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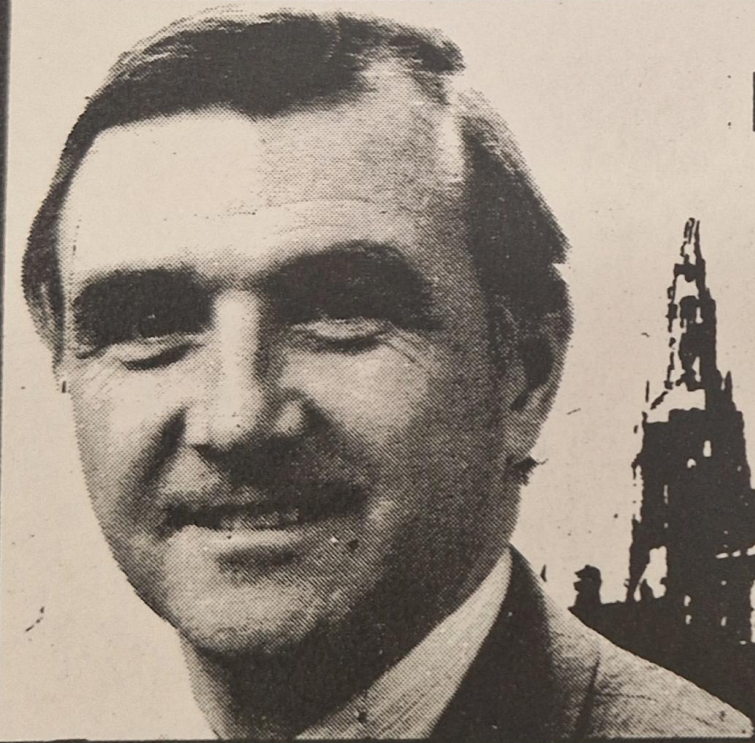
# Keep forests open to public

**I SEE** the Bailies of Bennachie have expressed their concerns that privatisation of the Forestry Commission threatens access to Bennachie.

They are suggesting that in advance of any sale they first should consider turning it into a regional park with guaranteed public access. It's an idea worth considering – but

better still not to privatise because even if it did secure a deal for Bennachie we wouldn't get it for every forest, and public access would be drastically reduced.

## Malcolm Bruce Speaks Out



**Gordon MP Malcolm Bruce takes a look behind the headlines at issues which affect us both locally and nationally.**