted to cater for carrying heavier loads.

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sential tool of your work, you must have a pleasant working environment. The Astravan shares its ergonomically-designed layout with the Astra car, offering comfort and refinement levels that most van customers would never expect.

It has a 9mm longer wheelbase than the existing model, giving improvements to handling and ride, plus extra interior space both in the cabin and the load bay.

The tailgate opens low and wide and the floor itself is 79mm longer and 6mm wider than in the current Astravan. Loads of up to 24mm higher than the outgoing model can also be stowed in the back, while the overall payload has been increased to 650kg.

Initially, New Astravan will be available with a choice of three diesel engines and one petrol.

The flagship model will use the 120PS 1.9-litre CDTi

powerplant from the Astra car range, offering class leading performance, refinement and running costs. A revised version of the current Astravan's 1.7-litre CDTi unit developing 100PS will also be on offer, along with a 90PS version of Vauxhall's award-winning 1.3CDTi engine.

All three diesel units will be Euro 4 compliant from launch, as will the one petrol addition to the range.

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All models will have remote central deadlocking and tamper-proof protected door locks, while a perimeter alarm system and a solid rear tailgate will be offered on the options list.

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New Astravan will arrive at Vauxhall LCV retailers in autumn 2006. Until then, the current Astravan will remain

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Rubbish could become a source of lead poisoning in cattle warns vet

DISCARDED rubbish, old paint and car batteries are some of a long list of items that could become a source of lead poisoning for cattle, warns vets.

'With cattle due to be turned out to pasture, farmers should be on the look out for lead poisoning symptoms,' says Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) vet Colin Adams.

'Poisoning by lead is still the most common cause of poisoning in cattle.'

'Although outbreaks can occur at any time of the year, both inside and outside, the peak time of the year for incidents is from April to July.'

'Calves are more susceptible than adults, with suckler calves particularly susceptible.'

Food producing animals that have been exposed to substances such as lead, that if transferred to animal products such as milk or meat, can be potentially hazardous to humans are subject to the Food Safety Act (1990).

The most common factor in lead poisoning incidents is access to rubbish with common sources including old, flaking, lead based paints, lead batteries, discarded sump oil, grease, putty and linoleum.

Before turnout it is a good idea to have a walk round the boundaries of all the fields that turned out cattle will have access to. Any rubbish or identified hazards should be removed or fenced off. Used motor oil should be placed in sealed containers and farm machinery should be serviced away from animals.

There have also been incidents of lead poisonings in grazing animals where high concentrations of lead in the soil have been implicated – mostly seen in areas where lead has been mined. Cattle, and especially calves, are naturally inquisitive and have a tendency to lick novel objects meaning that a toxic dose can soon be ingested. Poisoning can result from a single ingestion of a toxic amount

or from a continued ingestion of lead from the environment.

The onset of the disease and, to some extent, the clinical picture that develops depends on the dose of lead ingested, but Colin Adams says to watch out for a number of tell-tales signs.

Acute cases follow ingestion of a large quantity of lead and clinical signs develop rapidly with neurological signs such as apparent blindness, head pressing, frothing, teeth grinding, fits, and muscle tremors all being apparent. Sudden death is also common.

Subacute cases take longer to develop and animals may be dull, with loss of appetite, ruminal stasis resulting in constipation followed by diarrhoea, and may also be apparently blind.

Chronic cases are rare.

Diagnosis and treatment

Other diseases and poisons may show clinical signs similar to lead poisoning. If cattle show signs that suggest lead poisoning, farmers should call in their veterinary surgeon. If cattle die suddenly they should arrange to submit the carcass to their local SAC Disease Surveillance Centre for post mortem examination.

Treatment has to begin early if an animal is to be saved and will normally involve supportive and symptomatic treatments and intravenous injections of lead chelating agents.

Spring lambs to £90 at Stirling

UNITED Auctions had forward 3084 prime sheep including 2322 hogs, 102 spring lambs and 660 ewes and rams at Stirling on Thursday with Suffolk spring lambs from West Carse selling to £90.

Balgowan bullock tops Stirling

UNITED Auctions had forward 1536 store cattle, 34 cast cows, store and breeding cattle plus 760 store hoggets, grit ewes and ewes with lambs at foot at Stirling on Wednesday.

Bullocks sold to 164p per kilo for a Limousin cross from Balgowan to average 128.9p

Heifers sold to 138p per kilo for a Limousin cross from Dyke to average 122.2p per kilo.

Cast cows sold to 96p per kilo for a Charolais cross off Lorn to average at 80.5p per kilo.



Although few in number, poultry keepers are being encouraged to join a voluntary registration scheme in Argyll and Bute.

Poultry owners urged to join voluntary scheme

OWNERS of poultry and other birds in Argyll and Bute are being encouraged to join a voluntary registration scheme.

Argyll and Bute Council has set up the scheme in the wake of the discovery of a dead swan in Cellardyke Harbour, Fife, with the deadly H5N1 earlier this month.

Although the scheme is aimed at supporting keepers of less than 50 birds, any keeper can order a registration pack from the council by phoning 01546 604795 or by downloading a form from www.argyll-

bute.gov.uk/birdflu. Susan Mair, head of legal and protective services, said: 'This scheme is entirely voluntary, however, it is very much in people's interest to register and we hope that the scheme will be of real benefit.'

'By using the register, the council will be able to provide information and advice to keepers if there are developments in the future.'

Legislation requires keepers of 50 or more birds to register with the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

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Heifers - Longyester (CharX) £725, Mossend (LimX) £600, Putechan (SimX) £580, Longyester (SDX) £575, Holmyre (AAX) £560, Mossend (BBX) £550, West Muirhouses (BAX) £545,

Bullocks per kilo - Balgowan (LimX) 164p, Corsencon (CharX) 155p, Craigmill (AAX) and Ardgate (BBX) 145p, Nether Birkwood (SimX) 144p, Craigmill (Shx) 134p, Low Boydston (SAX) 133p,

North Cassingray and Carscallan (BF) 103p,

Heifers per kilo - Dyke (LimX) 138p, Glenrath (CharX) and Ardmaleish (BBX) 136p, Auchenbothie (SImX) 133p, West Muirhouses (AAX) 124p, Cast cows - Flass (BAX) £710, Flass (AAX) and Craiglawn (SimX) £655, Townhead of Arngibbon (LimX) and Flass (CharX) £635, Wester Mye (Fr) £560,

Sheep
Hoggets - Kirkton (BF) £32.20, Feeders - Jaw (Tex) £40, Bovain (Chev) £39, Innishewan (BF) £28.50,

Ewes with lambs at foot - Bordie (Tex and Twins) £120, West Yett (Mule and Twins) £86, Briarlands (Mule and Twins) £78, Bordie (Tex and Singles) £75, West Yett (Mule and Sin-

gles) £54, Briarlands (Mule and singles) £48, West Bracklinn (BF and Singles) £35.

STIRLING - United Auctions

Hoggs
Guardswell (Tex) £82.50, North Lambieytham & Easter Ochtermuthill (Tex) £75, HF Arnage (Chev) £72, Townhead (BF) £63, Bows (BF) £62, Burnshot (BF) £61,

Hoggs per kilo: Guardswell (Tex) 187.5p, Leuchars Castle (Chev) 155.8p, St John's Wells (Chev) 151.1p, Gilston (Chev) 152.1p, Newton Of Lewesk (SuffX) 150p, Ben Lawers (BF) 143.5p, Craigend (Mule) 142.8p,

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Langside (Tex) £64, Kinaldy (Tex) £62, Clockeil (HB) £59, Middle Ballat (Mule) £44

A fresh new look for numero dix

NUMERO DIX hair salon in Campbeltown has gone through a major refurbishment. The surroundings have been beautifully renovated ready for their existing clients to be pampered in and to welcome those who want to give Numero Dix a try.

For the past 30 years Morag McKinven has been the proprietor of the salon and employs two stylists as well as a junior.

Morag's daughter Kerry has been employed by Numero Dix for 23 years and Davina, a new recruit to the salon, has recently returned to her profession after taking some time out for her family. Chelsea is the junior stylist and has recently started her training to become fully qualified.

All the stylists at Numero Dix work closely with L'Oreal and have regular training in the use of their products as well as all the new styling techniques. We would like to thank Jill, our L'Oreal girl for her support every month and Vicky, L'Oreal's colour technician for her invaluable support.

The salon has a wide range of products for sale and if you're not sure what the best ones are for your hair then the staff are only too happy to advise you.

Morag and her staff have nothing but praise for the local tradesmen who carried out all the work with great professionalism and finished each task to an extremely high standard.

She said: 'I would like to thank the joiners, Peter Paterson and Andy Thomson, the electrician, Archibald Smith Electricals, the plumbers, Neil McKay and Norrie Thomson of MTM plumb-

ing, and Davie Muir, who did all the painting, decorating and flooring.

'Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to John and Theresa on the birth of their son, Drew. Theresa worked for the salon for 14 years and it wouldn't be right not to mention her in this feature.'

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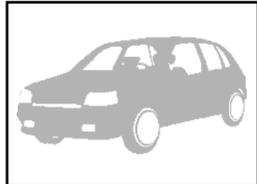


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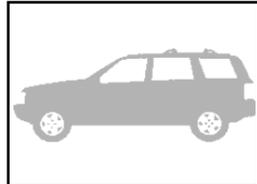


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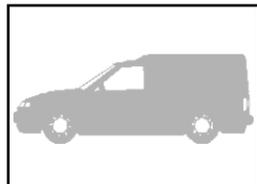
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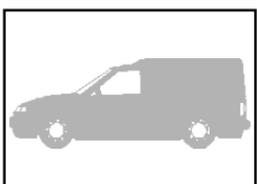


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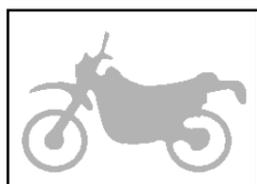


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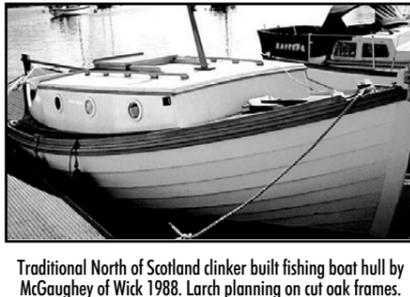
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Members of the Public are invited to attend as observers. The agenda and papers are available from the NHS Highland website – www.show.scot.nhs.uk/nhshighland/ or a copy of the agenda may be obtained from the Corporate Affairs Directorate – Telephone 01463 717123.

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**AREA COMMITTEE
MEETING**

A meeting of the AREA COMMITTEE FOR MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & ISLAY WILL BE HELD IN The Village Hall, Isle of Gigha ON WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY 2006 AT 10.45 a.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and will be invited to have informal discussions with members and officers at the end of the meeting.

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PLANNING

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND)
ACT 1997, RELATED LEGISLATION PLANNING
(LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**

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

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PLANS

- **Ref No: 06/00681/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs R.A.M Strickland
Proposal: Alterations to shop front and interior
Site Address: No.2 Main Street East Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TS
Location of Plans:Sub Post Office Inveraray
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00740/OUT**
Applicant: William Nigel Buchan
Proposal: Site for erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Land To The Rear Of 3 Bar-liath Minard Argyll And Bute PA32 8YF
Location of Plans:Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00700/DET**
Applicant: Gordon Frank Doughy
Proposal: Increase of height of existing stock proof wire fence and stobs from 1.2m to 2m and construction of stob and wire to increase height of gate from 1.2m to 1.8m
Site Address: Feoran Kilmory Knap Achnamara Argyll And Bute PA31 8PT
Location of Plans:Lochgilphead Area Office
S60 Setting of Listed BldgAd - 21 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00702/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs C Clark
Proposal: Replacement of Windows
Site Address: Bankend 2 Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UA
Location of Plans:Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00702/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs C Clark
Proposal: Replacement of Windows
Site Address: Bankend 2 Harbour Street Tarbert Argyll And Bute PA29 6UA
Location of Plans:Sub Post Office Tarbert
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00708/LIB**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs D McMillan
Proposal: Replacement windows
Site Address: Glengarriff 58 Kirk Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6BN
Location of Plans:Campbeltown Area Office
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day
- **Ref No: 06/00794/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs C Cameron
Proposal: Erection of detached garage
Site Address: Remcona East Of Davaar Hillview Terrace Ardrishaig Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans:Area Office Ardrishaig
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00640/DET**
Applicant: London And Edinburgh Inns
Proposal: Install 1 acrylic retractable awning
Site Address: White Hart Hotel Argyll Street Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AN
Location of Plans:Campbeltown Area Office
Development in Conservation Area 21 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00455/LIB**
Applicant: London And Edinburgh Inns
Proposal: Fix retractable awning to exterior wall
Site Address: White Hart Hotel Castlehill Campbeltown Argyll And Bute PA28 6AN
Location of Plans:Campbeltown Area Office
Regulation 5 Listed Bld Consent - 21 Day
- **Ref No: 06/00782/DET**
Applicant: Mrs Fiona Wylie
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Land North East Of Traighuaine Arduaine Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans:Lochgilphead Area Office
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days
- **Ref No: 06/00308/REM**
Applicant: Mr Graham Tery
Proposal: Erection of new single storey dwelling house - Reserved Matters pertaining to Outline Permission reference 04/00079/OUT
Site Address: Land South East Of Redhouse Whitehouse Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans:Sub Post Office Tarbert
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

● **Ref No: 06/00701/DET**

Applicant: S. King
Proposal: Site for erection of new dwelling house
Site Address: Land North Of Playground Upper Riochan Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XG
Location of Plans:Sub Post Office Inveraray
Article 9 Vacant Land - 14 Days

● **Ref No: 06/00810/LIB**

Applicant: The 13th Duke Of Argyll
Proposal: Internal refurbishment and alterations to Inveraray Castle
Site Address: Inveraray Castle Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8XF
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**Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services,
67 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig PA30 8DX**

**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: 06/00740/OUT**
Applicant: William Nigel Buchan
Proposal: Site for erection of dwelling house
Site Address: Land To The Rear Of 3 Bar-liath Minard Argyll And Bute PA32 8YF - Policies Contravened RUR1 and RUR2 of the Mid Argyll Local Plan
Location of Plans:Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)
- **Ref No: 06/00642/DET**
Applicant: Dr Hugh Willison
Proposal: Rehabilitation of derelict ruined building to form a private bothy - Policies Contravened - POL STRAT DC9 of the Argyll and Bute Structure Plan and POL BE(1A) of the Mid Argyll Local Plan (1st Alteration)
Site Address: Ruin Of Glennan House Ford Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans:Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)
- **Ref No: 06/00683/DET**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Broily
Proposal: Erection of hostel - Policies Potentially Contravened - POL RUR1 and RUR 2 of the Mid Argyll Local Plan
Site Address: Land North And North East Of The Boathouse Ford Argyll And Bute
Location of Plans:Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)
- **Ref No: 06/00774/DET**
Applicant: Andrew And Lyne Milne
Proposal: Erection of a dwelling house
Site Address: Oakbank Farm Tayvallich Argyll And Bute PA31 8PG - Policies Contravened - POL RUR2 of the Mid Argyll Local Plan
Location of Plans:Lochgilphead Area Office
A18 Local Plan Potential Depart Adv (21)

**Area Team Leader Development Control, Planning Services
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Councillor Donald Kelly (E.W. 1 South Kintyre) will be holding a surgery in the Council Offices, Dell Road, Campbeltown on Friday 5th May from 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Councillor Alistair McKinlay (E. W. 2 Campbeltown Central) will be holding a surgery in the Council Office, Dell Road, Campbeltown on Friday 5th May from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Councillor Rory Colville (Ward 3 - East Central Kintyre) will be holding a surgery on Saturday 20th May in the Tenants and Residents Flat, Parliament Place, Campbeltown from 10.00am - 11.00am.

Councillor Colville is also available in the Carradale area on the evening of the East Kintyre Community Council meeting.

Councillor Alison Hay (E.W. 7 Craignish-Glenaray) will be holding a surgery in the Senior Citizens Hall, Inveraray on Monday 15th May from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Councillor John McAlpine (E.W. 4 North & West Kintyre)
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Description	Latitude	Longitude
pontoon	56 01.240N	05 21.935W
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Objections relating to safety of navigation, in respect of the application should be made to:

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Are you a Retail Manager looking for your next challenge? Are you looking for a role that utilises your motivational and team building skills? Then look no further!

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Ref: 24.4.ADA

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Trespas, Argyll Square, Oban

Assistant Manager required to work in a vibrant retail environment.

Back ground in sales essential. Must be a committed and enthusiastic individual with credible references.

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Tel 01631 565953
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North Lanarkshire Council

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Instructor (37 hrs) (Temporary)
£20,808 - £28,632

Located at Kilbowie Outdoor Centre, Oban, you will instruct school children in a range of outdoor and field study activities linked with a residential stay and additional equipment maintenance duties are expected at times throughout the year.

It is essential that you hold one of the following National Governing Awards: an SPL/MLC - BCU Level 3 or Ski Leader together with a first aid qualification, a driving licence including D1 category for driving minibuses. You must also have an interest in environmental subjects and a working knowledge of computers. You will be a team player, well motivated with good judgement and be able to work with a wide range of educational groups. The ability to work rotas and weekends is essential.

The successful candidate will be subject to a criminal conviction check through Disclosure Scotland. **Ref: NLC/ED/017/05/002A**

Tel: (01236) 812328; 812735
or e-mail: edpersonnel@northlan.gov.uk
Closing date: Friday 12 May 2006

This post is subject to job evaluation review

For more information visit www.northlan.gov.uk

BALLACHULISH MEDICAL CENTRE

RECEPTIONIST

REQUIRED TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE
Full-Time Position

We require an energetic and enthusiastic person to join a small team of staff in our busy Practice for 6 months. A pleasant manner is essential, as is the ability to deal with personal and telephone bookings. Computer experience is also necessary, but training in the Practice computer system will be provided. For further information, please pick up a detailed job description at Reception or contact Susie on **(01855) 811 226**

Cleaner

required to work 8 hours per week at weekend for local retail outlet in Brodick.

Contact : **0141 956 2400**
for local interview.

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Where older people find care in housing

Abbeyfield Ballachullish is a purpose built building providing residential care, very sheltered housing and support services for older people.

Due to a recent reorganisation we now wish to appoint caring and dedicated people who are flexible and can offer commitment to our residents/tenants and the services we provide.

The services operate over 24-hour period and as a result a variety of positions are currently available to the right people. A rota system is in operation for all staff.

If you feel you can meet the challenge we would like to hear from you. We would particularly like to hear from people who are trained to SVQ level 2, although training will be provided.

Care Assistants	£5.80 p.h increasing to £6.00 p.h (with SVQ 2)
Senior Carers	£7.00 p.h An enhanced hourly rate will apply for night shift hours worked.
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Full Time Cook	£7.00 p.h
Part Time Cook	£7.00 p.h
Kitchen Porter	£5.50 p.h
Temporary Housing Services Advisor	£7.00 p.h
Relief Cleaner	£5.50 p.h

We may just have the right hours to suit you

For further details of the above positions please contact:
The Manager, Abbeyfield Ballachullish Society Ltd, Park Road Ballachullish PH49 4JS
Telephone No. 01855 812950
Email: abbeyfield@tiscali.co.uk website www.scotland.abbeyfield.com/balachullish
Closing date for applications Friday 5th May 2006



Oifigear Leasachaidh: Sgìre Earra Ghàidheal 's Loch Abair

Tha Comunn na Gàidhlig (CnaG) a' sireadh Oifigear Leasachaidh airson Sgioba-Obrach Alba a Tuath. Bidh an t-Oifigear a' cur an gnìomh pròiseactan ionadail 's nàiseanta mu choinneimh amasan na buidhne aig ìre choimhearsnachd, òigridh, teaghlachan agus gnìomhachas.

Bidh e/i ag àrdachadh ìre na Gàidhlig sa sgìre tro dhiofar dhòighean agus a' riochdachadh CnaG air buidhnean ionadail na sgìre mar a bhios iomchaidh.

Thathar an dùil gum bi an dreuchd stèidhte san Òban no sa Ghearasdan a rèir suidheachadh an tagraiche. Feumaidh tagraichean a bhith fileanta sa Ghàidhlig le sàr eòlas air leughadh, sgrìobhadh 's conaltradh sa chànan. Bidh eòlas air obair leasachaidh choimhearsnachd feumail.

Tha tòrr siubhal an sàs san dreuchd seo 's feumaidh cead-dràibhidh 's car a bhith aig an tagraiche.

Bidh an tuarastal eadar £16,000 agus £18,000 a rèir comasan agus eòlas an tagraiche.

Gheibhear foirm-iarrtais bho Oifis ChnaG aig: 5 Caolshràid Mhicheil, Inbhir Nis, IV2 3HQ. Fòn: 01463-234138.

post-d: domhnallmorris@cnaG.org.uk

Airson barrachd fiosrachaidh cuiribh fòn no post-d gu Dòmhnall Morris aig an t-seòladh gu h-àrd.

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Argyll PA34 4HG**

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We have the following vacancies:

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We are looking for a dynamic, self motivated person for this position. Preferably a qualified nurse but alternatively an experienced carer with SVQ level 3. Hours and pay negotiable on skills and experience.

Activity Co-Ordinator

Needs to be outgoing and adaptable
Hours and pay negotiable depending on experience.

Staff Nurse

Must possess NMC Registration in Nursing.
Experience in elderly care preferable
£11.55 per hour to work on a shift pattern,
covering days and or nights

Relief Chef

18/25 part time hours per week.
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Domestic Assistant

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£5.50 per hour - 10/15 hours part-time per week.

Please telephone 01631 710322
for further information

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Douglas Campbell on
01546 605273

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A self-motivated Manager or Couple, ideally with some experience of the tourist industry and property maintenance, required to play a key role in the operation and management of our varied business in the Highlands. One position requires a practical ability in carrying out general repair work and machinery use as well as supervision of others.

Driving licence is essential. The other position offers involvement and supervision in areas such as Reception, Housekeeping, Shop, where some experience would also be advantageous. Assistance with accommodation may be available if required.

Please apply in writing with CV to:
Mr EA Cameron, Glen Nevis Holidays Ltd, Glen Nevis,
Fort William PH33 6SX
Tel: 01397 705181 www.glen-nevis.co.uk

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Lochaber Smelter Vacancy

We seek to appoint an Electrical Engineer at our Lochaber Smelter in Fort William.

The successful applicant will report to the Engineering Manager and will be involved in power generation, power distribution systems, high voltage switching, and plant maintenance systems. He/she will be part of a team and will also be involved in project and other disciplines of engineering.

Candidates should be qualified to HNC/Degree level and ideally have experience of an industrial site. Experience in Scada systems could be advantageous.

We operate a multi-disciplinary environment and the applicant should have a flexible approach to work, with a commitment to safety.

**Closing date for applications is
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Applications should be submitted in writing to:
Mr Iain Robertson, Engineering Manager
Alcan Primary Metal – Europe
Lochaber Smelter, FORT WILLIAM
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Experience preferred but an ability to get on with work colleagues is also essential.

Preferred starting date May/June 2006.

All applications with details of experience to:-

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Campbeltown,
PA28 6AR.**

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Salary negotiable dependant on experience.

**Apply with copy of C.V to:
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You will be enthusiastic, flexible and positive. You will be ready for any challenge that Cancer Research UK can set. Your hard work and dedication will provide the financial resources for our eminent team of scientists in the battle against cancer.

To apply, please call our national recruitment line on 01403 750072, quoting reference 5209.
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Full-Time position 0830 till 1700, Monday-Friday
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Applicants must be able to demonstrate the following-

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For an application form please contact-
John Forteith

Forteith Foodservice, Glengallain Road, Oban, Argyll. PA34 4HG
Tel- (01631) 569100 Fax- (01631) 570380
johnf@forteith.lis.com



Happy House Christian Pre School
Shore Street
OBAN PA34 4LG

Senior Nursery Practitioner

Required to work for 28 hrs per week during School Term.
Qualifications: Minimum - SVQ Level 3 - Early Years Care and Education or equivalent, and willing to take further training.
Closing date for applications: Friday 12th May 2006

Please apply for an Application Form to:
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Tel: 01631 562494

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Gheibhear tuilleadh fiosrachaidh agus foirm-iarrtas bho:

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Child Care Assistant**

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For more information and application form:

Jean NicAoidh
Fàs Mòr, Sleat, Isle of Skye, IV44 8RQ
01471 888 366
sm00ja@groupwise.uhi.ac.uk



**North Ledaig Caravan Park
Connel by Oban**

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for modern toilet/shower facilities at this 5* award winning park. Approximately 4-6 hours per day 5½ or 6 days per week commencing at approximately 11.00am. Either one person or may suit active retired couple job sharing.
Rate of Pay £5.50 per hour.

University Student requiring summer work. Duties will include a wide variety of activities including visitor reception, shop and office work, grass cutting, outside maintenance and cleaning.
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NEW LIFE OPPORTUNITY

Gigha Hotel, Isle of Gigha, Argyll PA41 7AA

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The position would suit someone looking for a new challenge and the chance to help us put Gigha on the culinary map.

We use fresh local produce where possible. We cater for up to 40 covers in our restaurant in the evening and can have a busy lunch and evening bar meal trade. We also cater for occasional functions.

This is a full time position - wage will be based on experience. May suit a couple as we take on seasonal staff for the busy summer months.

Please phone Valerie Gillies on the number below to arrange an interview.

t:01583 505254 e: hotel@gigha.org.uk



PAN FISH

Pan Fish Scotland Limited, part of the Pan Fish Group, is one of the leading aquaculture companies in Scotland. Based in Argyll, and having a number of fish farms on the west coast, we now have vacancies for Fish Farm Workers at our sites within our South Production Region, encompassing Loch Fyne, Rothesay Sound and Isle of Gigha.

MARINE OPERATIVE(S)
(Ref. WRMO2)

Candidates will be self-motivated and be able to work within a close team in a constantly changing and challenging environment. Previous aquaculture and other relevant marine experience would be desirable but not essential, as extensive training will be given. A full, clean driving licence is also essential.

To apply, please write enclosing an up-to-date CV to **Mr R. Ferguson, Health and Safety Manager, Pan Fish Scotland Limited, Ardkinglas, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BH.**

Closing date for applications: **May 4, 2006.**

**Gardener/
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with farm experience required for Country Estate near Lanark. Non smoker, clean driving licence, house available.

Salary by negotiation

Please apply to Box No 49

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IKEA P.230, Flaren white mirror bathroom cabinet, cost £60, sell £49.99, brand new. Telephone 01866 822475.

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CHILDS GO-KART, £25, Bob the Builder Scooter, £5. Telephone 01852 200209.

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I would like to thank all friends and family who helped make my 50th birthday party such a great night - I had a fab time! Spectal thanks to all the hall decorators, food contributors, chief cake-maker (Carol), music-makers (Kevin & Co, Kenny & Cochie & Maggie Martell) and to Colin for my flowers and poem! Donations collected for Asthma and Coeliac UK amounted to a wonderful £450.
- Nancy

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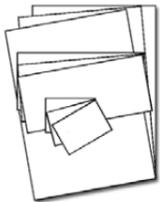


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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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BIRTHS

McCONNELL - Pat and Eileen (née McGregor) are delighted to announce the arrival of Kaine Stewart, on March 20, 2006, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. First grandchild for Stewart and Elspeth and a new grandson for Agnes. Many thanks to midwives at Mid Argyll and Paisley and to Seonaid for being a star.

TURNER - Paddy and Susan are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Josh Fraser, on April 8, 2006, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley. Many thanks to the midwives at the Mid Argyll and Royal Alexandra Hospitals.

ENGAGEMENTS

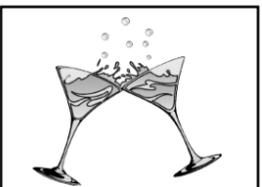
RUSSELL - KELLY - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Donna, elder daughter of Alex and Marion Russell, Kenmure, Campbeltown to Seumus, only son of Felicity and the late Duncan Kelly, Ballochgair Farm, Campbeltown.



GOODMAN-POTTER Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Morag Cathleen Cameron, daughter of the late Cathleen Cameron and Ray and Jenny Goodman of Dunaverty Cottage, Southend to Mark Ian, son of Ian and Julie Potter of Great Harwood, Lancashire.



HIGGINS - THOMPSON Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Tony to Karen on April 14, 2006.



MACINNES-HAMILL Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Sarah, younger daughter of Ron and Isabel MacInnes, Ardrishaig and Stephen, only son of Harry and the late Elizabeth Hamill, Glasgow.

MARRIAGES

McMILLAN - HUTCHISON - On March 18, 2006 in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown by the Rev Martin Forrest, Neil, son the late Calum McMillan and the late Catherine Glen to Margaret, daughter of Mrs Catherine MacKillop and the late John Hutchison.

DEATHS

JOHNSTON - Peacefully, after a short illness, at Raigmore Hospital, on April 20, 2006, Maud Johnston née Challenger, 51 Kintail Crescent, Inverness, beloved wife of the late Alexander Johnston, previously of Uigle Farm, Campbeltown, dearly loved mother of Anne, Eileen and Hazel and a cherished grandmother and great-grandmother. The funeral service took place on Wednesday April 26, at 11.00 am in the Funeral Home of William T Fraser and Son, Funeral Directors, Culduthel Road, Inverness, thereafter interment at Dorec Cemetery.

MACALLISTER - Peacefully at the Argyll & Bute Hospital, on April 21, 2006, Isobel MacAllister, aged 82 years, of 47 Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig, beloved wife of the late Archie and loving mother of Gordon and mother-in-law of Mary, much loved grandmother of Heather and Donald, dear sister and aunt to all the family. Funeral service was held in Ardrishaig Parish Church on Wednesday, April 20, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Forever in our thoughts.

McDONALD - Peacefully after a short illness at Glasgow Royal Infirmary on April 24, 2006, William McDonald, in his 86th year, of 7B Campbell Street, Lochgilphead. Beloved husband of the late Jeanie Johnston. Much loved father of Sandy, Colin, Murdo, Helen and Ishbel. A dear grandfather to all the family. Funeral service was held in Lochgilphead Parish Church on Thursday, April 27, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

McGREGOR - The family of the late Tyson McGregor would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the flowers, cards and gifts received during their sad loss. Special thanks to the nursing staff of Mid Argyll Hospital and Ardfenaig Residential Home for their care and attention over the last few weeks. Thanks also to Rev. Walter Ritchie for his comforting services, to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for dignified and efficient funeral arrangements, and to the Stag Hotel and Coach House Inn, Cardross for fine purvey. A final thank you to those who paid their respects at Church and Crematorium.

IN MEMORIAM

GRANT - Treasured memories of John, our dearly loved father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away April 29, 1999.

- Jean, Gilbert, Janice, Mark, Gillian, Karl and Douglas.

MACCALLUM - In loving memory of a dear mother Mary, who died April 19, 1997, grandmother and great-grandmother.

- Ian, Anne, Iain (jnr), Sharon, Arran and Lewis.

MITCHELL - In loving memory of a dear wife Isa, who died April 20, 2003, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother - Ernie, Anne, Iain, Iain (jnr), Sharon, Arran and Lewis.

ROBERTSON - Loving memories of our dearest dad, Robert, died April 24, 1980.

We hold you close within our hearts And there you shall remain To walk with us throughout our lives

Until we meet again. Miss and love you always - Mattie and family.

ROSS - Treasured memories of a loving wife, mother, nana and great grandmother, Sarah (née Orr), died April 29, 1994. We think about you every day.

- Loved always by all the family at home and away. xx

TOWNSLEY - In loving memory of our dear brother, Willie, who died on March 31, 1990. You are sadly missed but always in our thoughts. Also our dear father who died April 11, 1993 and our dear sister, Wilma, who died April 11, 2000. Miss you so much, you are always in our thoughts.

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Ardrishaig at 11 a.m.

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for children of all ages meets in Ardrishaig

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Monday 1 May 2006
South Knapdale Congregational Meeting Church at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 2 May 2006
Christian Aid Meeting North Church Hall 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 3 May 2006
Ardrishaig Congregational Meeting Church at 7 p.m.

CAMPBELTOWN FULL GOSPEL CHURCH



Sunday 30 April 2006
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11 a.m. Morning Service with Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Service Bible Study

Monday 10.30 a.m.
Discipleship Course

Wednesday 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting

Thursday
Lite Bite Cafe, 12-2 p.m.

Friday 10-11.30 a.m.
Jumpstart Group

LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 30 April 2006
11 a.m.
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch

Speaker: **Stewart McGregor**
Thursday 4 May 2006
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Youth Club 7-8.30 p.m.

Sunday 30 April 2006
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Morning Worship . 11.15 a.m.
(Crèche, Sunday School and Bible Class)

Rev. Philip Burroughs
Tuesday 2 May 2006
Mothers and Toddlers 9.45 a.m.

Wednesday 3 May 2006
BB Anchor Boys 5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
BB Junior Section 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Town Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Friday 5 May 2006
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Highland Parish Church

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Sunday 30 April 2006
11 a.m.
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6.30 p.m.
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Highland Parish Church

Sunday 30 April 2006
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Church

Monday 1 May 2006
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Thursday 4 May 2006
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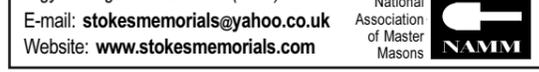
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Dylan delighted with progress

Football

AFTER more than 10 months in the job, Argyll and Bute's football development officer says he is heartened by the progress being made by youngsters and local coaches in the sport.

Former Leeds United and Kilmarnock full-back Dylan Kerr became football development officer in July 2005 with the post being funded by the Scottish Football Association and Argyll and Bute Council.

Dylan spent a week of the Easter school holidays in Mull and Oban running football coaching schools with local coaches for youngsters aged between five to 15.

He said: 'From the football point of view it is improving every single time. There are more coaches, more coaching of skills and there is more structured SFA coaching. We have got coaches, more volunteers and we want to build on this and keep



Argyll and Bute football development officer Dylan Kerr, the coaches and youngsters at one of the

pushing for the kids in Argyll and Bute.

'The week was absolutely fantastic. I had three coaches in Oban and it gave me a chance to see what they could do. Jim Lynch, George Campbell and Stuart Gibson. Stuart stepped in after one of my coaches couldn't work and he asked if he could do it and he did very well.'

'They were all very enthusiastic and put their point

across without slaughtering the kids which I have seen before. It is good to see them get involved.'

But what are youngsters in Argyll and Bute doing right on the football pitch? 'The technique has not been not bad but the thing about that is kids think they can do it all. They can control it but they can't do step-overs. There are very few kids who could control the ball in the air,' said Dylan.

He said the coaching schools provided the opportunity to press home to kids the need to practise on their skills.

'In the mornings we did non-stop skills drills which is what I did when I was young and in the afternoon we played games.'

Dylan wants young Argyll footballers to practice and practice if they are to improve their technique. 'If you wanted to become a

serious footballer you have to have good technique,' he said.

Half marathon entry forms

Athletics

Runners looking to compete in the Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon on Sunday May 28 are reminded that entry forms should be in by May 12. There will be limited entry available on the day.

Tarbert Gun club to begin charity events

Shooting

SATURDAY May 13 sees the start of Tarbert Gun Club's charity events for this year.

The season will begin with a sporting shoot at Barfad Farmlands, an event won last year by the Islay and Jura shooters. The Mid Argyll guns will be looking to reverse that trend this year with a strong performance.

Last year's series of fundraising shoots raised £1,061, with donations made to Tarbert Village Hall, Erskine Hospital, Campbeltown Lifeboat and Tarbert Heart-Start.

Tarbert stutter in draw

Football

SAFL Division Two
Millerston Thistle 0
Tarbert AFC 0
ON A bumpy pitch, Tarbert couldn't play their usual passing game on Saturday, stuttering to a draw against a determined Millerston side.

Playing into a strong wind in the first half, the Dookers, sponsored by the Islay Frigate Hotel, created the game's first chance, but Michael Connor fired over.

The closest chance for Millerston was a headed effort which Allan Blair tipped over. Tarbert were

too sluggish in a poor first half, their final passes too often letting them down.

Just before half time, Guy almost headed a Ronald cross home and Duncan MacDougall's shot was blocked.

Tarbert have three league matches remaining. They currently sit second in the table, five points ahead of Strathkelvin, having played a game more.

Only the top two sides are guaranteed promotion to Division One.

Tomorrow (Saturday April 29) Tarbert travel to play Eaglesham 'B' in another vital league clash.



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Pupils produce punchy performance for victory

Football

SAFL Premier League Campbeltown Pupils 2 Moorcroft 0

CAMPBELTOWN PUPILS produced a battling performance and picked up three valuable points as they continued their fight to avoid the drop.

With no fewer than six squad members unavailable, the pupils had to start three young members of the squad - Fraser Wylie, Keith Mitchell and Camp-

bell Maguire - who all played well with Maguire scoring the two Pupils goals.

From the start the Pupils got into their stride, being quick to tackle and passing the ball well. Their breakthrough came in the 17th minute when a long, wind-assisted goal kick from Craig Colville soared towards the Moorcroft area and as goalkeeper Tyrill came to collect the ball he only palmed it outside the box. Campbell Maguire

quickly pounced on the keeper's mistake, lobbing home a neat finish. The Pupils pressed for a second and Paul Grumoli's header in the 28th minute looked to have done the trick, but the referee ruled it offside. Tyrill smothered a Darren McGillveray effort from 18 yards as the Renfrew side tried to hold on to half-time.

The Pupils' back four of Ewan McIlroy, Craig Colville, Shaun Grumoli and Norman Thomson were in excellent form, snuffing

out the Moorcroft attacks with great determination, although it took a fine diving save from Neil McKay just before half-time to keep the lead.

With the wind behind them in the second half, Moorcroft came more into the game, but they still were up against a resolute Pupils side determined to hang on to their lead. James Robertson made a welcome return to a Pupils jersey in the 61st minute, shoring up the midfield very effec-

tively. In the 83rd minute, the Pupils scored the crucial second. Alex McPhee sent Paul Grumoli clear from the half-way line and Grumoli still found the energy at this late stage to outpace the Moorcroft defence before unselfishly squaring the ball for young Maguire to rifle home his and the Pupils' second.

This win for the Pupils keeps alive their hopes of avoiding relegation and with three games remaining any of the four bottom

teams can still go down. Tomorrow, Saturday 29th April, the Pupils face Gourock Athletic in another bottom of the table clash. The teams met a couple of months ago when the match was abandoned with the Pupils leading 4-3. The SAFL awarded the Pupils the points but Gourock appealed to the SAFA which overturned the SAFL verdict, so the match has to be replayed.

The game will kick off at 2.30pm at Kintyre Park.

On Wednesday May 3 the Pupils are also at home to Argyll rivals Oban Saints - kick-off 7pm, Kintyre Park.

The outcome of these two games will probably decide the division in which the Pupils will play their football next season.

Multi Club: 1 Margaret Grumoli, £50; 2 Neil McCallum, £20; 3 Stephen Kelly, £10.

The Pupils would like to thank local bookmaker Robert McKellar for sponsoring last week's match.

Argyll Bowling club holds winter prizegiving

Bowls

AFTER enjoying a first game of the outdoor season, members of Argyll Bowling Club enjoyed a buffet meal which was followed by prizegiving for the Winter Carpet Bowls competition. The prizes were given by the President's wife, Mrs Lorraine MacPhail.

Prizewinners: Club Triples: J Thomson, M Lindsay, N MacPhail [s], runners-up G Gillespie, Mal Maguire, H Taylor [s].

Club Pairs: M Graham, D Reid [s], runners-up I Wilson, R Potts [s]. 2 Bowl Pairs: B McMurchy, C Black [s], runners-up. M Graham, K McNair [s]. 4 Bowl Pairs: J Thomson, C Black [s], runner-up M MacBrayne, A Fox [s]; 4 Bowl 3 Sets: D Reid, runner-up J McLachlan.

Senior Championship: J McCorkindale, runner-up R Potts; Vice-President's Shield: J McLachlan, runner-up A Ronald jnr. President's Cup: J McLachlan, runner-up D Reid.

Ladies' Championship J McCorkindale, runner-up J Thomson. Gent's Championship, J McLachlan, runner-up D Reid.



The prizewinners pose proudly with their trophies



Ladies' champion Jane McCorkindale and Gents' champion John McLachlan

Machrihanish results

Golf

MACHRIHANISH Golf Club held its Spring Meeting and Captain's Prize on April 26. Course: CSS 74, No. 86. Handicap: 1 A Boyd - 80-13=67; 2 RA Wallace - 88-17=71; 3 IA MacKinnon - 79-7 (BIH). Scratch: 1 Ross Currie - 74 (Best Last 6); 2 GA McMillan - 74, 3 SA Campbell - 76 (BIH).

The club also held its Shield Fourball on April 23. 1 I Johnstone - 64 (Best last 3), 2 SA Campbell, S Kelly - 64 (BIH).

County golfers beaten in Gourock

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ARGYLL and Bute's County team slipped to a narrow defeat at the hands of Renfrewshire last Sunday at Gourock Golf Club.

The team of six senior team members with four youth members achieved parity during the morning foursomes with 2.5 points apiece, the highlight being a stunning win for County Champion Ross Currie and his veteran partner David Howie, who com-

prehensively trounced Keith Hamilton and Nicky Gold by four and three. The other win in the foursomes was produced by David Weir and Alan McKie who beat their opponents by four and two. The half point was gained by Les Pirie and Jim O'Donnell, who made a great four from the trees to tie their match.

With all to play for in the afternoon Argyll and Bute started promisingly with Ross Currie again produc-

ing the goods, beating Renfrewshire number one Matthew Clark. The other wins in the singles came from Les Pirie who saw off David Miller by two and one. Alan McKie of Glencruitten continued his fine play in the morning, turning a one hole deficit after 10 holes into a four and three victory against local member Stephen Higgins with the highlight being a spectacular eagle at the par five 13th. The other Argyll and Bute con-

tribution came with a half point from Millport's Gordon Lundie, who let slip a dormie two lead. This left the overall result nine points to six in Renfrewshire's favour, the home team gaining revenge for last year's area team defeat.

The closing date for the Argyll and Bute Spring

Meeting was Thursday April 27, however late entries may be permitted if space permits. Contact area secretary Graham Bolton on 0772 062 7397 for details.



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