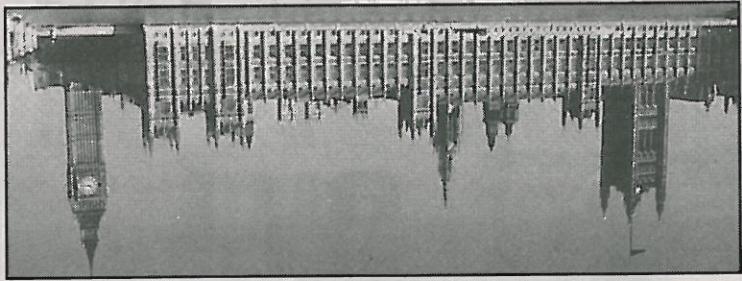


# Our man about the House

Paisley and Renfrewshire South MP Douglas Alexander writes for the *Paisley Daily Express*



# We must resolve hospital parking row

IN my regular advice surgeries three different NHS staff members from the RAH came to talk to me about the continuing parking problems at the local hospital.

One told me that she is now turning up an hour early for her shift - which begins at 8am - in order to try to find a street parking place, and then has to walk through a near empty car park to reach her work.

Another told me that she is now having to park in the town's West End and walk - often late at night - back to

All of these staff members told me how motable has fallen as their pleas for the service of our country. Afterwards I

joined many of those gathered at the Paisley Comrades Club on the Renfrew

Road. In the afternoon it was on to

Johnstone and Elderslie where services were also held to mark this important

large numbers in recognition of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

AT my advice surgery last week in NHS staff haven't told local residents and local

The hospital is not short of ground, and it should be possible to arrive at a

solution that suits both staff and local

residents. If Renfrewshire Council bosses and

hospital management think this problem has now gone away they clearly

with pensions. The Scottish Helpline for Older

benefits. People can offer advice and support on a

SCENE: The RAH car park



help some elderly people to know about the Scottish Helpline for Older People.

The helpline is a one-stop shop for all sorts of information and advice and I

really think it's a valuable resource. I know that many Renfrewshire

residents have already made use of the helpline for a range of different matters

concerning them. The helpline is open from 10am to

4pm, Monday to Friday, and the number is 0845 125 9732.

## LOUD N' PROUD

I JOINED more than 400 people at the Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards - the

ROCCOs. There was a great turn out and I was

delighted to see John McGuire of Phoenix Honda pick up a top award for

But the show was stolen by Loud n' local business leadership.

Froud, an outstanding charity that brings together more than 700 Scottish

youngsters to perform top quality music. The three young people who

performed at the Normandy Hotel could easily give this year's X Factor hopefuls

Cher, Matt and definitely Wagner a run for their money.

