

# DWIVES Y SNUB

## Now NHS faces mass exodus

already verging on breakdown, would be pushed to crisis point. Thousands of midwives who had hailed the committee's report as a major breakthrough are now expected to quit the NHS. "This is another slap in the face for Britain's hard-pressed midwives," said furious NUPE

health service spokesman Roger Poole.

"They had proved their case beyond all doubt only to be rewarded with Kenneth Clarke's usual uncaring answer."

And a spokesman for the Royal College of Midwives said: "It is a major blow for the service and will only increase the numbers leaving the profession."

### WARNED

Only last month the College warned that maternity services were "bordering on the dangerous" because of the shortage of midwives - 50 per cent in some areas.

The MPs' social services committee had recognised that midwives, more than any other section of the nursing profession, had become victims of the Government's controversial regrading of nurses' pay.

Among the MPs' recommendations were:

- SEPARATE grading structure, giving midwives more pay

- AN END to the system where nurses who become midwives lose £1000 a year during training.

- SENIOR midwives in hospitals to be paid the same as those in the community.

But the Government ignored them all.

And instead they criticised the MPs for "relying to a very large extent on evidence from midwives."

## School stars follow genius

THE school attended by a Scots medical genius has been given a £70,000 boost.

Sir James Black, 64, went back to Beath High School in Cowdenbeath

## Record VIEW

# Danger in the net

THERE'S one catch Scottish fishermen see in their nets far too often.

Submarines.

The trawler which became entangled with a Royal Navy submarine in the Firth of Clyde yesterday is the latest to get a nasty fright.

There are suspicions that lives may already have been lost.

### Problem

Experts claim that at least seven fishing boats have disappeared off the West Coast of Scotland and in the Irish Sea in recent years without explanation.

The Ministry of Defence denies that submarines are to blame.

Every effort must be made to get to the bottom of this problem.

The life of a fisherman is dangerous enough without the added risk of being sunk by a submarine.

# Cuppa slaves

THE real price of a nice cup of tea is a lot higher than the vast majority of people think.

Sir Colin Campbell, boss of the giant Scottish-based James Finlay tea group, reveals just how high in the Record today.

Workers on his firm's plantations in Bangladesh have just had their wages bumped up to a princely 60 PENCE A DAY!

Sir Colin, who gets £1300 a week, says his company isn't in business to spend more money than necessary.

Sir Colin's indifference to his workers' plight is enough leave a bitter taste in anyone's mouth.

## A sub in the nets

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sub by Lamash lifeboat.

He climbed on board, untangled his nets and spoke to the captain before leaving.

The trawler was undamaged and made its way safely back to Ayr harbour. None of the crew was hurt.

Later Mr McCrindle, 44, from Dumure, near Ayr, said: "There was a lot of vibration and I shouted 'We've caught a sub!'."

### Gash

"Too many incidents of this kind are happening."

"The Navy must know there are trawlers in that area."

A spokesman for the Royal Navy at Faslane said the sub had been on training exercises.

## WEATHER

■ NORTHERN areas will be rather cloudy with occasional heavy showers and some bright spells.

■ THE south will get a brighter and drier day with sunny intervals and



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