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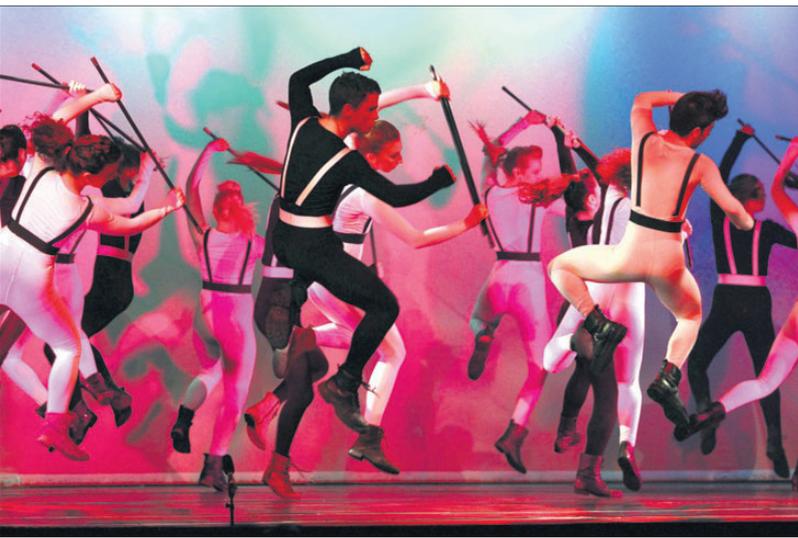
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A warm welcome awaits in the West

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Ballet West dance school wow audiences with annual show

The Tynnuilt-based Ballet West dance school showed off its pupils' versatility during two shows in the Corran Halls, Oban last weekend. Dancers performed an eclectic mix of dance from the strictly classical to new choreography and street jazz numbers. On Friday a company of 50 dancers danced and sang their way through some much loved musical classics with excerpts from Les Miserables, Giselle and new original choreography devised and performed by the students themselves. The following night third year students performed classical ballet works, as well as more modern dance. *Picture - Kevin McElynn*

McCuish returns as leader at Argyll and Bute Council

THE NEW leader of Argyll and Bute Council, Roddy McCuish says he is the right man for the job, despite being branded a traitor and having his leadership challenged within a week. At the full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday councillor McCuish's surprise nomination, proposed by councillor Ellen Morton, defeated a motion by councillor Dick Walsh to install councillor Duncan MacIntyre as leader. SNP councillor McCuish's nomination won by 18 votes to 17 and drew support from Independent, Conservative and Liberal Democrat councillors, who have formed a new group called Argyll, Lomond and the Islands. But councillor McCuish's core support came from seven other



Roddy McCuish rebel SNP councillors, who face possible disciplinary action from the party's National Executive Committee, after seeking to enter into an administration with the other parties without permission from the SNP hierarchy. Councillor McCuish quit as

leader in February, following illness, and was succeeded by fellow SNP councillor James Robb, who resigned this month. Since regaining the role he has been called a traitor by former SNP councillor Michael Breslin for working with anti-independence political parties. He also faces possible disciplinary action and has revealed to *The Oban Times* he received abusive personal messages aimed at him and his family. Asked why he became leader again, councillor McCuish said: 'I decided to go back because 18 councillors were prepared to vote for me, from across all different political persuasions, and that was something I couldn't ignore. 'I thought it was practical and the right thing to do, given the

SNP is in coalition in seven councils in Scotland. If we have broken rules, we will take the consequences but the needs of Argyll and Bute are what is foremost in my mind. 'Councillor Breslin is entitled to his opinion but what we have done is not treachery; it is openness. However, just a week into the job, councillor McCuish's leadership was challenged again by councillor MacIntyre, who revealed he had submitted a proposal to form an administration, the Argyll and Bute for Change Group. Councillor MacIntyre said: 'We will be able to form an administration with 17 councillors. I don't believe the opposition will retain the required majority of 18, because

some councillors have already left them.' Councillor McCuish dismissed councillor MacIntyre's claims as 'speculation designed to put doubt in councillors' minds. Any new administration would be officially formed at the council's next meeting on June 27, unless a special meeting was called for before then. A BARCALDINE five star bed and breakfast has been named the best guest accommodation in the country at the AA Bed and Breakfast Awards ceremony in London. Ardorna B and B, run by husband and wife team Karen and Sean O'Byrne, took home the AA guest accommodation of the year for Scotland award from the ceremony on Tuesday. Karen said: 'We feel absolutely elated

Oban leisure centre future is secured

'The outcome is a victory for the people of Oban'

THE FUTURE of Oban's celebrated sports centre, Atlantis Leisure, has been secured following a heated debate in Argyll and Bute Council's chambers. Councillors clashed over how the council's subsidy would be reviewed but in the end it was confirmed the social enterprise would retain its current service level agreement with the council for a minimum of 15 years and that the subsidy would be reviewed every five years. It was also decided at the meeting of the full council last Thursday to decrease the subsidy by £1 for every £2 of surplus in the business above £35,000.

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The news was welcomed by Atlantis' voluntary directors, who last month threatened to walk away from the award-winning social enterprise in protest against a previously proposed subsidy cut. The reduction of £12,000 per annum, together with a move to remove annual increases in the subsidy linked with the retail prices index, was fiercely objected. Andy Newiss, a voluntary director with Atlantis Leisure, said: 'We are delighted with the result but people have been asking us why our funding was challenged in the first place. 'What we need to do now is work more closely with the council but we have helped to secure something valuable for the town on terms that are acceptable to the council and ourselves.' The debate was heard in private, despite an objection submitted by *The Oban Times*.

arguing that the content of the agenda item was in the public interest. The issue divided Oban-based councillors, who clashed over whether the subsidy should be reviewed after five years or 10. Councillor Fred Hall, who had resigned from the Scottish National Party over the previous proposed cut, was among a group of councillors whose motion to begin the subsidy review in year 10, rather than year five, was defeated. He had to be threatened with expulsion from the chamber during the debate. Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, who had proposed the defeated motion to review the subsidy after 10 years, said afterwards: 'The outcome, although not ideal, has to be considered a victory for the people of Oban. 'A degree of common sense has prevailed and through councillors MacDonald, Hall and MacIntyre opposing the original budget decision, with the support of the community, this budget item has been binned.' New council leader Roddy McCuish told *The Oban Times*: 'The main thing was to secure a firm financial footing for Atlantis Leisure and I was delighted to vote for that decision alongside councillors Glen-Lee, Devon and Robertson.' Atlantis Leisure's annual meeting will be held next Monday.

Barcaldine B and B is best in Scotland say AA

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and it is such an honour to win an award from an organisation as prestigious as the AA. 'We're very proud to be representing Scotland and Oban and a huge thank you goes out to all of our wonderful guests, family, and friends for making this possible.' Karen and Sean designed and built Ardorna three years ago and in that time

have racked up a number of accolades including most recently being named the guest house of the year and winning the guest house innovation and eco award at the Scottish Hotel Awards. Ardorna is also in the running for a VisitScotland Thisle Award this year. It is nominated in the best guest house or bed and breakfast category alongside Tobemroy's Brockville B and B.

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'Friends' group organises charity shop with a difference

CHARITY group The Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan are hosting a charity shop with a difference next week in Oban Youth Cafe, George Street, Oban.

Charity funds
This year if you have a item you would like to sell, Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan will display and sell your goods on your behalf in return for a donation to their charity funds.
The shop will be opened daily from 10 am from Monday, June 3 through to Saturday, June 8 inclusive.
The shop will be selling a wide range of items, all of which have been donated.
Donations are still being sought by the group to stock the shop.
You can bring your donations or items for sale to Oban Youth Cafe from 10 am on Sunday, June 2 or any day during the sale week.

'Green' Lochinvar returns to the west

A NEW 'green' ferry that will run partly on electricity whilst operating the Tarbert to Portavadie crossing was last week launched in Port Glasgow.

Trustees of Tarbert Harbour Authority joined the minister for transport Keith Brown as the *MF Lochinvar* was launched from Ferguson's Ship yard on the Clyde last Thursday.

A hybrid ferry that runs on diesel and electricity, 20 per cent of the energy consumed on board will be powered by battery, sharply cutting its CO2 emissions.

The roll-on, roll-off vehicle and passenger ferry is expected to come into service towards the end of 2013, following fitting out, testing and certification.

A temporary pontoon will be installed at Tarbert Fish Quay to accommodate the ferry, which is 12 metres longer than the existing vessel, whilst a permanent extension will be built at a later date. Work is progressing to reinforce the electricity supply to allow the ferry battery to be recharged at the end of every working day.

Speaking after the launch, Alan Macdonald, chairman of the board of trustees at Tarbert Harbour Authority, said: 'The new ferry reinforces the support for the future of the Tarbert to Portavadie route and encourages tourists to come to Tarbert via an alternative route.'

Man remanded in custody after car chase

A MOTORIST has denied refusing to stop for police while driving dangerously in and around Oban.

Gavin Humphreys, 32, c/o 9 Climb Cottage, Shropshire, appeared from custody at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday.

He was arrested on Sunday after allegedly reversing onto a main road at speed, swerving across white lines while being pursued by police, driving in the wrong carriage-way and overtaking on a blind bend into the face of oncoming traffic causing other road users to take evasive action to avoid a collision. Humphreys further denies driving while disqualified, with no insurance and unfit to do so through drink or drugs.

Sheriff John Herald remanded Humphreys in custody until his trial on June 26 saying: 'You are not a suitable person to be released on bail.' Humphreys will appear in court next on June 10.

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Young musicians invited to Finland

YOUNG musicians from islands throughout the west coast of Scotland are being invited to take part in a 12-day exchange in Finland.

On the Rocks is open to anyone aged between 18 and 25 that lives on an island and has a degree of musical ability.

Successful applicants will visit the small island of Vano in Turku Archipelago from July 13 to 25 and tour as a band, gaining insight and sharing knowledge on island issues, and experiencing activities unique to the Archipelago.

Places are limited and successful applicants will be chosen on a first come first serve basis. To apply contact Catriona Mackay at catrionicaoidh@gmail.com.

Repeat offender jailed by sheriff

A REPEAT offender has been jailed for seven months after arguing with his former girlfriend and breaching his bail.

Malcolm Watson, of 6 Lochaber Road, Fort William, admitted behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by shouting at the woman and refusing to leave her house in Caol on April 12.

After pleading guilty to the offence on April 15, the 27-year-old was bailed under condition not to approach the woman, but was seen having lunch with her at a bar in Fort William by an off-duty police officer.

Sheriff Noel McPartlin said he was jailing Watson as he had 38 previous convictions, saying: 'It seems to some degree you are out of control.'

Lochaber sports 'stalwart' stands down from board

LOCHABER Sports Association (LSA) is recruiting new directors after founding member Duncan MacPhee stood down from the board.

Mr MacPhee served as a company director and secretary.

LSA chairman Jane Blanchard said Mr MacPhee had been a 'stalwart of the team'.

She said: 'We couldn't have got this far without him and he will be very sorely missed.'

'We are actively seeking three new directors. We have a very busy couple of years ahead, and need to spread the load; specific areas of expertise sought are legal and accounting - other than that a good, sensible head, broad shoulders and generous spirit.'

Two deny roofing scam charges

TWO MEN have denied carrying out thousands of pounds of unnecessary roofing work on two Lochaber houses.

John McPhee, aged 34, of 58 Wingate Avenue, Dalry, and William McPhee, aged 29, of The Travelling People's site, Kentallen, pled not guilty to fraudulently charging £30 for work which was not needed at a house in Claggan on November 1, 2012.

The pair also denied a second charge of carrying out £3,000 worth of fraudulent roof repairs at a house in Inverlochly the following day.

They are due to stand trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on June 17, with a further hearing set for June 4.

Former Fort man denies assault

A FORMER Fort William man has denied repeatedly punching a woman on the face in her house.

Kevin Hogg, 35 Meadowbank, Ormiston, East Lothian, pled not guilty to assaulting the woman at an address in Muir Court, Fort William, on March 30. The 43 year-old is due to stand trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on June 18.

Tiree Music Festival secures major sponsorship deal

TIREE'S flagship event, Tiree Music Festival, has had its long-term future secured after announcing a major sponsorship deal with Cairn Capital.

With 1,500 expected to attend this year's two-day event, double the island's population, more than 20 acts so far have been confirmed.

Announcing the new sponsorship package with asset management firm Cairn Capital, festival organiser and islander Daniel Gillespie said: 'It is hard to put into words just how significant the sponsorship from Cairn Capital is to the future of Tiree Music Festival.'

'The funds will not only help

the festival invest in sustainable assets to help future festivals, but also assets that can benefit Tiree's community all year round.'

Now in its third year, TMF has quickly built a reputation as one of Scotland's most enjoyable music events and was named Scotland's Best Small Festival

in 2012. Cairn Capital's director David Henriques said: 'Given Tiree's incredibly rich music heritage, it is absolutely right that this festival continues to develop and build on that tradition. We are delighted to be a part of that growth.'

Since its inception, local

bands and traditional roots are at the core of what makes TMF so special. In line with that tradition, the celidh stage will be named The Gordon Cunnell Celidh Stage in homage to the island's resident - and legendary - musical mentor. Gordon's current group of pupils, the Coraig Celidh Band, will

open the newly named stage when TMF gets underway on July 20.

Daniel's own band, Skerryvore, is among the exciting acts to perform this year, while Celtic music legends Capercaille will headline. Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire, Washington Irving and Coast

are among the further flung acts set to wow the crowds.

More familiar to local audiences will be Mánran, Oban favourites Chunks, Trail West and Gunna Sound, to name a few. So far, 23 acts have been confirmed for this year's event.

For more information, see tireemusicfestival.co.uk.

Land buy negotiations alter cycle path route

Route diverts onto 'old back road' between Connel and Glencruitten

INABILITY to reach agreement with landowners has seen the cycle path route between Oban and Connel temporarily diverted along the old Connel-Kilmore-Oban road.

Sustainable transport charity SusTrans confirmed to *The Oban Times* last week that they chose to divert the route along the 'old back road' between the A828 and Glencruitten when it became apparent agreement with landowners wasn't going to be reached prior to its 2015 deadline.

While the charity's national director, John Lauder, said talks with Dunstaffnage Estate had progressed well, he said negotiations with a landowner for permission to build near Benderloch were proving difficult.

There has been a mixed response to the news. While residents of Connel are happy there will be no pelican or toucan crossing in front of the Oyster Inn - spoiling one of the area's most loved views - there is concern from Dunbeg that it could be missed out long-term.

Confirming the move, Mr Lauder said: 'We agreed to the diversion in order to meet the deadline of 2015 because there's an issue with land and access.'

'To make sure there is a route, as an interim measure we will signpost the current cycle network route along the Connel-Kilmore road into Oban.'

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He added that SusTrans will try to seek agreement for the land beyond its original deadline as it is 'very keen' to establish the coastal route and link Dunbeg to the rest of the route, but still hopes to complete negotiations prior to 2015.

Dunbeg Community Council's chairwoman Gwyneth Neal said: 'A lot of people use the bit between here and Ganavan already so I think there will be lots of disappointment.'

'The A85 is a narrow road and it's hazardous when there is a bicycle on it. Some do use the pavement but there's not a lot of that [between Dunbeg] and Connel.'

'I would have thought for the landowners it makes sense, it makes the road safer and it's a pleasant way to complete the Oban-Fort William cycle track.'

Connel Community Council secretary Les Stewart is a happier man, however.

'I'm really pleased because it'll be the end of talks of pelicans, toucans or any other kind of birds crossing our road. It makes me feel like the work we put in two and a half years ago has paid off.'

He acknowledged that the usually quiet back road to Oban may require more careful negotiation by motorists as a result.



1st Glenorchy Guides, from left: Martha MacFarlane-Barrow, Emma Gemmill, Mollie Brightly and Chloe Gibson with Oban station adopter Jim Wilkin and his wife, Yvonne. *By STIVALAGNY*

Glenorchy Girl Guides take to the rails for day out

GREEN-fingered guides from Glenorchy were taken on a train journey into Oban to help spruce up the platform in the town.

1st Glenorchy Guides, who were accompanied by leaders Anna Hill and Pat McLeod,

helped to plant flowers and shrubs before visiting Oban War and Peace Museum.

The trip was organised by Lochcavan Jim Wilkin, who has the title of station adopter at Falls of Lora, Lochcavan and Oban, giving him responsibility

for improving the look of, and maintaining, the stations.

Jim explained: 'I live next door to the guide leader Anna Hill and she explained that the guides didn't use the railway because of a negative attitude to trains, created by the train

crash in June 2010. I asked to take them on the train to Oban to help me at the station and they really enjoyed their day out.'

Jim is taking up another role as development officer for Scotland North with the As-

sociation of Community Rail Partnerships, in which he will meet with community groups to encourage partnership working with railways. He has encouraged a volunteer to approach ScotRail to take up the role of station adopter in Connel.



Glencoe Primary pupils took a trip to Inchree Forest to see red squirrels feeding and playing. Red Squirrel Conservation Officer Juliet Robinson gave the youngsters an informative talk about the dangers facing the increasingly rare animals. Head teacher Marilyn Macdonald said: 'All pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the interesting event.'

Islay celebrates bard

A COLLABORATION of 140 Islay musicians will celebrate the work of island bard William Livingstone at a special concert today (Thursday).

Blar is a community musical event taking place in Bowmore Hall, where the musicians will stage a performance of new Gaelic music composed by traditional musician Clare Jordan.

The new music is based on Livingstone's Gaelic poem about the infamous Battle of Gruinart, which took place on Islay in 1598. Every musical group on the island will take part: traditional instrumentalists, the island brass band, primary school Gaelic choirs, the junior Gaelic choir, the high school choir, the senior Gaelic choir and Islay Pipe Band. The performance will also feature digital art work commissioned from local artist and writer Raymond Lafferty.

Iseabail MacTaggart Coisr Gàidhlig Ile's conductor, said: 'This is a thrilling event to have produced. The three songs Clare composed for the choir are wonderful and by linking them together with new instrumental passages has produced a stunning new work. It has brought together people with different musical interests from all corners of Islay and united them in common cause. Islay has never before seen anything on this scale and of this ambition.'

Lochyside man fined after admitting racist remarks

A LOCHYSIDE man who shouted racist abuse at a bunkhouse owner after being turned away for being drunk has been fined £65.

Donald Donnelly had been at a concert in Glenmuig Hall with friends on May 4 and planned to stay at the Glenmuig

Inn bunkhouse. After returning to the inn at around 12.30am, the 46-year-old was told by the owner that he was too drunk and asked him to leave, at which point Donnelly became aggressive. However, defence solicitor Stephen Kennedy said Donnelly had been asked to

leave after the owner searched through his bags and found alcohol and said the proprietor had been 'fairly aggressive'.

Donnelly, of Croft 104, pled guilty to behaving in a racially aggravated manner and using racially inflammatory language.

West coast solicitors' clients help to raise £2 million through Will Aid donations

SOLICITORS in the west of Scotland are thanking clients for helping to raise £2 million for good causes as part of Will Aid.

Solicitors in Oban and Fort William gave up their time to write wills and instead of charging their usual fee, invited

their clients to donate to the nine Will Aid charities.

Chris Millward, chairman of Will Aid, said: 'Will Aid has made a real difference for 25 years - both to the work of the charities we've supported and to the people our participating solicitors have helped to make

a will. I would like to thank all the solicitors and will-makers in this area who took part. It is a great achievement to have raised this enormous sum in just a few weeks.'

William Seaton, of Anderson Banks in Oban, raised £315 for the charity while Karen

MacAllister, of Oban's D M MacKinnon, gathered £1,815. Fort William's McIntyre and Co contributed £2,135.

The Will Aid scheme will run again in November 2013. For more information about how to take part visit www.willaid.org.uk.

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OBAN charity walker, Alex Milligan, raised £1,000 for Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) by trekking across the Sahara earlier this year.

Alex also organised a table top sale and ceilidh to help raise the funds.

OBAN lifeboat went to the aid of a yacht that was struggling to safely navigate Oban Bay as it had developed engine problems last Wednesday morning.

The volunteer crew of the RNLi launched at 6.50am to escort the 38 foot vessel to her mooring in the bay.

The lifeboat was also launched in the early hours of Sunday morning to transport an elderly man from the Isle of Mull for hospital treatment on the mainland.

He was collected from Craignure Pier and taken to Oban, where he was then transferred to hospital.

A SPORTY schoolgirl from Oban High is to spend a year studying at twinned school Scotland High, in Laurinburg, North Carolina.



Shannon Reynolds

North Comel teenager Shannon has been accepted as an exchange student to attend Scotland High School in Oban's twin town for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Shannon was a participant in the 20th annual exchange between the schools in 2012. In recognition of the longevity of the exchange the Oban visit in June and the Laurinburg visit in October were both extended to 20 days.



VISITORS to Oban's branch of Oxfam were invited to sign a postcard of support on Friday - and help persuade the world's most powerful leaders to end global hunger.

Marion Pallister, of Kilmichael Glassary, and Bridget Gourlay, Oban, visited the shop and urged people to put their mark on a card and a banner calling on the G8 summit, which meets in Northern Ireland next month, to make food more affordable and accessible to all.

The cross-charity campaign 'Enough food for everyone' aims to present the leaders with the signatures, which urges the leaders to ensure companies pay proper tax for operations in poverty-stricken countries and to lessen the quantity of crops grown for fuel and not food.

Oxfam shop manager Olwen Joyce signs up to the IF campaign, while David Foster waits to add his name.

Encouraging people to sign up were Bridget Gourlay, left, and Marian Pallister.

displayed at the Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh this summer at an exhibition which will be open May 24 to August 26.

Kath Mainland, chief executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, said: 'Anna's design came top of all entries from Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trochais as it met the judges criteria of being fun, eye-catching, colourful and encapsulating the feel of the Fringe. This is a terrific achievement and something to be very proud of.'

Anna Whitelaw, 14, has been named Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trochais winner of the 2013 Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society Schools Poster Competition.

Her colourful and eye-catching poster will be displayed at the Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh this summer at an exhibition which will be open May 24 to August 26.

Scottish Bakers, the association that supports and promotes the interests of bakers across the country.

Marion picks up the award at the ceremony in Glasgow.

Oban man sent back to jail for further four months

AN OBAN man has been sent back to jail for 10 months after attempting to break into a shop in the town's Combie Street.

Public concern

Daniel Kelly, 22, who had already been released from jail, admitted trying to break into Digital Kangaroo by repeatedly kicking the door and barging it with his shoulder when he appeared from custody at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday.

Kelly, of Flat 1-1, 19 High Street, Oban, also pled guilty to repeatedly banging on doors in Combie Street and shouting, as well as kicking the door of a common case causing damage to the door and lock.

Craig Duffy, 19, of no fixed abode, also admitted banging and kicking on doors in Combie Street and shouting.

He had his sentence deferred until June 10 for a report to be prepared by the High Court. Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said: 'Between 7.30pm and 11pm on May 23 there were six calls to police from members of the public reporting both the accused acting in a disorderly manner throughout Oban town centre. They were spoken to by police on a number of occasions but were allowed to go on their way.'

Mr McGinty told the court there was a further report both men were kicking at doors and when police arrived they found the door couldn't be opened as it was damaged. The court heard officers then viewed CCTV which showed Kelly undertake a 'prolonged and determined attempt' to force entry to Digital Kangaroo.

Kelly told the court his head was 'in the wrong place' on the night of the incident. He said: 'I have messed up my whole life but I do have to change now - it kills me that I can't remember what has happened.'

Sheriff John Herald sent Kelly to prison for four months for these offences and also ordered him to serve the remaining 184 days of his previous sentence.

Embezzler to do 250 hours unpaid work

AN ISLAND sub-postmistress who embezzled thousands of pounds from her employers but paid the money back has been ordered to carry out 250 hours of unpaid work.

Kay MacDonald, 51, of 2 Kilmore Terrace, Dervaig, previously admitted taking £27,500 from Tobarney Post Office between May 12, 2010 and April 12, 2011. She appeared at Oban Sheriff Court on Tuesday for sentencing.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said the missing money became apparent when the Post Office's cash management team asked MacDonald to deposit £150,000 on her next collection as she was holding a significant amount of cash.

He added: 'She returned only £120,000 and when asked where the rest was she said she didn't have that much in the office and that is what sparked an audit.'

Defence agent Jane Thomson told the court MacDonald had never lifted cash from the Post Office but had transferred money to help the attached shop stay afloat. MacDonald owns both of the buildings the businesses are in.

Sheriff John Herald placed MacDonald on a community payback order for 18 months and said she had some sympathy with her situation as she had bought the building to ensure it stayed open.

He told the court: 'I think it is truly a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul but it is not as simple as that in your case - you didn't do this to make your life better.'

'You're working seven days a week to keep open an essential service in this part of the world. It would have been easier for you to walk away but you haven't done that.'



The bikers, the majority of whom were women, turned heads in a busy Oban town centre on Saturday.

Bikers blaze through Argyll during charity tour

THE COLOURFUL cavalcade of motorbikes, the Breast Way Round Bikers, made its annual trip to Argyll and the Highlands at the weekend to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Around 150 bikers wore high-visibility vests and decorated helmets with a flurry of pink decorations during their west coast tour, which includes Duonon, Inveraray, Oban, Fort William, Drummadroch, Fort Augustus, Tyndrum and Loch Lomond Shores.

Breast Way Round chairwoman Sheila Tyson said: 'The reasons why our riders support Macmillan Cancer are very personal. Being able to do that with the added support of people with a common interest, whilst looking on at some of Scotland's finest scenery, and knowing the money we raise goes directly to

Macmillan is very rewarding.' The fundraiser began in 2008 and to date more than £212,000 has been raised for the cancer charity. Anyone who would like to donate to Breast Way Round can do so via the Just Giving page justgiving.com/BRR2013.

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Argyll and Bute go to 'alternate weekly' bin collections

EVERY household in Argyll and Bute will have an alternate bin collection by March next year, bringing in the 'fortnightly' collection already in operation in select parts of the county.

Households will have a green bin for household waste and a blue bin for paper, plastics and cans.

Described as 'alternate weekly co-mingled recycling collections' by the council, the changes will mean each bin will be lifted once a fortnight. The council voted last Thursday and a plan for rolling out the changes will be revealed at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area committee next Wednesday and the Oban, Lorn and the Isles

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Taynuilt Primary School's winning quiz team, from left: twins Eilidh and Ewan Shearer, Angus Neil and Ceri Powell.

Taynuilt win Lorn schools' quiz

TAYNUILT Primary School won this year's Rotary Club of Oban quiz for Lorn schools.

The event, which recently took place at the Royal Hotel in Oban, saw six schools send teams of four pupils to compete for the trophy.

Runner-up was Lochnell, with Oban schools St Columba's and Rockfield sharing third place.

Taynuilt represented the Oban area at the Rotary District Finals in Pollokshawsburgh Hall, Glasgow, on May 20.

The Argyll youngsters travelled the greatest distance of all the teams and, although they did not finish in the top three, they all enjoyed the day and were presented with certificates.

The pupils were also gifted inscribed dictionaries from the Rotary Club of Oban.

Mull driving case found not proven

AN ISLE of Mull man who was accused of 'almost killing' two cyclists through dangerous driving had the case against him found not proven on Monday.

Raymond Weatherill, 75, was on trial in Oban Sheriff Court for dangerous driving after an incident near Craignure, Mull, last September 22.

'Weapon'

The court heard a couple had been on a cycling day trip to the island when Weatherill approached from behind in his Renault Clio. The male cyclist told the court Weatherill had been using the car as a 'weapon' to push the couple off the road.

He said: 'It was a large metal vehicle within an inch or two of me.'

Weatherill, of Sheepknowe House, Bunessan, denied driving dangerously and claimed the pair had been riding alongside each other and he gave a 'friendly' 'toot' of his horn to ask them to give way.

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Morvern Lines

ANNIVERSARIES are our way of drilling into history's groundwater and sending it to splash briefly on the surface of the present giving us a chance to recall milestones in time.

Nowhere is this more interesting than in remote Highland communities where a way of life has changed almost beyond recognition. The following records are taken from the annals of Morvern 100 years ago.

January (1913): A concert was held in aid of funds for a new hall, library and recreation club provided by Mr Gerard Craig Sellar, the owner of Ardnorish Estate, for the use of the residents of Lochaline and Ardnorish tenantry and estate workers. Mr Sellar presented a silver cup between the recreation clubs at Ardnorish and Lochaline.

This fine building was erected near Kinlochaline Castle and was a popular venue for dances and other forms of entertainment until about twenty-five years ago when it was closed and dismantled. It helped foster good relationships between the communities of the head of the loch and Loch Aline village.

Annual school treats were given by Canon Horace Newton of Glencristepale and Dr Macle, Beas for the scholars of Kinlochcaucus and Achagavell.

Mr and Mrs Fletcher entertained the employees on Lauderdale Estate to a supper and dance in Lauderdale House. There was a sumptuous table and later, in the drawing room, the company listened to selections of music and song from Mr Fletcher's gramophone.

Dancing began at 9pm and lasted with vigour until the early hours of the morning. The musicians were - Mr Alex Macpherson (bagpipes); Miss MacDonell; Mrs M Graham and Mr John Graham played the melodeon. Allan Macpherson, MC ended with three cheers for the Fletchers.

February: An Commann Gaidhealach held meetings in Drimmin and Lochaline. April: Morvern Literary and Recreation Club held a cafe chantant.

There was a Morvern Sunday School meeting at Kild and an An Commann celtich in Lochaline. The Morvern School Board advertised for a teacher (male or female) for Kinlochcaucus side-school. The salary was £45 a year with a partly furnished free house and garden.

There was a Sunday School Treat and Lanterns slide show at Bunavullin and a Lochaline Ambulance Class celtich in Lochaline School was chaired by Mr Craig Sellar. This was followed by an Empire Day Fete in Knock Park where 2000 guests assembled by invitation of Mr Sellar.

June: A case was heard in Oban when John Munro of the Highland Yacht Depot sued Major Charles Morris of Killindine for £234.18. 01/2d being the balance due in

Iain Thornton

Benderloch girl to lose locks for cancer charity

Rhoanna's pride and joy will go to make real hair wigs for kids

INSPIRED by the brave battles her friends and family had against the disease, Benderloch girl Rhoanna Black is set to shave her head for Cancer Research UK.

The 15-year-old, who hates getting her hair cut so much she hasn't let anyone near it for a year, is prepared to go as close to bald as possible for the charity. Rhoanna's hair won't go to waste either, her locks are to be donated to the Little Princess Trust, which provides real hair wigs for children suffering hair loss.

Having already raised £450, she's hoping to push the total up even further before the daunting date with the clippers.

Put to her that not every 15 year old would shave their head for any reason, Rhoanna said: 'I don't think I've had it shorter than it is now. 'I'm either going bald or I'm getting a number one.

'My Gran went through cancer last year and there was a girl at primary school who had leukaemia. 'Two of my friends are also getting their hair shaved on the day, Callum Lackie and Fergus Glen-Lee.'

Asked if she was nervous about it, Rhoanna said: 'Yeah! 'If anyone would like to donate to Rhoanna's effort, visit giving.com/rhoanna-black.



Rhoanna gets ready for her big hair cut, with friends Lauren Leggett, Laughlan Woolnough, centre back, and Zac Thomson. 16. 12202rhannabhair

Poverty problems rising in Oban warns family support group

'Our volunteers have been in homes where there is literally no food'

A FAMILY support charity has warned of a growing poverty problem in Oban, as the effects of welfare cuts hit home.

Homestart Lorn revealed the desperate situation in the same week Argyll and Bute Council employed an extra welfare rights officer to cope with an increase in benefit claims.

The UK government increased welfare payments by only one per cent this year, which was not in line with rising living costs such as food and fuel.

Homestart Lorn co-ordinator Aileen Binner said the living conditions of some families in the Oban and Lorne areas were among the worst she had seen in a generation.

She said: 'Over the course of a year we might hand out one food parcel to a family that is struggling to feed their children. This year we have already handed out four food parcels through the churches charity Lord's Larder and our volunteers have been in homes where there is literally no food.

'People talk about the unemployed as if they are costing us money but the benefits going to people are minuscule. I hate the blame culture we have developed in this country and I think we should be more compassionate.

'Poverty is not a life choice.' Mrs Binner last week met with Argyll and Bute Liberal Democrat MP Alan Reid, who voted against his coalition's welfare reforms.

He said: 'If you compare welfare benefits to the consumer price index there has been a cut in real terms to benefits.

Morar man who sent thousands of inappropriate messages to underage girls awaits sentence

A MORAR man who admitted sending thousands of inappropriate texts and social media messages to three underage girls has had his sentencing deferred until June 19 after a social work report was not ready.

Tom Crawley, of 1 Camus Crescent, had been due to be sentenced at Fort William Sheriff Court last week, but defence solicitor Hamish Melrose and fiscal Alison Wylie agreed the report was not complete.

The 27-year-old former fisherman has been warned he could be placed on the sex offenders register after pleading guilty to behaving in a threatening or aggressive manner by sending inappropriate text and Facebook messages to a 12-year-old girl between October 1 and December 19 2012.

Crawley also admitted sending messages to a 15 year old girl between May 1 and December 18 2012 and a 13 year old girl between November 11 and December 20 2012.

'We welcome the contribution voluntary organisations play in supporting local communities, beyond the help provided by government. That is why Jobcentre Plus - for the first time - is now referring people to their services.'

'I am glad the council has appointed another welfare rights officer because some people may be entitled to more benefits than they are currently getting.'

Argyll and Bute Council, which will receive no extra government funding for its new post, said its new welfare rights officer would be based in Lochgilphead, covering Mid Argyll, starting at the end of June. The council currently employs one Oban-based welfare officer, who also covers Mid Argyll.

A statement from the Department of Work and Pensions said: 'The government already provides a safety net for essentials like food and housing through the benefits system and claimants can also request a benefit advance or help from their local authority where needed.'

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Artists from Skye to perform at Edinburgh Festival Fringe

A COLLECTIVE of four Isle of Skye artists has been chosen to perform at this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Made in Scotland The Dead Man's Waltz will showcase Story's End, one of 20 music shows and 14 theatre and dance performances comprising Made In Scotland 2013.

Hector MacInnes, Leighton Jones, Magnus Graham and David MacLeod will be joined in the performance by four other artists and film-makers from Skye - Kate McMorrine, Mark Weillans, Cat Inghall and Johnny Barrington, who was recently nominated for a BAFTA. The project also involves award winning author Hal Duncan.

'Mr MacInnes said: 'We're absolutely delighted to be highlighted as one of the best Scottish performances at the largest arts festival on the planet. 'It's great to see recognition for a project with such a strong Skye connection, and one that deals with a subject matter as difficult as our own mortality.'

The Made in Scotland programme, which provides a platform to celebrate the best in world class performance from Scotland on the international stage, was unveiled earlier this month by Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs Fiona Hyslop.

Lochaber High windband to host summer concert

LOCHABER High School's wind band will hold their annual summer concert next Wednesday night from 7.30pm.

The concert will feature the junior band, the big band and the award winning senior band which recently returned from the Scottish Concert Band Festival with a gold plus award. Conductor Mark Reynolds said: 'The concert will feature more than 80 students from all over Lochaber and will include music from the stage and screen as well as original wind band music.'

'Admission is free but tickets are available from the LHS main office so please come along and support Lochaber's fine young musicians.'

Former Duror hotel owner denies sexual charges

THE FORMER proprietor of The Stewart Hotel in Duror has denied sexually assaulting two women in the property.

Shamual Arifin, of 39 Arlington Drive, Carlsholm, London, denied assaulting the two women between April 12 and May 8 2012 and May 4 and 9 2012.

The 45-year-old is also accused of directing sexual comments to a third woman between April 22 and May 6 2012.

Arifin is due to stand trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on July 29, with a further hearing on June 19.

Western Isles to hear 'Better Together' message

THE WESTERN Isles campaign to keep Scotland part of the UK was launched in Lewis and Harris this week.

National 'Better Together' chairman Alistair Darling and Professor Donald MacLeod were guest speakers at the launch in Stornoway on Tuesday.

Mr Darling said: 'I believe Scotland will be stronger and more secure by remaining within the United Kingdom. As is well appreciated in the Western Isles, there are so many factors that bind us together and so much history that we share.'

Mallaig student caught by police drugs dog

A MALLAIG man was caught with around £400 of cocaine by a police sniffer dog at Fort William Railway Station.

Sean MacDonald was making his way back to the village from Glasgow on December 22 2012 when he was found with a wrap containing 7.2 grams of cocaine. MacDonald, of Shore Cottage, pled guilty to being in possession of the class A drug, which he said was for personal use.

The 25 year-old student was fined £400.

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Prizewinners from this year's Rockfield School Sports Day. 16. 12202rhannabhair

Sun shines on Rockfield Primary School sports day

ROCKFIELD Primary School hosted its annual school sports on a sunny Tuesday last week.

While Dunollie won this year's clan championship, Aros won both the clan football and clan shinty. Clan Duart won both the clan relay races.

Rockfield School Sports 2013: Medal Winners P6: Girls Compass Run: Winner (Gold Medal) Zoe Cook; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Isla Smith; Boys Compass Run: Winner (Gold Medal) Lewis Campbell; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Aaron McCall; Girls Standing Long Jump: Winner (Gold Medal) Robyn Howe; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Holly Robertson; Boys Standing Long Jump: Winner (Gold Medal) Aaron McCall; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Jude Bain; Girls Javelin Throw: Winner (Gold Medal) Robyn Howe; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Ellie MacInnes; Boys Javelin Throw: Winner (Gold Medal) Lewis Campbell; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Josh MacInnes; Medal Winners P7: Girls Compass Run: Winner (Gold Medal) Fionn Keys; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Molly MacPherson; Boys Compass Run: Winner (Gold Medal) Duarryl McLaughlin; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Nathan Cummings; Girls Standing Long Jump: Winner (Gold Medal) Grace Thompson; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Megan Williamson; Boys Standing Long Jump: Winner (Gold Medal) Finbar Dunne; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Nathan Cummings; Girls Javelin Throw: Winner (Gold Medal) Isla Head; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Kaitlynie MacLeod; Boys Javelin Throw: Winner (Gold Medal) Scott Mossman; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Jordan MacKay; Girls 100m Sprint: Winner (Gold Medal) Billie Grant; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Megan Williamson; Boys 100m Sprint: Winner (Gold Medal) Finbar Dunne; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Holly Robertson; Girls 200m Sprint: Winner (Gold Medal) Holly Robertson; Runner-up (Silver Medal) Robyn Howe; Boys PTA Trophy (& Gold Medal): Lewis Campbell; Boys Interschool Relay (Medals): Freddie MacDonald; P7 Championship: Girls: J.G. Matheson Cup (& Gold Medal) Winner: Billie Grant; Runner-up (Silver Medal): Megan Williamson; Boys: Round Table Cup (& Gold Medal): Finbar Dunne; Runner-up (Silver Medal): Nathan Cummings; Girls Interschool Relay (Medals): Wanning Team: Rockfield; Boys Interschool Relay (Medals): Wanning Team: 22 2012 Clan Relay: Girls: Wanning Team: Duarr; Boys: Wanning Team: Duarr; Clan Championship: John Kerrnede Memorial Cup; Dundlic; Clan Football: Aros; Clan Shinty: Aros.



Primary seven championship winners, from left: girls' champion Billie Grant, Molly MacPherson and Roan Martin representing clan champions Dunollie and boys' champion Finbar Dunne. 16. 12202rhannabhair

Islanders to be given opportunity to own Mull forest

THE COMMUNITY on the Ross of Mull is being given the opportunity to own a huge area of forestry land.

Tiroran Forest is being put up for sale by Forestry Commission Scotland but islanders have first refusal on the land through a ballot.

A proposal led by the Ross

of Mull and Iona Development Group would see Glen Seilisdre Forest, Tiroran, taken under community ownership to provide employment opportunities.

The project involves a partnership with TSL Contractors and profits would be shared.

Mervin Gibson, local development officer, said: "The

biggest benefit will be that the South of Mull community can actually own this massive piece of land and through owning the land will have lots of opportunities for the future and for future generations.

"If the community says no, anyone could buy it from anywhere in the world, but for the

community to be the landowners it gives them so much more input into the area."

Woodlandcrofting

Other benefits to the buyout would include training opportunities, increased interpretation of culture and heritage, improved biodiversity, more educational opportunities, an

increase in tourism based activities and woodlandcrofting.

A ballot of South Mull residents will now take place with a 50 per cent turnout needed to make the vote valid. Of those who vote, a 50 per cent yes vote is needed for the ballot to pass. Voting closes on June 11.

A yes vote will give the steer-

ing group 18 months to prepare a full business plan for the purchase of the forest while a no vote will put Tiroran Forest on the open market.

For more information please see www.totirtoran.org.uk, facebook.com/tiranforest or call Morven Gibson on 01681 708000.

Mull Lines

A NEW mechanic has stepped aboard Tobermory lifeboat as an essential part of the RNLI crew.

Paul 'Gunny' Gunn has taken on the role of deputy second mechanic to help maintain the all-weather lifeboat, Elizabeth Fairlie Ramsay.

Gunny, who has been a volunteer crew member since 2010, has just been appointed to the position to support the full time station mechanic, Jock Anderson and second mechanic, Creon Carmichael.

Ian Stevens, Tobermory lifeboat operations manager, said: "The mechanic performs a critical role on the lifeboat, not only ensuring that it is maintained to a high standard at all times but also responding to any technical problems which may arise during training or a shout."

"Gunny has received some world class training not only from the RNLI College but also from Jock who has many years' experience working in this role on the lifeboat."

"Our three mechanics will continue to ensure that our £2 million lifeboat is always ready to respond to any emergency and to save lives at sea."

As well as undertaking training on the job at the station and on the lifeboat, Gunny, 41, has attended an engineering course at the RNLI College in Poole, Dorset.



Paul 'Gunny' Gunn. Picture by Sam Jones.

He was then required to pass a rigorous assessment which consisted of an exercise at sea including responding to a fire in the engine room. A mechanic for the RNLI is responsible for maintaining the lifeboat's engines and all the machinery at an all-weather lifeboat station.

At sea, the mechanic checks that the engines and other machinery are all working properly, as well as being part of the crew. By day, Gunny, originally from Preston, works for Argyll and Bute Council. He has been the station's emergency mechanic for the past year, providing cover for both Jock and Creon and has performed this role on several shouts, most notably during the 11-hour rescue of a fishing boat off Coll in very rough seas in January.

A WOMAN remembered for her hospitality has been celebrated in an appropriate way at the Ross of Mull Historical Centre (ROMHC), in Bunes-san.

The centre, Tigh na Rois, was buzzing with visitors in the week from May 22 with the focus firmly on Christina MacGillivray, 'Christie Burg', who, in the last century, lived and farmed with her brother Duncan, at Burg, on the Ardmeneach Peninsula.

Although her home was very isolated, and Christie died in 1989, many people remember her particularly for the hospitality offered to everyone who came to visit her, to help on the farm, or who were passing by.

Jan Sutch Pickett, from ROMHC, said: "Christie had her own fame and a special place in many people's hearts."

"In one week more than 100 people came to see the exhibition about Burg. Everyone who came were, appropriately, offered tea and scones."

Because folk on Mull remember Christie spinning, Sue Clare brought her wheel and demonstrated it to a class from Bunes-san school.

Another day, while there was a Ranger-led walk to Burg, some members of the MacGillivray family, ranging in age from 80 to a year old, had an impromptu ceilidh in the back room of the ROMHC, with much reminiscing.

Bunes-san Bakehouse held a 'tea party' in Christie's honour.

Jan added: "By the end of the week all of us had learned more about a remarkable woman. At the same time we had a lot of fun. And scones."



Kintyre Schools Pipe Band played as the ferry arrived at Campbelltown's New Quay. 20_c22ferr01

New ferry links Ayrshire and Kintyre coasts

CAMPBELTOWN'S new ferry link to Ardrossan on the Ayrshire coast arrived in Kintyre for the first time last Thursday night to a packed quayside, and a capacity crowd on board.

The MV *Isle of Arran* was greeted by Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and a huge crowd of well-wishers as it arrived at Campbelltown New Quay at 9.20pm.

There had been fears earlier in

the day that it may not sail after ferry operator CalMac put the service on amber alert because of strong winds. But the first new CalMac ferry service for 20 years made the crossing and arrived on time.

Mike Story, Argyll and the Isles Tourism chief executive, was one of the passengers.

Describing the journey as 'just fabulous', he added: "It was absolutely fantastic - a

we bit bumpy coming out of Ardrossan.

"It's a gateway. It's a way into Kintyre, which links up Campbelltown, Ayrshire and Arran. I think it will certainly bring golfers in."

He said discussions were taking place to promote the route further, adding: "There is a real will among everybody to get it done."

Rebecca Maxwell Macdonald

joint chairwoman of Explore Kintyre, said the ferry was "what we have needed for a long time". She added: "It's early days, the timetable is going to need a bit of tweaking but it's here and it's a great start."

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell, standing in for transport Minister Keith Brown, praised the town for turning out to see the ferry and expressed hopes it would become a per-

manent fixture.

He said: "To arrive in Campbelltown and see not just the pipe band, but so many people who had turned out to see this historic day was really very exciting."

"I think the three-year experiment is the right way to start on it, but if there is a really strong pick-up I imagine people will very quickly say this works for us."

Women say thanks by walking Great Glen Way in just over 24 hours

TWO WEST Highland women tramped the 76-mile Great Glen Way from Fort William to Inverness in just over a day to raise funds for a Glasgow hospital.

Elaine Cameron and Liz Proudlock left Banavie, near Fort William and arrived at Inverness Castle an incredible 27 hours 59 minutes later.

Elaine, from Invergarry, and Liz, of Fort Augustus, were exhausted after their marathon trek from Lochaber to the Highland capital.

But all the aches and pains were worth it after they raised more than £1,300 for the Queen Elizabeth National Spinal Injuries Unit at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.

Elaine, 35, had a special reason for taking on the challenge - her father Ewen, from Balmagaster, was left paralysed by an accident at work in 2001 and spent several months in the unit.

Thanks to the care and support of the hospital's specialised staff, he was able to adapt and enjoy life to the fullest.



Elaine, right, and Liz take a well deserved break at Inverness

Elaine, who works at HWEnergy at Torulduy, told *The Oban Times*: "Myself and Liz are both, along with my family, delighted to be giving something back to the hospital that did so much for my dad."

'Tough'

"The amount of money we have raised so far is fantastic and way more than we ever anticipated when we decided to do this challenge."

"It was tough, further than either of us have ever attempted to walk before."

"But the support we were given by everybody was amazing - all the texts and calls throughout really kept us going."

"The section from Aberchelder to Fort Augustus was undoubtedly the toughest as it was well into the night and cold and miserable."

"The last 21 miles from Drumadroch were hard and at times we did begin to doubt ourselves, but coming over Dunain Hill and seeing the finish at Inverness Castle was a real relief and we walked in to Inverness in sunshine."

Fort William woman admits false claims for £17,000 in benefits

A FORT William woman has admitted falsely claiming nearly £17,000 in benefits.

Allison MacDonald pled guilty to telling the Department of Work and Pensions she was separated from her husband, despite the fact he was giving her money every month.

The 42-year-old also admitted falsely claiming housing benefit and council tax deductions from Highland Council.

The offences occurred on October 10 and December 16, 2008, and August 2, 2011.

Sheriff Noel McPartlin deferred sentencing MacDonald, of 20 Ross Place, until June 19 for reports.

Highland Council adopts zero tolerance policy on littering

HIGHLAND Council's transport, environmental and community services committee has launched a new zero tolerance campaign on littering.

Under the scheme, additional staff will be authorised to enforce the law relating to litter and fly-tipping. Waste Management and Environmental Health staff will carry out joint enforcement days and the council will encourage local communities to organise events aimed at keeping their communities free of litter.

TFC Services chairman Graham Phillips: "We all need to take a zero tolerance approach to littering across all ages and refuse to accept it. We need to get clean-up opportunities embedded into our communities so that we all play a part."

Man denies tractor theft

A MAN has been accused of trying to steal a tractor and trailer at South Laggan.

Stephen Mitchell, of 63 Hinkar Way, Eyemouth denies the attempted theft, and a second charge of stealing red diesel. The alleged incidents occurred between May 11 and May 14 last year.

The 23-year-old is due to stand trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on June 18.

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Down Your Way

Tarbert, Loch Fyne



52 pupils Haden Smith, Jacquelyn Clark, Judy Gorman, Emily Gilmour and Ben Davies show off their finished quilts. 20_c22blankets01

PUPILS at Tarbert Academy have been using their home economics classes to help premature babies throughout the UK by making colourful blankets. The S2 home economics class has been combining art with manufacturing by creating the quilts from the initial printing block all the way through to making it. The school's HE and enterprise teacher, Heather Dixon, said: 'A huge amount of planning and thought goes into it. It's about how things are constructed and made. They see things go from raw materials to a finished product. The quilts, which are now all mostly completed, will be donated to Bonnie Babies in Campbelltown, which is a UK-wide charity helping families with premature babies.'

TARBERT is to become a pilgrimage hub to coincide with the 1,450th anniversary of St Columba landing on Scottish shores. The village's parish church has been recognised as one of the hubs on the St Columba Pilgrim Way, part of a number of pilgrimage routes organised by Scotland's Churches Trust.

Those wishing to walk in St Columba's footsteps can journey a whopping 743 miles, from Inverary to Tain, taking in Campbelltown, Islay and Jura, Lochgilphead, Iona, Oban, Mallaig and Inverness on the way. This route is believed to be similar to the route St Columba took as he travelled from Ireland to Kintyre in 563. He then continued up the west coast, visiting Iona, before heading to Portmahomack in the north of Scotland.

Those visiting Tarbert during their pilgrimage can get a special 'pilgrim passport' stamped along the way before heading down to the next hub site in Campbelltown.

Ian MacIntyre, a member of Tarbert and Skipness community council, explained: 'The church is unfortunately closed due to renovation work but we are using the church gift shop on Harbour Street for anyone who wants to get their 'passport' stamped.'

THE RHYTHM of Brazil can be heard throughout the corridors of Tarbert Academy after pupils at the school took up playing the samba drums. Children from P6 and P7 have started samba drum lessons, which they have been doing for two weeks. It is hoped that after some more practise they will put on a performance for their fellow pupils as part of a tea party.



Celebrations are being held for the completion of works at Tarbert Castle. 20_c22tarbertcastle01

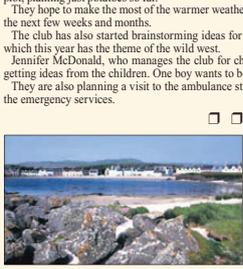
TARBERT Castle is to celebrate completion of renovation works with a medieval-themed event on Saturday, June 1. Since 2005, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust has been working to improve the condition of the Tower House section of the castle, which sits on a hill overlooking the village.

After ownership of the castle transferred to the trust, work began to stabilise the ruin, to clear the area around the ruins of litter and alien vegetation and consolidate the stonework ruins. Scottish Government grants of £748,000, £16,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and

£110,000 of loans from residents, relatives of residents, businesses, groups and visitors have allowed the work to take place, with volunteers doing much of the work. Robert McPhail, project coordinator at Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, said: 'In only five years the scheduled site has been transformed from an overgrown and neglected area in the centre of the village, with the significant historical ruins rapidly decaying to a valuable public open space. 'The trust is confident that when completed not only will a monument of national importance have been saved from further ravages of time but the area will have a heritage site in a magnificent location attracting visitors to the village and Kintyre Way in addition to providing residents with a usable and sustainable open space together with a learning resource for future generations.'

The primary school has also been getting involved in the castle project. Biddy Simpson, from Archaeology Scotland, recently visited the P5/6 class at Tarbert Academy and explained what kind of people lived in the castle, with the aim that several will dress up and take part in a Medieval Meleé on Saturday. She said: 'Two of the classes are trying to put together a young people's activity sheet so families and kids can have information to explore the castle. 'A huge amount of work has been done at the castle. It's making the site much more accessible and interesting. The event on Saturday is a chance for people in Tarbert to celebrate the completion of the work at the castle. It will be on all day from 10am until 4pm, with games, an appearance by Robert the Bruce and the raising of a flag. Primary 3/6 teacher Kathryn Cooper hopes her pupils will get involved. She said: 'It's part of their heritage and it's part of their village.'

GREEN fingered cowboys are running around at Tarbert After School Club as children get involved with both gardening and the village's Sea Food Festival. The club, which meets after school every day during term time, has already started its own garden plot, planting just potatoes so far. They hope to make the most of the warmer weather and plant some carrots, peas and cabbage over the next few weeks and months. The club has also started brainstorming ideas for its float at the Tarbert Seafood Festival in July, which this year has the theme of the wild west. Jennifer McDonald, who manages the club for children aged primary one to seven, said: 'We're getting ideas from the children. One boy wants to be a tumble weed! They are also planning a visit to the ambulance station in the next few weeks to learn more about the emergency services.'



Next week Down Your Way visits the Isle of Islay

LISMORE

LISMORE is 'Pointless'. What we all suspected has been verified on BBC one's very popular quiz programme where the aim is to identify answers that nobody in a largish sample would have given, known as pointless answers. Anyone answering questions on islands in the Inner Hebrides who gave Lismore or Oransay scored well as absolutely nobody had heard of the island. And this despite its best efforts in *The Oban Times*, on Facebook, Twitter and with so many websites talking to the world. All publicity is good publicity usually except that Oransay is 543 hectares with 5 people and Lismore is 2351 hectares and almost 200 people.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lismore Lumiere for showing another two very popular films on the weekend of 10 May. Islanders are lucky to have the chance to see things on a big screen without having to go off the island and the event is always value-added with cocktails, popcorn and a variety of refreshments.

'Quartet' was deemed a great feel good movie about a home for retired musicians into which walks a real diva and 'Life of Pi' from the Booker winning novel made the unlikely story of boy and a tiger at sea together having survived a disaster, most gripping.

NINETEEN islanders (and two dogs) took part in the recent Appin Moonwalk for Breast Cancer Week walking the seven miles round the shores of Loch Crean. This biennial event was very well supported with 140 walkers in all and a big thank you has gone out to the organisers, sponsors and helpers. The weather was good and the total raised so far is in excess of £7,500.

ONE OF Argyll's most treasured gardens has been given a reprieve from drastic measures to stop the spread of disease. Arduaine Garden, south of Oban, had been suffering from plant pathogen Phytophthora ramorum, or sudden oak death,

and staff had been ordered to fell or kill all larch trees by January 2014. But recent aerial surveys carried out by Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) has shown the disease has not progressed as rapidly as expected. As a result the order to fell 1,000 trees has been suspended pending ongoing and vigorous monitoring. Maurice Wilkins, head gardener at Arduaine, said: 'Visitors will have noticed very little change to the wonderful setting and plant collections at Arduaine despite the issues we have been dealing with. 'We are optimistic that this very welcome news from FCS means that some of the more drastic actions we had expected to take are now no longer necessary and that there is even less to concern visitors. 'We are very grateful for the swift and prudent actions of FCS and all of the help and support they have given us.'

RAASAY A COMMUNITY group trying to buy and run the local shop on Raasay has been backed by local MSP Dave Thompson. The Community of Raasay Retail Association Ltd (CORRA) has been working towards taking over running the shop for a number of months, and it is also keen to take the local post office on board. Mr Thompson said: 'Going to the local shop is something folk in urban mainland areas take for granted, but to lose the shop and post office on Raasay would have a hugely negative impact on the lives of the residents. 'CORRA will run the shop and post office as a non-profit enterprise, ploughing any profits back into the business and this will benefit the island and the residents immensely.'

KILCHOAN KILCHOAN Football Club have kicked off their summer season with a trip to play Selkirk Victoria in the Borders. As well as some familiar faces, Scott and Fraser Tough, Jason Hendrie and Will Kelly all made their debuts for Britain's most westerly club. The game was an exciting end-to-end affair, with both sides attacking the goals. But the visitors narrowly lost 5-4 in the end. Kelly was named man of the match.

MORVERN ARDTONRISH Estate's two new hydro schemes have opened with a welcome downpour of rain. The opening of the combined 2.2MW schemes saw around 100 guests attend the ceremony. To mark the occasion, Dennis Overton of Ardornish presented the first community benefit payment of £5,000 to Dr Susan Taylor of Morvern Community Trust.

ULLAPOOL ULLAPOOL locals are being given the chance to decide on a proposed community-owned hydro project near the town. Voting papers will be sent out on June 10 to gather opinions on the hydro potential of two burns, the Allt a' Bhràighe and Allt a' Mhuilinn, in Lael Forest. Ullapool Community Trust, which is leading the project, say it could generate around £50,000 per year.

DUROR Duror Primary pupils are celebrating the award of a third Eco Schools Green Flag. It was made for the school's hard work in biodiversity and health and well being.

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CRAIGNISH

RESIDENTS in Craignish are being asked to help put together a special exhibition by pulling out a favourite artefact or piece of art. Arty Facts 2013, an exhibition of art people already own, is being held in The Wayline pop-up gallery between August 2 and 11. Residents from the Craignish peninsula are being asked to dig out any object which they feel has special meaning to them. This could be because of its age, beauty, style, function or any association it holds. A 100-word caption as to its special significance should also be submitted to be displayed in the exhibition. Organiser Alistair Allport said: 'This exhibition will, it is hoped, provide an insight into the extraordinarily diverse demographic and cultural assets of Craignish, Ardfern, Lunga and Craobh and will be of interest to visitors and residents. 'During the Arty Facts exhibition the gallery will play host to a number of creative workshops and other cultural events. For further details please contact Alistair on 01852 500734.

SEIL The boat was launched on May 19 with around 30 people present and 20 getting out for a row. This weekend's celebrations will see rowing races taking place at Ellenabeich from 12pm on Saturday with a skiff ceilidh being held in Seil Hall from 7pm while rowing events for everyone will take place on Sunday.

BARRA BARRA and Vatersay Island Produce Show has received £41,740 in funding to start a new youth organisation, Croitair Og. Young Start approved the grant for the two-year project last week. The moey will be used to employ a development officer for 16 hours a week, who will create a junior club for 8-12-year-olds and a senior club for 13-18-year-olds. Each club will have its own committee, also plan its own events and activities with support from the development officer. Croitair Og will let young people have fun, learn about and experience crofting, island and life skills. Youngsters attending will also be given the chance to have a small allotment, where they can learn about growing vegetables and other plants. Sarah MacLean, secretary and organiser of the show, said: 'We're really chuffed about it. It'll be really good for the island as a whole. 'This project will work so well with other projects currently running including Hebridean Living and Bùth Bharraigh. 'This will also involve passing on skills from one generation to another and will help to keep traditional practises alive.'

REGATTA and ceilidh will be held this weekend to highlight and celebrate the completion of the Seil Skiff. The boat was launched on May 19 with around 30 people present and 20 getting out for a row. This weekend's celebrations will see rowing races taking place at Ellenabeich from 12pm on Saturday with a skiff ceilidh being held in Seil Hall from 7pm while rowing events for everyone will take place on Sunday.



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Football club finds firmer footing

FORT William Football Club has been saved from possible financial meltdown by a group of prominent Lochaber businessmen.

Stewart MacLean, Gerald MacIntyre, Drew Purdon and Stewart Leitch were unanimously appointed to the committee on Monday night after laying out plans to place the club on a more sound financial footing.

The annual general meeting heard the club was hemorrhaging money, with net assets dropping from £17,755 at the end of last season to just £1,366 this year.

A perfect storm of issues led to the massive drop off - including the loss of a £12,000 Scottish Football Association discretionary grant, a water bill backdated five years and a 40 per cent drop in lotto tickets sales.

On the pitch, the team have finished bottom of the Highland League for a third year in a row and struggled to attract players.

Mr MacLean said the move was a 'positive step forward' for the club.

He said: 'We as a group are willing to give our time, our individual expertise, some immediate financial assistance and our contacts to the club. Contacts are important when you're looking for sponsorship.'

'There are a lot of significant issues which require to be addressed, including ground licensing, the operation of the social club, and also funds for the manager to strengthen the team.'

'Our overall plan is to introduce a corporate governance to the club and to broaden the base of financial support for the club.'

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REPORT BY RICHARD HADDOCK fort@obantimes.co.uk

'We believe our success will be measured when we can step down from the committee leaving a youthful and sustainable group to run the club, which by that time will be about the middle of the league, hopefully.'

'A successful football club brings with it much more than success on the field. It brings a feel-good factor and economic benefits to the overall community.'

He added: 'We do not have all the answers. But we are seriously in the last chance saloon, and that is hopefully what we can take it out of.'

Club captain Andy Martin said the news of fresh investment had boosted morale in the dressing room.

He said: 'Coming towards the end of the season, everyone was looking forward to getting it over and done with, but now everyone is looking forward to next season, so already it's had a positive effect.'

Manager Danny Conlon said: 'With the new people coming on board it will hopefully make my job a bit easier, and it might make the whole club run a bit smoother.'

Mr MacIntyre said the club would likely be relaunched as a community interest group in coming weeks, making it eligible for grants and removing financial liability from committee members.

Mr Purdon added: 'I don't want to be here at any time to see the last rites get read over this football club, it's far too important to the community and the town. Fort William deserves a good football club.'



The walkers stop while crossing the Caledonian Canal for photo with The Oban Times 20.12.2011

Crowds gather for 'Heather's Walk' along canal banks

MORE THAN 200 people - twice as many as predicted - turned out for the annual two-mile sponsored walk 'Heather's Walk' in Corpach on Sunday.

Hospice funds
The event, organised by Margaret Simpson and Sarah Walker in memory of their close friend Heather Robertson,

raised £6,000 for Highland Hospice.

The sun shone as the field were piped from Kilmallie Community Centre and headed along the Caledonian Canal. But a strong breeze meant the temperatures didn't reach the baking levels of last year, much to the delight of the walkers.

Sarah Walker tackled the walk in a bee costume - the new mascot for Highland Hospice.

She told The Oban Times: 'We had just over 200 taking part, which was great. All the stalls were busy as well, the whole day was fantastic.'

'We want to thank all the individuals who took part and the

local businesses who supported us in making this day one of the most successful so far.'

An auction and raffle was held in Tradewinds in the evening to further boost the coffers, with music provided by Ian Joseph MacDonald and Malcolm Hughes. Heather's Walk has now

raised around £56,000 since its inception, and a 'thermometer' to measure the amount raised has been erected outside the Co-op in Corpach.

The sign was created free of charge by local company All Round Designs to keep locals informed of how much the charity has raised.

Glennelg hears of energy opportunities

WEST COAST communities must have the chance to claim a share in lucrative offshore renewable energy developments.

'That was the message from Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch SNP MSP Dave Thompson following Friday's public meeting on tidal power scheme between Skye and the mainland.'

Mr Thompson, who addressed the gathering in Glennelg and Arnisdale Community Hall, faced criticism over a perceived lack of government support for Glennelg and Arnisdale Community Trust's bid for a stake in the project.

Marine Current Turbines, owned by German giant Sie-

mens, want to site four turbines on the seabed between Glennelg and Kylerhea.

Local resident rejected the proposal at an earlier meeting in Kyleakin. Mr Thompson has now written to energy minister Fergus Ewing urging him to ensure remote communities don't lose out.

Proposing an infrastructure fund to which developers would contribute then communities could bid into for their own infrastructure projects, the MSP said: 'I believe that, as offshore technologies approach maturity, it will be important to ensure that communities deserve a fair share of the vast benefits these

resources will bring, and by building on our experience with on shore renewable technology we can have a robust system of community benefit in place.'

Glennelg and Arnisdale Community Trust chairman John Maclean felt 'a bit sorry' for Mr Thompson at the meeting.

He said: 'He was trying to justify the unjustifiable, saying because of Maggie Thatcher [privatising power] and Westminster spending cuts they had no option but to use the big utilities. We accept the tidal potential is there and somebody will develop it, but we don't really care who it is as long as we can take claim a share in it.'

Small Isles builds creative industries hub after course

THE SMALL Isles has a new creative industries hub following a successful two-day business start-up workshop led by an Egg businesswoman and Business Gateway Lochaber.

The move came after Lucy Conway, founder of the Egg Box - a new creative workspace based on the island - asked Business Gateway to support her concept.

And the initiative paid off when 13 Egg-based businesses including musicians, artists, writers and crafts people attended the course. Textile workers, filmmakers,

bakers, event organisers and web designers also signed up to the Egg Box project, which will offer accommodation to many of the island's micro-businesses.

Ms Conway said: 'Egg Box turns on its head the notion that a centre of entrepreneurship and creativity needs to be at the centre of population.'

'Egg Box makes the remote centre.'

Simon Purdon, Lochaber's regional development officer at Business Gateway, said the project would benefit both pre-start and already trading businesses.

Final stage at Lochaber High starts Monday

THE £11 million final stage of refurbishments at Lochaber High School is set to get underway on Monday.

Elgin-based firm Robertson Northern have been awarded the contract to carry out the refurbishments and extensions. More than £26 million has been spent improving the school since 2008.

The work will include a new dining kitchen, entrance, admin and library block, refurbishment of the assembly hall, demolition of existing admin block, installation of bus shelters and resurfacing of the car park.

Head teacher Jim Sutherland said: 'This stage of the work will really transform the way our school building works and will provide a learning environment that will be truly inspirational.'

Residents to question Gairloch camping pod plan

LOCAL residents are to quiz Scottish Canals about controversial plans to build 'camping pods' at Gairloch.

The waterways agency plans to place the wooden structures at eight locations along the Caledonian Canal - including Gairloch, Banavie, Fort Augustus and Moy.

SC representative Francis Piddling will brief Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achacarry Community Council on the move on Tuesday but community council chair John Fotheringham claimed local opinion was firmly against.

He said: 'There's quite a lot of people come up here wild camping already, and there are concerns about litter and fouling. There is also very limited access for vehicles at Gairloch.'

'A lot of people go out on Loch Lochy without knowing one end of a canoe from the other. Encouraging more people here to canoe without having the proper safety infrastructure in place could be dangerous.'

Scottish Canals maintain the pods would boost tourism and benefit local businesses.

The meeting in Spean Bridge Primary School opens at 7pm.

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Don't fix figures and forget the patients

LATEST statistics reveal that waiting times in hospital accident and emergency units throughout the country are not being met.

One in 10 patients will wait longer than the target figure of four hours. In the first month of this year across Scotland less than 90 per cent of accident and emergency patients were either admitted, transferred for treatment or discharged, within the set guideline time. NHS North Lanarkshire recorded only 83.5 per cent of patients in accident and emergency were dealt with within the four-hour target time.

There may be several factors which have combined to create these figures. The demands of an ageing population, the seasonal extension of winter weather or simply that there are not sufficient unoccupied beds to allow the hard pressed A&E department staff to clear their sector.

Whatever the root of the problem, let the solution benefit the patients, not simply fix the figures.

GLASGOW LETTER

West End Festival 2013

AN LOCHAN is delighted to announce that together with their partners, Ionaigh Ghaidhlig Glaschu and Conradh an Gaeilge, they will organise a total of 16 Gaelic language and cultural events during the West End Festival 2013.

Some will be on a weekly basis and I shall highlight them as the festival progresses. In the series of workshops of Gaelic songs the first will be Songs of Mull presented by Alasdair Whyte and it will take place in An Leann, Mansfield Street, from 7pm to 8.30pm on Monday June 3.

For more information email linda@anlochran.com or tel 0141 541 1025.

On Wednesday June 5 there will be the opportunity to learn some Gaelic in a Wee Blas of Scottish Gaelic at the same venue and at the same time with details available from flos@glaschu.org or tel 0141 339 2023.

St Peter's Church Hall on Hyndland Street will be the venue for those feeling more energetic when the evenings of A Taste of Scottish Step Dancing get underway with Joy Dunlop from 7pm to 8pm. Booking is essential, email linda@anlochran.com or tel 0141 541 1025.

Oran Mor Concerts

ON BOTH Wednesday June 5 and Thursday June 6 the auditorium in Oran Mor should be well filled for concerts suited to supporters of traditional music.

As part of their five venue tour of the United Kingdom Gentiumorum, a trio of energetic instrumental music based in Montreal, will be there on the Wednesday.

It will be the first of Breachob on Thursday, fresh from their visit to New York as part of the Scotland Week festivities and their Royal Concert Hall appearance with the Glasgow Phoenix Choir.

This will be their first concert of an 11-venue tour throughout Scotland. The current line-up of Calum MacCrimmon, Megan Henderson, James MacKenzie, Ewan Robertson and James Lindsay were worthy winners of the Traditional Band of the Year 2013 and their next CD should be available in November 2013.

Tickets for both concerts are available from the venue or 08444 771000.

Drama at Tramway

PAULINE Goldsmith's Bright Colours Only will be performed at 7.30pm in the Tramway on both Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8.

Correction

LAST week's Glasgow letter contained the wrong email address for tickets for the Paisley Mod Grand Ball. It should have read modpalsig@yahoo.co.uk. Apologies for the error.

YOUR LETTERS

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1952 - 1st Oban Company of the Boys Brigade

This week's flashback picture comes from Bill MacLaughlin, formerly of Oban and now living in Irton, Manchester. It shows the bugler of the 1st Oban Company of the Boys Brigade on the occasion of the Proclamation of Elizabeth II as Queen. The picture shows, from left to right, Tommy MacFarlane, Walter Campbell, Alan Hill, Freddie Davies and Cameron Summerville in Oban town centre for the celebrations. Please send prints to The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, or email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

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How do MPs and MSPs vote on our energy issues?

Sir,
It is becoming clear that no economy can tolerate this upwards march of fossil fuel prices, and given that we in Scotland have much potential to use and export wind, wave, tidal, hydro and even solar power, we simply need to invest very heavily in the required infrastructure.

The Energy Bill going through Westminster is a crucial opportunity to move decisively into the huge growth area of renewable energy, and to avoid being ripped off further or held to ransom by nations and multinational corporations with their hands on the gas and oil taps.

A firm target needs to be set to push this, so MPs need to think of all our grandchildren's future and their green promises in manifestos past, and see through the wild promises of more oil and cheap nuclear and the associated drippings of party funding.

Please would your newspaper start to publish a voting record of the MSPs and MPs in your area with a brief description of the issue involved?

It can only help us all value and participate in democracy, and might be a spur to think of the future. David Bassett, Southend, Campheltova

Has Dunbeg lost green space for nothing?

Sir,
In the past I have used your letters page to cast doubt on HIE's pronouncements on building the new science park at Dunstaffnage.

I am pleased to say that this time I entirely agree with Morag Goodfellow when she says that there really had been a demand for such a centre, then private enterprise would have built it.

Why then did HIE see fit to run a perfectly good, well-used green space with a beautiful beach?

The councillors, past and present, and the HIE representative,

overwhelming popular vote. Like the new hybrid passenger ferry powered by diesel and electricity, the previous 'Lochinvar' was a leader in the new technology of the day, starting life as the fastest triple-screw diesel vessel in the world.

Just two weeks ago I visited the site where that gallant RMS Lochinvar perished in a storm at the mouth of the Humber.

The Lochinvar displayed in her dining saloon six paintings based on Sir Walter Scott's 'Young Lochinvar', thus distinguishing the origin of her name from the geographical Loch names of all other MacBrayne vessels.

These paintings were subsequently acquired somehow by the now defunct Royal Naval Reserve shore establishment at South Queensferry.

I would therefore urge The Oban Times and its readers, recognising the continuing popularity of the name in the west of Scotland, to help restore the cultural inheritance of these six paintings to a safe cultural base in Argyll, where they may be publicly and properly appreciated as part of our heritage.

Fears over 'Rockfield for free'

Sir,
I hope that the idea of giving away the Rockfield site away for free is just a throw away idea to capture our interest? (The Oban Times, May 23)

After years of turning down offers to potential buyers, which would have resulted in revenue for a cash strapped council it seems strange for the council to be thinking of giving away the site for free.

If the council do decide however to go ahead with this harebrained idea why not offer the site to any interested people or groups.

Why should ACHA be singled out for this largess from the council?

At the very least it would be fairer if all the different people not to mention other housing associations, were to be given an equal chance to compete for the site. They should apply for it explaining what they would do with the site and how it would benefit the community.

Sarah Swain-Nisbett, Oban Bringing Lochinvar back to the west

Sir,
I was delighted to read that Caledonian MacBrayne has resurrected that gallant name of Lochinvar, and, even better, that it was confirmed by such an

£10,000 thanks to the generosity of the Glasgow Company of Stationers who included the Islay station in their largesse when the company was wound up last year.

The local committee is led by Margaret Hastie and, although small in number, are tireless in their efforts and have a presence at all major events on the island.

They would like to attract new members to assist in their charity work and are anxious to recruit younger members who will bring energy and fresh ideas to their efforts. If you are so minded Margaret would be delighted to hear from you.

Further fund raising activities planned include the annual gala day in the ground of Islay House at the beginning of August and a visit from the Oban and Lorne Fiddlers in September.

The committee is also providing a seat in memory of Yvonne MacEachern who was an active member of their number and whose untimely death close to two years ago saddened all.

The suitably inscribed seat will be placed on the shore of

Beachd Ailein

Ailean Caimbeul

CLUINNEAR DAOGINE gu tric ag ràdh nach eil leithid de rud ann ri droch fhollaiseachd agus nach bu chuir cagal a bhith aig neach neo gnomhachas san bhith bho nochdadh sna meadhan.

The cumhain' agam air còmhraidh le Iain Noble bliadhnaichean air ais mun chùis air seo agus gun tairt gun foadhadh an fheallsamh a bhith fhaicidh air a' chùis, ach na bheachd-san cha robh e idir fhaicidh aneacraim a bu chòir a bhith cha mhòr am falach air cùl chùisean! Bidh mi tric a' smaoinachadh air dè chanaidh Iain mu na th' air tachairt ann an saoghal na bheachd-san nas lugha fo bhuaidh chumhachd nam meadhan, tha e fàs nas dorra tachartasan agus fiosrachaidh a chumail diomhair. Anns an t-seachd sin, tha mi a' creidsinn gun robh cùid de na nochdadh ann na meadhan mun deidhinn fhèin tha nam beagan bhliadhnaichean a dh'fhalbh agus na thàinig am follais ann an rannsachadh a' Mhorair Leveson pait cho gràineil ri cealgaireachd saoghal an ionmhais. Ach ged a bha glaochaidh gu leòr ann a' sireadh smachd air paipcaran-naidheachd, cho fad 's is arithne dhonn chan eil a' mhòr-shluagh air cùl a' chuir a' fear san bhith chun na h-ìre chruithes a' dha. Tha sannt agam air naidheachdan agus a' reir coltais, mar is grànde iad 's ann as motha tha air miann orra. Chan e suidheachadh ur san bhith a' seo agus tha mi creidsinn gun bheil an t-ire gun leudaidh gnomhachas naidheachdan an t-saoghail na dhearbhadh air meud an t-arrachd leantainn a' dha ri riarrachadh. Bliadhnaichean air ais, bha farpais làitheil eadar foillsichearan airson s' gheulachd, ach an-dèigh tha am prìomh fharpais naidheachd fo smachd chraoladair agus a' dol ceithir uinnean fichead gach làthair. Le suidheachdan den t-seòrsa sin chan longachd ged a bhiodh aithris an agas ionmhachan gun foillsachadh nach eil idir ionmhachd, airson caochladh ddabhair. Mar eisimpleir, rudan nach eil fregarrach dha clann fhacain. Canaidh luchd-deasachaidh, le tomhas de cheartas, gun bheil còrr aig a' mhòr-shluagh air an fhoillsachadh agus gur ann air pàrantaan a' chana a' dhasntas dìon a' chur air a' cùil cloinne.

Le uinneach cho farsaing seo air tachartasan an t-saoghail, chan e annas san bhith a' th' ann a' bhith a' faicinn cheannachaidh a' gabhail còmhaidh foillsachaidh dhan cùil adhbhair fhèin. Ann an dòigh, 's e tha na annas ach nach eil fada a bharrachd den t-seòrsa ladramais sin air tachairt ura na chana fòrsaigeat a' cheart cho cinnteach ris na h-uinneagan!

THE APPARENTLY insatiable appetite for news maintains an incessant world media competition for headlines, and every intrusion is justified by the public's right to know.

With such windows on world affairs growing wider we should not be surprised when terrorists take advantage of the resource for publicity.

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Times Diary

GIVEN the very late Spring and fluctuating temperatures, we deserve a smile at one of the many listings currently circulating on the internet under the heading 'You know you are Scottish when...'

It reads: 'You know you are Scottish when scattered showers with outbreaks of sunshine and a cold northerly wind, is your idea of good weather.'

OUR thanks to Mrs Robertson of Inverness who tells us that her elderly next door neighbour recently told her that she had just finished a course of antibiotics.

Mrs Robertson showed concern and said that she didn't realise that her neighbour had been unwell. 'Oh I wasn't', her neighbour assured her, 'my husband didn't finish his tablets and you cannae waste good antibiotics.'

THANKS also to Mary Paterson for her Facebook message highlighting a wine retailer who displays the notice: 'Wine is to woman, as duct tape is to men - it fixes everything!'

After a heated debate between a couple in Oban plus an old and well known character standing nearby finally finished his pint, shook his head, and stated: 'A smart husband is one who thinks twice before saying nothing.'

He left to a round of applause!

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

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ISLAY LETTER

Ballygrant Loch in the Kilmeny district where Yvonne lived.

Glasgow Islay AGM
The Glasgow Islay Association holds its annual general meeting in Partick Burgh Hall on Thursday, June 6, at 7pm.

This will mark the completion of Malcolm Campbell's highly successful three year term of presidency during which he oversaw the association's 150th anniversary celebrations. Malcolm's successor, the association's 28th president to date, will be chosen at this meeting.

Islay Mod
Mòd Ile 2013, with increased entries, takes place in the local high school at Bownmore on Saturday, June 8.

Competitions begin at 9.30am and these will encompass solo singing, choral, poetry and instrumental.

The prize winners' concert and presentation of the main awards will take place in the school's assembly hall on the same evening at 7.30pm. Hugie Smiley, 1000 Street, Bownmore, Islay PA43 7JX.

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Cool man jailed for 'prolonged and humiliating attack' on girl

A CAOL man who threatened his then teenage girlfriend with assault on the 17-year-old after she tried to break up with him has been jailed for four months.

Alexander Williamson was found guilty of carrying out the three-hour early morning assault on the 17-year-old after a three day trial at Fort William Sheriff Court.

Williamson punched and slapped her, poured drink and aftershave over her head, stubbed out a cigarette on her hand and set her clothes ablaze in the back garden on June 23 last year.

The 23-year-old also seized the woman by the throat during the assault.

Injured
The teenager was left with a black eye, cuts on her chest and ear, and marks on her left arm. Williamson, of 4 Glenmalie Terrace, claimed the woman had attacked him after he accused her of cheating on him, but procurator fiscal Alison Wylie said he gave three different versions of events - to hospital staff, to police and in court.

Defense solicitor Gerry Sweeney argued for Williamson to be given a community payback order rather than a prison term, pointing out his client still denied the offence.

But Sheriff Noel McPartlin said: 'This was a serious offence. It was a prolonged and humiliating attack. I have no doubt the victim was badly affected by it. I think there has to be a custodial sentence in this case.'

Camanachd Cup draw at Spean

THE DRAW for the quarter finals of the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup will take place in the scenic surroundings of the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge on Monday.

Shinty historian Hugh Dan MacLennan and Camanachd Association President Archie Robertson will make the draw at 12pm.

Musicians, Fort William player Gary Innes and former Fort William shinty club trainer Fergie MacDonald will also attend the event.

Both are performing at the 2013 BLAS show 'Shinty's heroes: Curaidhean na Camanachd' at the Nevis Centre in Fort William the evening before the Camanachd Cup final at An Aird on Saturday, September 14.

Volunteers wanted for litter pick

UPPER Achintore Regeneration Group in Fort William is looking for helpers to join a two-hour litter pick on Saturday morning.

Volunteers are asked to meet at Upper Achintore Primary School gates at 10am where gloves, litter pickers and black bin bags will be available. Children are very welcome but if under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult.

'Ghost' vandals strike at Caol

FIVE properties in Caol were vandalised with red spray paint on Monday May 20.

The premises, including houses and commercial buildings, were spray painted with the word 'ghost' and a image of a ghost.

Cash stolen in Fort Augustus robbery

A THREE figure sum of cash was stolen from a bed and breakfast in Fort Augustus between 9am and 12pm on Monday May 20.

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LSA await vital cash bid

LOCHABER Sports Association will know in around six weeks whether a vital cash bid to the Scottish Communities Foundation has been successful.

LSA needs £7,000 to progress its business plan for a proposed £1million indoor training sports centre at Lochaber High School.

Local councillors have already pledged £5,250 from their wards' discretionary budget, leaving LSA to find the remaining 25 per cent.

Chair Jane Blanchard confirmed a bid for £1,750 had been lodged with the SCF and was hopeful the cash would be approved.

She told The Oban Times: 'If we don't get it then we will have to do a big back a Morrisons. At this stage we are not going direct to the clubs or the community to raise money. We will be doing that for the capital expenditure stage.'

The training centre is widely regarded as being vital to increasing access to sport in Lochaber, especially in winter when outdoor pitches are often out of use through snow, frost or waterlogging.

The project endured a somewhat chequered start but recently won the broad backing of Highland Council following a clear air meeting in Inverness.

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Ms Blanchard said: 'Thanks to a generous 75 per cent funding from the Wards Discretionary Fund, we have commissioned Inverness-based Alan Jones Associates to develop a business plan that makes everyone happy - potential funders and all stakeholders.'

'We need it so everybody will be in total agreement. We don't want the business case to be based on any assumptions. It has to be watertight.'

'It will examine revenue streams, costs, management, access, procurement procedures from the Wards Discretionary Fund, which will depend on how much it can be let out for.'

Next important date for the project is June 18, when LSA representatives meet with Highland Council, Highlife Highland, sportsotland and Alan Jones Associates to firm up objectives and the timescale for the business plan.



Local children and some of those who helped create the Kilchoan Community Park celebrate its opening

Community playpark opens at Kilchoan

YEARS of hard work and fundraising having finally come to fruition for a remote Lochaber community after their new village play park opened.

More than 200 people turned out for the grand opening of Kilchoan Community Park on Saturday, with the youngsters rushing in to try out the new facilities.

The ribbon was cut by youngster Holly Cameron, whose brother Caleb died in a tragic accident in 2009. A memorial plaque in the new park is dedicated to his memory.

Locals raised £100,000 over the past 11 years to fund the creation of the park after the old playground was closed by Highland Council.

West Ardnarmurchan Community Council secretary Jac Crooke said the community was very proud of their 'unique' park.

She said: 'Over 200 people attended the official opening and we look forward to welcoming locals and visitors alike over the coming months.'

Open top bus service for tourists to Lochaber

VISITORS to Lochaber will have a new big city-style attraction to look forward to when an open top bus service starts in the area next Tuesday.

Six-day service
The double-decker Stagecoach bus will run throughout the summer months between Fort William and the Commando Memorial near Spean Bridge, stopping at Glen Nevis and Nevis Range on the way.

There will be two return journeys on route 42 from Tuesday to Thursday, with three

journeys on Friday to Sunday, with no service on Mondays.

Stagecoach managing director Steve Walker said: 'The Lochaber area is one of great natural beauty so it is very exciting for us to be able to give passengers the chance to admire the area from the top deck of our open top bus.'

'The whole route will offer spectacular views of Ben Nevis and its neighbouring hills and mountains and is a fantastic journey to be discovered from a different perspective.'

Arisaig teenager had 'new' drug

AN ARISAIG teenager was found with a new class A drug which nearly stunned police investigators.

Daniel Campbell, aged 18, admitted possessing metocin at a Fes na Mara event at Mallaig Community Hall on October 5.

Fiscal Alison Wylie said the drug, also known as 4-HO-MET, required extensive forensic analysis before police could determine its identity.

Campbell, of 5 New Street, also pled guilty to possessing ecstasy in the same incident.

Defence solicitor Hamish Melrose said there was a 'very small quantity' of drugs, which were for personal use.

Fining Campbell £300, Sheriff Noel McPartlin said the new drug seemed similar to crystal meth.

He said: 'I'm sure you're aware of the dangers of ecstasy. As for the second drug, not much is known about it. It is a matter of some concern this drug is in circulation in this area.'

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Two poachers fined after deer shot in Glen Etive

Rifles and equipment worth more than £2,000 forfeited

TWO men from have admitted travelling to Glencoe from Ayrshire to illegally shoot two red deer stags.

Game dealer Arran McGregor, aged 24, of 36 Bryce Avenue, Logan, Cumnock, and Brian Fletcher, of 10 Elms Place, Stevenston, pled guilty to shooting the deer in Glen Etive at around 1.30am on May 8.

Former gamekeeper Fletcher, aged 47, also admitted using illegal ammunition.

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Police warn after rural thefts

POLICE have appealed for property owners, especially in remote areas, to secure their premises after tools and equipment were stolen near Strontian.

A quantity of tools were taken from an insecure garage at Drimmarrochan Farm, Strontian overnight between Monday May 20 and Tuesday May 21 and a chainsaw was stolen from an insecure garage at Longrigg, Strontian between Thursday May 9 and Monday May 20.

A Fort William Police spokesperson said: 'We would ask householders and commercial property owners to take the simple step of securing their respective

properties to prevent and deter opportunistic thefts.

'The area has been the target of criminals with numerous thefts in remote rural areas.'

'Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity that they see in their areas.'

'Your calls and information are important and will be acted upon.'

Any person with any knowledge of the above incidents is asked to contact local police on 101, the charity line on 01397 702000 or confidentially to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Sheriff orders Corpach man to stay away from victim for two years

A CORPACH man who stalked a yoga instructor for more than five months has been ordered to stay away from the woman for the next two years.

Robert Bloomfield was also told to carry out 100 hours unpaid for leaving voicemail messages on the woman's mobile saying he was in love with her after attending her yoga class.

The former Big Issue seller was seen numerous times watching the yoga class through a window, and also approached the woman on Fort William High Street.

Despite warnings from police and her husband, the 33-year-old sent a text message to the woman on Valentine's Day claiming he was in love with her.

Defending, Hamish Melrose said Bloomfield 'kept his distance from the lady' since he was charged and had not been to her class since February.

Bloomfield, of the Caravan, Annet Point, pled guilty to causing the woman fear and alarm between September 27 and March 5.

Sheriff Noel McPartlin gave Bloomfield a non-harassment order, which prohibits him from approaching or contacting the woman for two years, and warned him breaking the order would lead to further prosecution.

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FREE EVENT LISTING**

THURSDAY - May 30

10am, Ramblers Scotland Kinlochleven walk, meet Glencoe Village car park.
11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.
11.30pm, Skippin'ish Thursday night disco, Oban.
1.30pm, Musical Minds, An Roth, Craignure, Mull.
6.30pm, Two performances of Blar will take place at Bowmore Hall, Islay on 30 May at 6.30pm, Blar, Bowmore Hall, Islay.
7pm, Clay pigeon shooting, Lorn, Clay Target Club, North Connel.
7.30pm, Mull Through the lens, Dervaig Church Hall, Mull.
8.30pm, Blar, Bowmore Hall, Islay.
11.30pm, Thursday night disco, Skippin'ish, Oban.

FRIDAY - May 31

11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.
12pm, Organ recital, Kilmore Church, Dervaig, Mull.
2.30pm, Exclusive distillery tour, Oban Distillery.
6.30pm, Pre-loved pop up shop, Kilmartin Museum.
7.30pm, Tremble, Mull Theatre, Tobermory, Mull.
7.30pm, Peter Jagger, Victory Hall, Benderloch.
9pm, Oban Mic Night, O'Donnell's, Oban.
9.30pm, Sandra MacBeth, Markie Dan's, Oban.

SATURDAY - June 1

8.30am, Ramblers Scotland Ardnamurchan walk, meet Corran ferry slip for 8.45am sailing.
11am, Stramash fun day, Hilltops, Oban.
12pm, Skiff regatta, Ellenabeich, Seil.
3pm, Bring and buy sale, Dervaig Hall, Mull.
7.30pm, Skiff cèilidh, Seil Hall.
8.30pm, Matthew Barley, An Tobar, Tobermory, Mull.
9.30pm, Crooked Reel, Markie Dan's, Oban.

SUNDAY - June 2

Skiff regatta, Ellenabeich, Seil.
1pm, Car boot sale, Benderloch Equestrian Centre.
2pm, Summer fete, Garmoy House, Mull.
2.30pm, Live accordion music, Tartan Tavern, Oban.
3.45pm, Sunday Session, Barn Bar, Lerarg.
9.30pm, Pub quiz, Markie Dan's, Oban.

MONDAY - June 3

10am, Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan shop, Oban Youth Cafe.
2.30pm, Live accordion music, Tartan Tavern, Oban.
7.30pm, Dervaig Community Village Hall AGM, Dervaig Hall, Mull.

TUESDAY - June 4

All day, Ranger Service Staffa Stuff - Puffins tour, Staffa.
12pm, Friendship lunch, Craignish Village Hall.
1.30pm, Musical Memories, Glencruthen Church Centre, Oban.
10am, Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan shop, Oban Youth Cafe.

WEDNESDAY - June 5

10am, Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan shop, Oban Youth Cafe.
7pm, Oban High School Pipe Band busking, Station Square, Oban n.

THURSDAY - June 6

9am, Ramblers Scotland Ben Nevis walk, meet Fort William Woolen Mill.
10am, Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan shop, Oban Youth Cafe.
10am, Ranger Service Tobermory Lighthouse walk, Rudna nan Gall.
11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.
11.30pm, Thursday night disco, Skippin'ish, Oban.

FRIDAY - June 7

10am, Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan shop, Oban Youth Cafe.
10.30am, Coffee morning, Kilmelford Village Hall.
11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.
2.30pm, Exclusive distillery tour, Oban Distillery.
6.45pm, Sounding Dunadd Travellers, Kilmichael Glassary Church.
7.30pm, Songs from the Shows, St Conan's Kirk, Lachave.
7.30pm, Trail West charity cèilidh, Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban.
7.30pm, Tobermory Harbour Association AGM, Aros Hall, Tobermory, Mull.
9pm, Oban Mic Night, O'Donnell's, Oban.
9.30pm, Chris Suckle, Markie Dan's, Oban.

SATURDAY - June 8

10am, Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan shop, Oban Youth Cafe.
1pm, Charities' Day, Station Square, Oban.
9.30pm, Chris Suckle, Markie Dan's, Oban.

SUNDAY - June 9

All day, Oban and District Riding Club Show, Dalintobar Farm, Benderloch.
9.30pm, Quiz, Markie Dan's, Oban.
9.45am, Ramblers Scotland Loch Earnat and Ardornish Gardens walk, meet Corran Ferry slip for 9.45am sailing.
11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.
2pm, Open day at Treshish Farm, Calgary, Mull.
2.30pm, Live accordion music, Tartan Tavern, Oban.
2.30pm, Producers' market, Dervaig Hall, Mull.
3.30pm, All age pilgrimage, St John's Cathedral, Oban.
3.45pm, Sunday Session, Barn Bar, Lerarg.
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Ceol an Aire launch first EP



The dancefloor at Skipinnish Ceilidh House was full for this Strip the Willow. 16.222e0011

THE POPULARITY of young Oban ceilidh band Ceol and Aire was in evidence last Friday as around 200 people attended the launch of the band's first EP in the Skipinnish Ceilidh House.

An audience of all ages were just as keen to get on their feet for the dances as they were to listening the four-piece band, made up of singer Malcolm Clark, accordionist Ruairidh Morrison, piper Angus John MacColl and Ewan Macdonald on guitar and keyboard.

The EP, entitled 'It'll be fine', is available from the band's website, in local shops or iTunes.



Ceol an Aire keyboard player Ewan Macdonald with his proud former music teacher at Oban High School, Morven McKerrell. 16.222e0008



Singer Malcolm Clark takes up the microphone. 16.222e0011



A large crowd attended the EP launch, leaving limited space for dancing. 16.222e0010

Below - The Ceol an Aire boys take a break from playing to pose for the camera. 16.222e0005



Members of Oban Lorne Rugby Club and friends enjoying their night. 16.222e0009



Young friends of the band get their copies of the EP. 16.222e0007



Dancers at the EP launch were on fine form. 16.222e0003



Right - Ceol an Aire piper Angus John MacColl. 16.222e0005

Left - Accordion player Ruairidh Morrison is the youngest member of the band. 16.222e0002



Trail West to play for special NFUS charity ceilidh in Oban

A CHARITY fundraising ceilidh in Oban has been organised by the National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS) to celebrate their centenary.

NFUS launched its Centenary Trust earlier this year and the NFUS is now raising funds through voluntary donations

from members, with more than £135,000 being raised so far. In addition, regional events are being arranged throughout the country to celebrate the centenary.

The first of these fundraising regional events in Argyll will take place on Friday, June 7 when ceilidh band Trail West, perform

at a charity fundraising ceilidh in the Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban. Organisers confirm that 70 per cent of the money raised on the night will be shared between Macmillan Nurses and Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease – two local charities that NFUS members in Argyll have chosen

to support. The remaining 30 per cent will go towards the NFUS Centenary Trust, which has been set up to raise money to help with three key areas relating to farming – arranging farm visits for school children, improving on-farm health and safety and providing agricultural apprenticeships.

Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 per person are available in advance from the NFUS Scotland Office, Oban Livestock Mart tel: 01631 567036 or on the door on the night. Tickets will also be sold on Saturday, June 1 outside the Co-op supermarket in Oban from midday onwards.

Strachur to host annual piping competition

STRACHUR and District Piping Association is holding its annual piping competition on Saturday, June 22 in Strachur Memorial Hall starting at 10am.

The piping school this year is from July 1 to July 5. Further information and forms are available from the secretary Jean Gibson 01369860744.

Young Fort William accordion player wins trophy

YOUNG Fort William accordion player Liam Stewart was named the most improved player aged 15 and under of 2013 by the Fort William Accordion and Fiddle Club.

The 15 year old was presented with the Lochaber Pubwatch Willie Mackillop Memorial Trophy at the club's final night of the season at the Railway Club in Inverlochy.

Keith Mackillop, Willie's son, presented Liam with the trophy.



Using flowers for cake decorations was just one of the activities enjoyed by islanders during the celebrations for Voluntary Arts Week.

Voluntary Arts Week success on the Isle of Coll

CRAFTY islanders on the Isle of Coll are already planning for the next gathering of artistic minds at a highly successful celebration for Voluntary Arts Week.

The free and fun week of events,

hosted across the island, and supported by a hardy team of volunteers, saw locals participate in a host of creative activities, including wood burning, painting and even cake decorating.

Eileen Strange, who organised the event, said: "We had a fantastic response and all the feedback was so positive - so much so that we are being asked when we are going to do it again. We could not have

had this friendly, free and fun "Voluntary Arts Week" without the support of The Island Cafe, Tigh na Mara, The Art Den and the energy, enthusiasm and commitment of all the volunteers."



Plockton announces summer tour dates

PLOCKTON'S National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music has announced the dates for this year's summer tour.

The school's 22 students will travel to Tayside to perform in Perth, Killin and Dundee on June 18, 19 and 20 before finishing up with a concert at Plockton High School on June 22.

The centre teaches accordion, clarinet, fiddle, pipes, piano, guitar, whistle, flute, and Scots and Gaelic song, and all of which feature strongly on the programme.

In Perth, they will perform with the Gordon Duncan Experience, a national band for young people of all musical backgrounds.

Benderloch plant sale success

A FUNDRAISER for an Argyll horticultural show has been declared a success after exceeding its expected cash total.

The annual plant sale and afternoon tea in Benderloch typically raises around £400 to help cover costs of the North Cornel and District Horticultural Show.

But this year's event, held on May 18 in the Victoria Hall, Benderloch, raised £666.

This year's horticultural show will be held in the Victoria Hall on August 24.

Mull farm to take part in national Open Day

A FARM on the Isle of Mull has joined one of the biggest events in the agricultural calendar, Open Farm Sunday on June 9.

The annual event, organised by Linking Environment And Farming (LEAF), showcases British farming and is a great chance for everyone to see how our food is grown and produced and show their support for our farmers.

Treshnish Farm, at Calgary on Mull will be one of around 350 farms across the UK taking part.

The open day at Treshnish, from 11am - 4pm will discuss subjects such as beef, sheep and environmental stewardship and there will also be self-guided farm walks.

To book a place telephone 01688 400249.



Masterchef winner Frankie Miller, Ami MacKinnon, Louise Miller and Lillith Campbell with judge Marcello Tully.

Junior Masterchef goes down a treat at Sleat

SLEAT Primary School (Bun-Sgoil Shléite) raised an impressive £1,281 at their annual spring fair recently.

The school got lucky with the weather for the well attended event, which offered pony riding, a bouncy castle, face painting, beat the goalie, a silent auction and a raffle.

A number of youngsters also took part in a junior Masterchef competition, with Marcello Tully of Kinloch Lodge doing the judging.

Ami MacKinnon won the nursery (Sgoil-àrach) category, while Frankie Miller (P1-2), Louise Miller (P3,4 and 5) and Lillith Campbell (P6-7) took the other top spots.

The overall winner was Frankie Miller.

The School Parent Council thanked everyone who helped with the success of the day and in particular the local businesses donated to the silent auction and raffle.

Entries can be made online at www.sleatprimary.co.uk towards the end of term trips for school, sgoil-àrach and nursery pupils.



The H2O Warriors with their specially designed logo.

Ramblers group enjoys visit to Armadale Castle

SKYE AND Lochalsh Disabled Ramblers have given three new mobility scooters a big thumbs up after a test drive round to Armadale Castle and grounds.

The scooters, secured with grant aid from Awards for All and Scottish Natural Heritage, were chosen for their ability to cope with more difficult terrain and the extensive path network around the castle.

The group now has a fleet of four mobility scooters plus a trailer which are available to members for personal use as well as for group outings.

The electric vehicles are also available to visiting mobility scooter users who can take out an associate membership to cover the period of their stay in the area.

Ramblers' secretary Nicola Rust said: "These new scooters will enable us to explore more of the wonderful countryside around us and we will not be so limited by steep ground, of which there is plenty in Skye and Lochalsh."

For more information visit spanglish.com/skyeandlochalsdisableramblers/ or phone 01478 611 056.



Skye and Lochalsh Disabled Ramblers enjoyed their outing to Armadale Castle. Photo: Colin Therfall

Morar SWRI

MORAR SWRI were hosts to Lochaber Federation for their AGM and annual quiz at Mallaig and Morar Community Centre on Saturday, April 27.

Arisaig won the trophy. Jim Morton was quizmaster and 45 members attended. Ten members attended the Morar SWRI AGM in Lady Lovat School on May 2. Minutes were read from last month's meeting.

New committee: President - Pauline Elwell; Vice President - Ann Cur-

rie; Secretary - Isabel Morton; Treasurer - Heather Simpson; Press Secretary - Flora Lawrie; Competitions and Hostesses - June Foxwell; Tea Queen - Eileen MacPhie. Sales table raised £36.85. Raffle was won by Ann Currie. Hostesses were Ann Currie and Rita MacDonald. Overall winners for competitions: 1st, Christine Haynes; 2nd, Eileen MacPhie; 3rd, Heather Simpson.

Next session begins in October. New members very welcome to come along.

Portree Primary School awarded for India drinking water project

A GROUP of pupils from Portree Primary School have won national recognition for their project to provide families in India with clean drinking water.

The aptly-named H2O Warriors sold specially designed sports waterbottles with their logo, sold specially labelled drinking water, hosted a water themed non-fiction day, sold water facts sheets to other schools and

also hosted a variety of other events and competitions.

At the end of their project they raised £72.27 to help get water wells in the sub-continent.

The group recently attended the Blythswood Enterprise Challenge in Inverness, where they picked up a special prize for the most enterprising school as well as a trophy and a £75.00 cheque.

"Although we can take up to 450 entries in total we are hoping to get somewhere in the region of 300 entries in this first year."

Skye Rotary Club looks forward hosting the Trotternish Ridge Challenge

CHARITIES on Skye are set to benefit from the Trotternish Ridge Challenge – The Trott – due to take place on Saturday 29th June.

Organised by the Isle of Skye Rotary Club, the event takes the form of three routes and around the world famous Trotternish Ridge. The routes comprise a 36 km fell race and a 36 km walk between Achachork and Flogdary; a 21 km fell race and a 21 km walk starting at Shulista and taking in Rubha

Hanish, Conista and the Quiraing and a 12 km walk around the Quiraing. So there are challenges which cater for all abilities and tastes.

The 36km walk and fell race will start at Kam and 11am respectively with registration either in Portree on the Friday evening or at 4 Flogdary on Saturday morning with entrants being bussed to the start point at Achachork. The 21km walk and fell race will start

at 11am and 1pm respectively and the 12km walk will start at 12noon. Registration for these three events will be at 4 Flogdary and 21km entrants will be bussed to the start point at Shulista.

Entries can be made online at www.sientrics.co.uk

The day will be rounded off with a ceilidh dance, with music provided at Charlie Beaton's Croft Number 4. The Flogdary community have arranged to hold

their annual ceilidh dance that night to co-incide with the event. A real opportunity for visitors to experience our Gaelic culture and enjoy the craic with locals.

So far most entries have been for the longer route which is very much an endurance test for serious walkers and runners.

John Taylor, Isle of Skye Rotary Club, said: "This is the most ambitious fundraising project undertaken by the club and al-

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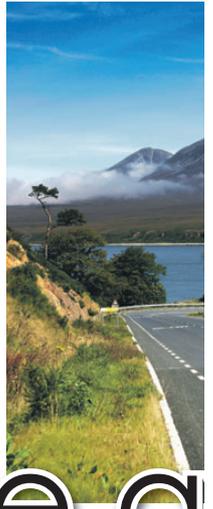
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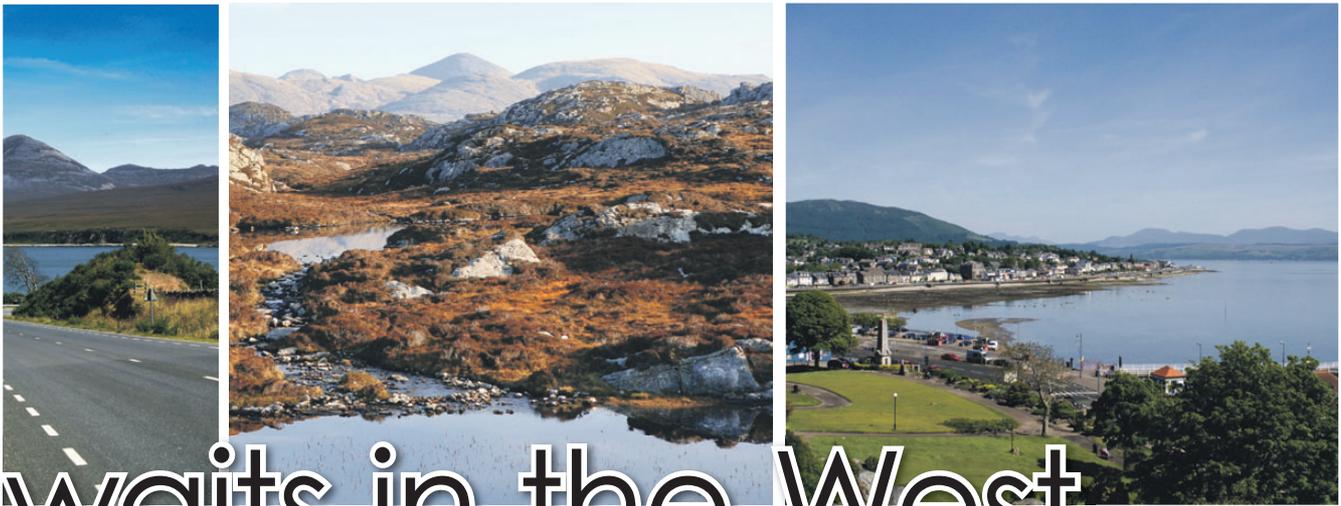
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Clan but invasions by the neighbouring Campbells and other powerful families reduced the Lamont holdings in the wars of the 17th century. Cowal encapsulates many towns and villages including Innellan, Lochgoilhead and Tighnabruach but the area's only burgh is Dunoon, a popular resort since the days of the Clyde paddle steamers, and ferries still sail to Gourrock in Inverclyde.

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Aldhouseburn hogs break Stirling record

UNITED Auctions had forward 5401 breeding sheep at their annual sale of dry ewe hogs, hogs and ewes of all classes with lambs at foot at Stirling last Wednesday.

Blackface dry hogs sold to a centre record £1900 for a pen of six consigned by M's Blackwood. Auldhouseburn and purchased by M's Cullens, Dollarbank.

A pen of 10 consigned by M's Hunter and Wood, Dalchira realised £820 to M's McMillan, Lurg and M's Parry, Marbrack.

Dry Mule ewe hogs sold to £137 from Hartside Farms purchased by M's Rennie, Clatto.

Mule ewe hogs with lambs at foot sold to £188 from M's Hamilton, Allanton. Texel cross ewe hogs with lambs at foot sold to £188 from Allanton and M's McNe, Over Finlary.



Bulling heifers in demand at Fort William

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 165 store cattle, 74 breeding cattle, 46 OTM cattle and 438 sheep at Fort William last Friday when quality cattle attracted a good trade throughout.

Bullocks averaged 212.7p and sold to 268.1p per kilo for 235kg Aberdeen Angus crosses from 6 Scotstown, Strontian, and £860 for a Simmental cross from 7 Back of Keppoch, Arisaig.

Heifers averaged 200.1p and sold to 245.2p per kilo for a 310kg Limousin cross from Strone Farm, Banavie, and £830 for a 360kg Limousin cross from Keil Farm, Ardgour.

Bulling heifers averaged 230.9p and sold to 270.1p per kilo and £1,040 for a pair of 385kg Shorthorn crosses from National Trust for Scotland, Isle of Canna.

Breeding cattle sold to £1,220 for a Simmental cross with male calf at foot from Hillside, Killochan.

OTM cows averaged 142.0p and sold to 183.7p per kilo for a 430kg Aberdeen Angus cross from Isle of Canna, and £1,250 for a 770kg Limousin cross from 15 Glenconon, Isle of Skye.

OTM bulls sold to 129.7p per kilo and £1,070 for a 825kg Whitebred Shorthorn from Insh Farm, Spean Bridge.

Store lambs sold to £73 for Cheviot from Ard Na Mara, Isle of Mull while ewes with lambs at foot sold to £85 for Cross ewes with single Suffolk cross lambs from Balmagister, Spean Bridge and to £80 for Swaledale ewes with Lymne cross lambs from Alaval, Benderloch.

Feeding ewes sold to £85 for Texels from Kilmaluag, Skye while feeding rams sold to £81 for a Cheviot from Mamore.

Almont Limousin bullock sells to 283p per kilo at UA Stirling's Wednesday sale

UNITED Auctions sold 1609 store cattle, young bulls and 143 cast cows at Stirling last Wednesday.

Bullocks averaged 226.53p (+1.29p) and sold to 283.10p per kg for a 270kg Limousin cross from Almont and £1400 for a 542kg Limousin cross from Linhead.

Heifers averaged 211.70p (-2.48p) and sold to 257.10p per kg for a 354kg Limousin cross from Carslae and £1380 for a 608kg Charolais cross from Forneith.

Young bulls averaged 197.83p and sold to 256.20p per kg for a 281kg Limousin cross from Wee Carlton

and £1260 for a 561kg Limousin cross from Ellermford.

Cast cows averaged 140.81p and sold to 217p per kg for a Simmental cross from Westfield and £1490 for a Limousin cross from 9 Killoonan.

OTM bulls sold to £1740 for a Charolais from Glenchervie.

Aberfeldy ewes with lamb at foot sell to £196

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd sold 864 breeding sheep at Stirling on Monday when all classes of ewes and lambs proved sharper on the week by £7/£8 per head.

Ewes with lambs at foot sold to £196 for Texels from Aberfeldy and to £152 for Texels from Blairfinnans.

Carleoun sold Cheviots with twins to £128 with singles to £102. The same home sold Blackfaces with singles to £80.

Store hoggets sold to £82 for Suffolk from Traprain.

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East beats west on house price rise averages

COASTAL properties are in demand by house buyers but the west coast of Scotland is losing out to the east when it comes to a rise in house values according to a report from the Bank of Scotland.

The study found that nine of the ten most expensive seaside towns for homebuyers are on the east coast.

Nitesh Patel, a housing economist at Bank of Scotland, said: 'Seaside towns are highly popular places to live in Scotland as they offer a unique lifestyle with a typically high quality of life and a healthy environment.'

'A number of seaside towns have recorded substantial house price increases over the past decade, predominantly on the east coast. 'Towns in Aberdeenshire have performed particularly strongly, largely reflecting the strength of the local economy over this period.'

Five seaside towns have recorded a doubling in average house prices in a six year period, according to bank research. Enjoying the largest rise was the north-east town of Fraserburgh which started from the relatively low base of £53,641 to reach an average of £128,418 by 2012 - almost a 140 per cent increase.

North Berwick was listed as the most expensive, with an average house price of £327,518. Next most expensive was St Andrews.

Apart from Fraserburgh, the towns with the largest price rises were Peterhead, Macduff, Cove Bay and Inverberrie.

The least expensive towns were Girvan, Wick, Stranraer, Port Bannatyne on the Isle of Bute and Irvine.

Little Chef

LITTLE Chef could disappear from UK roadsides after more than 50 years after fast food outlets tabled offers for the restaurant chain.

Bidders, thought to include McDonald's, KFC and Costa Coffee, are not expected to retain the brand after turnaround firm Reptail put it up for sale.

Little Chef plunged into administration in 2007 and was bought by the London-based private equity group.



Highland Council Gaelic implementation group and SMO representatives unfurl the 40th anniversary flag.

Gaelic implementation group congratulate SMO

MEMBERS of Highland Council's Gaelic implementation group have become the latest to congratulate Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (SMO) on its 40th anniversary.

A special anniversary flag was flown throughout the year. Councillors visited the proposed Kilbeg Village development site, while a tour of the college included Fàs, its new hub for creative and cultural industries.

Councillor Fraser said: 'When the college was founded in 1973 it had a ground-breaking vision and over the years it has been at the forefront

of delivering the highest quality of learning opportunities. 'The development of Kilbeg as a new Highland village for the 21st century offers the opportunity to create a sustainable community with a first class university campus at its heart. We look forward to working in partnership with Sabhal Mòr Ostaig for many more years to come.'

Professor Robertson said: 'We are delighted that the Gaelic implementation group were able to come to Sabhal Mòr in the year when we are marking the 40th anniversary of the college. 'We already have a productive Memorandum of Understanding with the Council and this meeting provided another means of consolidating and strengthening the partnership.'

Warning over illicit fuel as lorry seized

960 30-litre plastic drums found in back of truck

BUSINESSES are being warned over the use of the use of red and green diesel in heavy goods vehicles, taxis and private vehicles after a lorry carrying 24,000 litres of suspected laundered diesel was seized by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) at Cairnryan Port last week.

A man from Co Antrim in Northern Ireland was detained and released after interview, however, HMRC investigations are continuing.

Red and green diesel Red diesel is marked gas oil or a re-bated fuel for use in agricultural machinery and certain marine engines and not for use in road vehicles.

Green diesel is the Republic of Ireland equivalent of the UK's red diesel.

There have been several reports of thefts of fuel, particularly heating oil, throughout the west coast in recent months. Much of this fuel is destined for use in commercial vehicles but police and HMRC warn that filling up with this type of fuel is traceable within a fuel system of any vehicle and heavy penalties can follow.

Anne-Marie Gordon, assistant director of criminal investigation for HMRC, said: 'Illicit fuel is being sold at reduced prices and motorists may think they are getting a good deal because it is cheaper. 'I would caution them to think again as the true cost is far from a bargain and encourages activity putting other road users at risk.'

Last week, fuel was seized after Cairnryan Port Police stopped a 40ft trailer as it arrived by ferry from Larne in Northern Ireland on Wednesday morning.

HMRC officers tested the vehicle's fuel and believe it was running on low duty green diesel from the Republic of Ireland.

HMRC officers then searched the trailer and found 960 30-litre plastic drums filled with clear diesel. The drums were packed in cardboard boxes then shrink wrapped onto pallets.

The lorry is estimated to contain around 24,000 litres of fuel, with a potential revenue loss of around £17,000.

Anne-Marie Gordon added: 'Fuel laundering is unregulated and dangerous. 'Those who smuggle flammable fuel, in vehicles not designed for its safe transport, show a complete disregard for the safety of other ferry passengers and motorists. 'We are working in partnership with our colleagues in the Scottish Organised Crime Task Force (SOCTF) and this success shows the important role that cooperation has in defeating crime and protecting our community. 'I would urge anyone with information on fuel misuse in their area to contact our free telephone hotline - 0800 59 5000 - and contribute to the fight against this criminality.'

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Candidates will be enthusiastic, self motivated and be able to demonstrate prior experience in working onboard small vessels up to 24m.
This is a varied and interesting position offering a combination of practical experience and college based training leading to MCA Boatmaster Licence qualification.
To apply, please forward your CV by post or email to: Clyde Marine Services Ltd
Victoria Harbour, Greenock, Renfrewshire, PA15 1HW
admin@clyde-marine.co.uk

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HARVESTING MANAGER (Argyll Area)
With sawmills at Windymains and Troon, Glennon Brothers are in the process of expanding their already well established UK business activities. As part of this planned development an exciting career opportunity now exists for a Harvesting Manager to supplement the existing forestry team.
Applications are sought from highly motivated and enthusiastic individuals who are keen to develop their career with a very progressive and dynamic business. You should possess sound commercial acumen and be willing to travel extensively throughout the greater Argyll area in support of our timber harvesting operations.
With a diploma/degree or relevant experience in commercial forestry, the ideal candidate will have the necessary drive to make an immediate contribution to the business.
An attractive salary and benefits package await the right candidate.
To apply, please email with covering letter and full CV to: harvesting@glennonbrothers.co.uk
All applications will be considered with the strictest of confidence.

Forestry Commission Scotland
Comission na Coilltearachd Alba
Mobile Mechanic, Cairnbaan
£20,623 - £23,777 plus benefits
Relocation support may be considered for the right candidate.
To apply, please visit our website
www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies
resourcing@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
Please quote ref 0003-60. Closing date: 16 June 2013.
No recruitment agencies please.
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Scottish Natural Heritage is the leading public body responsible for advising Ministers on matters relating to the natural heritage. The natural environment is a key asset that underpins Scotland's wealth, health and quality of life. Our job is to conserve this resource, to promote its sustainable management and to encourage people to access and enjoy it responsibly.
Operations Officer
37 hours a week, Fixed Term until June 2014
Starting salary £23,839 per annum
Location: Duonoon (Ref: 045-330)
This role contributes to the work of the Argyll and Outer Hebrides Area Team as defined by the Unit Business Plan. They will be responsible for the delivery of Scottish Natural Heritage's objectives within the Bute, Cowal & Heilensburgh area of Argyll.
You must have a degree or equivalent in an environmental discipline or countryside management with relevant practical experience in environmental or countryside management. You must also have knowledge and experience of relevant planning and environmental legislation and understanding and experience of working with the planning system (including development plans, planning applications and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) with an understanding and experience of monitoring and management of designated areas (Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and Natural sites). The knowledge and experience of species ecology (particularly internationally important bird species such as gannets, raptors and other European Protected Species found in Southern Argyll), habitat management, land use, landscape and associated natural heritage issues are required with relevant experience of working with a range of official bodies, NGOs and the general public.
You must also have good organisational skills to enable targets to be prioritised and met, and an ability to work with, and manage, a team with a flexible approach, with well-developed oral, written and presentation skills, in particular an ability to produce well structured and accurate written work, and an ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with a variety of partners, colleagues and members of the public.
Finally, you must have a full driving licence or the ability to call upon suitable alternative means of transport.
We're as supportive, committed and proud of our people as we are of the natural world around us. Find out more, and apply, online. Alternatively, call 01463 725182.
Closing date: 11th June 2013.
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Argyll Square, Oban PA34 4BE
STAFF WANTED
Full time Receptionist
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Argyll community housing association
Domestic Ardrishaig, Argyll
Salary (£4,315 - £4,726) 9 hours per week
£7.54 - £8.26
Lochgilphead, Argyll
2 hours per week
Closing Date: 12 noon on Friday 7th June 2013.
Interviews for these posts will be held in late June 2013.
ACHA welcomes applications from all sections of the community and is committed to promoting equal opportunities. All posts will be subject to a Disclosure Scotland check.
To apply: Visit our website at www.acha.co.uk - if you are unable to access the website please contact the recruitment team:
Tel: 01546 605859 or 01546 605817
Email: recruitment@acha.co.uk
Please note our offices will be closed on Friday 24th and Monday 27th May 2013.

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We are currently recruiting for a Boatmaster to be located at Glasgow or Greenock from June to September 2013.
Candidates will be enthusiastic, self motivated and be able to demonstrate prior experience in working onboard small vessels up to 24m.
Day to day duties will include operation and management of passenger vessels, vessel maintenance and ensuring compliance with Safety Management System. Candidates should be in possession of a Boatmasters Licence or equivalent. Ex MFV skippers who already have safety and navigation qualifications will be given assistance to obtaining the relevant MCA Boatmaster Licence. Assistance may be provided towards accommodation.
To apply, please forward your CV by post or email to: Clyde Marine Services Ltd
Victoria Harbour, Greenock, Renfrewshire, PA15 1HW
admin@clyde-marine.co.uk

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SALES ASSISTANT
We are currently looking to recruit a highly motivated Sales Assistant to join our busy team.
CEF are an international company with excellent promotion opportunities for the correct person.
Candidates should be confident dealing with the public, have computer skills, a clean driver's licence and the ability to work under their own initiative.
A knowledge of electrics would be beneficial but full training will be given.
Please email your CVs to sales.oban@cef.co.uk
Unit 7, Tweedmill, Soroba Road, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HQ
01631 562362

WORKING FARM MANAGER
Dunalastair Estate, Perthshire
An opportunity has arisen for a skilled and motivated individual to manage a 14,000 acre hill farm consisting of 120 cattle and 2000 sheep. The successful candidate will have worked with cattle and sheep and have experience in management, be able to motivate the small team, have good communication and leadership skills, experience in record keeping, and of ordering farm inputs. Experience of working with other estate enterprises of forestry, holiday lets and sporting activities is also required.
A competitive remuneration package is available. A good farmhouse with CH is available.
We are 18 miles from Pitlochry.
Please apply with a full CV and covering letter to Dunalastair Estate Office, Pitlochry, Perth, PH16 5PD
ian@dunalastair.com
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Business reporter:

Steven Flanagan
sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk
01631 568021

Harris Tweed Hebrides celebrates double fashion awards success

HARRIS Tweed Hebrides is celebrating a night of stunning success at the UK Fashion and Textile Awards in London. The company carried off the two top accolades - UK Textile Business of the Year and UK Manufacturing Company of the Year.

The awards were presented by the Princess Royal to Harris Tweed Hebrides chief executive Ian Angus MacKenzie and chairman Brian Wilson. Mr MacKenzie said: 'This exceeded our highest expectations. To receive both of these awards is an

extraordinary recognition of how much the company has achieved in the five years since we finished our first tweed.' Mr Wilson said: 'This is the highest accolade yet for the skills and commitment of the mill workers and weavers on which the industry

is founded. We are, quite simply, Britain's premium textile company and that is where we intend to stay.' Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council) leader Angus Campbell added his praise. He said: 'This is a fantastic success story for the company, the Western

Isles and Scotland and on behalf of the comhairle I congratulate the company and all their staff.' 'The comhairle has always been pleased to support the industry and it is great to see this iconic Western Isles product receiving national recognition.'



Harris Tweed Hebrides winners: from left, Ian Angus MacKenzie, chief executive; Brian Wilson, chairman; Margaret MacLeod, brand development director; Ian Taylor, director; Mark Hogarth, creative director.

World's largest wave farm gets nod

MINISTERS have approved plans for the world's largest commercial wave farm in the Western Isles. Full consent has been given for a 40MW farm off the north-west coast of Lewis - enough to power nearly 30,000 homes.

Wave energy firm Aquamarine Power said it would begin installing its Oyster devices in the next few years, once grid infrastructure is put in place. The project will be carried out by Aquamarine subsidiary Lewis Wave Power Limited.

However, Energy giant SSE said last week it would not be able to commission work on a Western Isles subsea electricity cable before 2017. Previously it had been suggested the £705m cable could be laid in 2015 and then 2016. SSE said it had already spent £5m developing options for the interconnector.

Aquamarine said it planned 'ultimately' to deploy between 40 and 50 devices along the coast at Lag na Greine, near Fivepenny Burne. Last year, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council) gave planning permission for an onshore hydroelectric power plant which will be connected to the Oyster farm.

Aquamarine Power plans to build between 40 and 50 Oyster devices, after grid infrastructure is put in place. But last week SSE said it would not be able to commission work on an interconnector, which would transmit power generated by renewable projects on the Western Isles to customers on the mainland, before 2017.



Kieran Rowan receives his award from apprenticeship officer Charlotte McDonnell.

Roofer Kieran is Second Year Apprentice of the Year

Annual Reid Kerr College Institute of Construction and Engineering (ICE) Awards

AN Oban apprentice who attends Reid Kerr College in Paisley has been named as the best in his year.

Roof, slating and tiling student Kieran Rowan, aged 21, was delighted to be picking up the award as the Second Year Apprentice of the Year.

Kieran received his award at an evening of celebration in Paisley Town Hall for the annual Reid Kerr College Institute of Construction and Engineering (ICE) Awards. Skilled students from the college's

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SHELTERED HOUSING MANAGER (Ref. 028)

Heatherlee Court, Kinlochleven
£6,219 - £7,366 pa - 12.5 hrs/wk

We seek an enthusiastic, professional and caring person to provide a housing management and housing support service promoting independent living for older people. You will have the personal skills and approach to fill this role, the ability to liaise with care services and relatives, and be a capable administrator. You will preferably have SVQ level 3 in Health and Social Care or equivalent qualification and IT skills. Hours to be worked 0830-1100 Monday - Friday. This post requires PVQ Scheme membership (adults). Service conditions include generous annual leave. Application packs are available from www.hshs.org.uk Please quote reference number 028 in correspondence. Closing Date: 12 noon on 13 June 2013

Hanover (Scotland) Housing Association Ltd
Scottish Charity no. SC 014738
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Expression of Interest

West Argyll Forest District
Rhododendron Control
Framework Agreement

The Forestry Commission is inviting tenders for a Framework Agreement for Rhododendron Control in West Argyll Forest District.

Rhododendron Control including cut and burn, stump treatment, foliar chemical application and other treatments as agreed with the Forestry Commission is required across the whole of West Argyll Forest District. The district will be split into geographical lots and bidders may bid for as many or few as they choose. These lots will be: Mull, Lorne, Kilmicheal & Glen Orchy, West Loch Awe, Knappdale, Tarbert and Kintyre. All work is required to be completed to a very high standard with particular attention to Health and Safety, environmental sensitivity, and coverage of the treatment sites. This will be achieved by applying industry best practice in line with the UK Forestry Standard and through contract management by the Contractor.

Successful bidders must have adequate insurance, be licensed by the Gangmaster's Licensing Authority (unless exemption can be shown) and all operators must be appropriately trained and qualified.

The estimated total value of the contract is £400,000 per year for 2 years with possible extension for a further 2 years.

To express your interest and to request tender documents please contact West Argyll Forest District no later than 5pm on Thursday 6th June

There will be a MANDATORY Briefing Day for all wishing to bid held in Lochliphead, Argyll on Wednesday 19th June 2013. PLEASE NOTE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BID FOR THIS FRAMEWORK WITHOUT ATTENDING THIS BRIEFING DAY. Details will be provided to all those who express an interest in the tender.

The deadline for returns from the Invitation to Tender will be 5pm Monday 15th July 2013.

The anticipated contract start date will be 19th August 2013 to be completed by 18th August 2015. There will be the possibility of extension for a further 2 years.

For further enquiries regarding this contract please email: waprocurment@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or write to: West Argyll Forest District
Whitegates
Lochliphead
Argyll
PA31 8RS

The Scottish Salmon Company

The Scottish Salmon Company is the leading independent producer of superior Scottish salmon. We are committed to high standards of animal welfare, sustainable operations and promoting a responsible environment policy.

HARVEST OPERATIVE x 3
ref: HTS/03A/13

We are currently looking for Harvest Team Operatives to join our Harvest Team located at our land-based facility in Portavadie, Argyll. The candidates will also be required to work at one of our other facilities located in Lochinver, in the Sutherland area, for long periods of time throughout the year.

The position will mainly involve night work within the normal harvesting schedule.

The ideal candidates will be enthusiastic; self motivated with good working practices and will be experienced in working within part of a small team. They will be responsible for the efficient land-based harvesting of fish for delivery to our processing plant in Cairndow.

The normal working week is Sunday to Thursday nights (inclusive of these days); with occasional weekend working. Previous harvesting and hygiene/chemical awareness, experience would be desirable as would relevant qualifications such as forklift licence, HACCP, Manual Handling, but all necessary training will be provided to the successful candidates, where required.

A full, driving licence is also essential for the position.

In return, the Company offer a comprehensive pay and benefits package. Annual salary of £15,991, based on working 40 hours per week; plus a night shift allowance if working between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am, of which is £15 per night, any hours worked over 40 hours per week will be paid at enhanced rates.

For an application form and job description, please contact:
Veronica Anderson, HR Officer
The Scottish Salmon Company
Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow, PA26 8BH
Tel: +44 (0) 1452 600 415
Email: veronica.anderson@scottishsalmon.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 7th June 2013
Visit our website: www.scottishsalmon.com

RSPB Stockperson, Oa Reserve, Isle of Islay, Argyll
Salary £17,500-£19,500

Are you enthusiastic about working with livestock, adaptable and prepared to contribute to the delivery of high quality stock on one of the best known livestock islands in Scotland?

Working with the Farm Manager you will help to look after our suckler beef herd and our sheep flock. We would expect you to have experience and knowledge of handling livestock, especially shepherding (ideally with your own dogs) and tractor and machinery operation. If you are successful, you will be part of the Argyll Area Team and may also occasionally be required to work on other reserves in the area.

Should you require further details or to apply, please visit our website: www.rspb.org.uk/vacancies
Closing date: Thursday 6 June 2013 Interviews: Monday 24 June 2013

affinitytrust
Supporting people with learning disabilities

ADMINISTRATOR
£17,281 PA (37.5 hours per week)

We are looking for an experienced, organised and conscientious individual who is self-motivated and has excellent attention to detail. The successful candidate will provide administrative support to the Divisional Director for Scotland and the Operations Manager in Oban. Although working in Oban will form a key part of the role, supporting our growing business across Scotland is central to the post and travel will be involved. A flexible working location may be a possibility.

Key tasks will include: processing timesheets, managing petty cash, preparing reports, arranging training and meetings, making travel bookings, taking minutes. This is far from an exhaustive list; you must be able to work with minimal supervision, and be prepared to find a solution to whatever queries come your way.

Excellent IT skills are essential, especially a sound knowledge of Microsoft Office, particularly Excel. Equally important are superb communications skills as you will be regularly interacting with people we support, families, support workers, managers, directors and external partner agencies.

For an application pack or to find out more, please contact maddyross@affinitytrust.org.

Appointment will be subject to a basic disclosure check.

Affinity Trust are an equal opportunities employer that promotes diversity within our workforce and welcome applications from all sections of the community, regardless of sexual orientation, race, age, gender, disability, religion or belief.

Closing date for applications: 13th June 2013

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To apply please visit our website www.redcross.org.uk/AboutUs/Jobs or email optionsadmin@redcross.org.uk for an electronic application pack quoting reference Oban/CSW.

Please note we do not accept CVs.

Completed applications to be submitted no later than Friday 14 June 2013.

As this post holder will be carrying out regulated work with protected adults they will be required to become a member of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme as established by the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007.

The British Red Cross, incorporated by Royal Charter 1908, is a charity registered in England and Wales (229449) and Scotland (SC039738).

Argyll & Bute Council

To find out more about living and working in Argyll & Bute visit us @ www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

PLANNING

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at Municipal Buildings Albany Street Oban PA34 4XW, at the alternative locations detailed below or by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk. Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/0095/PPP	Site for the erection of 4 dwellings	Land South East Of Fasguth Part Agon Agon Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Leasing
13/0091/PPP	Conversion of existing buildings to create internal space, Alterations to external finishes	The Waterfront Restaurant Railway Pie Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4W	Oban Area Office
13/0093/PPP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage, polytunnel and 20ft wide turbine (2.4 metres to blade tip), installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land North Of Hyne Isle Of Coll Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Isle of Coll
13/0098/PPP	Installation of floating pontoon including walkway and connecting ganway	3A Dalavich Chalet Park Dalavich Tannay Argyll And Bute FK315 HHS	Sub Post Office Tannay
13/0077/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 10/0077/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse)	Land North West Of Lower Ternoch Kilmennan Tayside Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Tayside

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/0095/PPP	Renovation of derelict unit (used for agricultural purposes) to form dwellinghouse	The Smailly Derrygaig Oribun Isle Of Mull	Sub Post Office Aens Isle of Mull

Argyll and Bute Council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through the Scottish Government website: <http://eplanning.scotland.gov.uk>

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whittieries Office Whittieries Road Lochgilphead PA33 8ST.

A weekly list of applications can be viewed at the above address and at all Council Libraries.

Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered.

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
(QUEENS PARK PLACE AND STATION ROAD, OBAN)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

On Monday 27th May 2013 Argyll and Bute Council, made the above named Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle, with the exception of emergency services vehicles, through the entire length of Queens Park Place and Station Road, Oban in order to permit the holding of Charlton's Day on or near those roads.

The Order, which shall be effective when indicated by signs, will be in operation between 0600 hours and 1800 hours on Saturday 8th June 2013.

Alternative Route: There is no alternative route.

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
(SALLANACH ROAD, ALMA CRESCENT, HILL STREET, ROCKFIELD ROAD AND SCHOOL BRAE, OBAN)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

On Monday 27th May 2013, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to drive, cause, or permit to be driven any vehicle on the lengths of road as described in the Schedule hereto. Exceptions will apply to vehicles associated with the works and emergency services vehicles. Access to affected properties will also be maintained when available. These restrictions are required to allow resurfacing work to be carried out.

The restrictions imposed by this Order which will be effective when indicated by signs, will come into operation on the dates and times indicated in the Schedule hereto or until the works are completed, whichever may be the earlier.

SCHEDULE - PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

0.0000 hours on Monday 10th June 2013 until 1800 hours on Sunday 30th June 2013

Name of Road in Oban	Extent of Restriction
Gallanach Road/Alma Crescent	Between its junctions with Albany Street and Glenmore Road
Division route:	Via, Albany Street, Dunanran Road, Gleneshelach Terrace, Gleneshelach Road and Gallanach Road
0.0000 hours on Monday 1st July 2013 until 1800 hours on Sunday 21st July 2013	
Hill Street	Between its junctions with Stevenson Street and Rockfield Road
Rockfield Road	From its junction with Hill Street to a point 80 metres or thereby south of its junction with Ardconnel Road
Division route:	Vehicles travelling in a south-westerly direction should proceed via Rockfield Road, Ardconnel Road, Dalriach Park Terrace, Dalriach Road, Breathnach Street, George Street and Stevenson Street and vehicles travelling in a north-easterly direction should proceed via Stevenson Street, Argyll Square, George Street, Curran Esplanade, Dunville Road, Downey Brae, Dalriach Road, Dalriach Park Terrace, Ardconnel Road and Rockfield Road
School Brae	The entire length
Division route:	There are no alternative routes

COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

Councillor Roddy McCaish (E.W.4 Oban South and the Isles)
Councillor Roddy McCaish will be holding a council surgery in the Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban on Friday 7th June 2013 from 10:00am - 5:00pm.
Councillor McCaish can also be contacted by e-mail - roddymccaish@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Councillor Louise Glen-Lee (E.W.5 Oban North and Loch)
Councillor Glen-Lee will be holding a surgery on Monday 3rd June 2013 in the Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban from 4:00pm - 5:00pm.
If you wish to make an appointment to see Councillor Glen Lee at her surgery, please contact Karen Rodger on 01546 604209
Councillor Glen-Lee can be contacted by phone - Tel: 01631 567 955 or by email - louise.glen-lee@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
Installation of Marine Farm, Port Na Morach

Notice is hereby given that Meridian Salmon Farms (Argyll) Ltd has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of installation of a marine fish farm at:

Cost	£2.4m	
Location	Latitude	Longitude
Port n Morach, Sel Sound	56° 15.854'N	05° 35.834'W
Argyll	56° 16.770'N	05° 34.573'W
	56° 15.499'N	05° 35.855' W
	56° 15.582'N	05° 36.116'W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Kilmelford Post Office, Kilmelford, by Oban, Argyll PA34 4XA.

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to: Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference: FK8M94 Meridian Salmon Farms (Argyll) Ltd

AGM Banderloch and North Crona Club
Thursday 27th June
19.30 at the Club Hut Keil Farm, Banderloch

Spotlight MITG AGM
Thursday 20th June
7.30pm
Guide Hall, Oban

www.highland.gov.uk

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at THE SERVICE POINT, LOCHABER HOUSE, HIGH STREET, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6EL and online at <http://wam.highland.gov.uk>

Written comments should be made to the EPC at the contact details below within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
13/01198/FUL	Manyburgh Court High Street, Fort William	Installation of communal biomass heating system
13/01370/FUL	The Angus Centre Angus Crescent, Upper Achintore, Fort William	Erection of 14 housing units, 4no. houses & 10no. flats
13/01456/FUL	Sanday, 15 Seaview Grazings, Strontian Achacraie	Extension to house
13/01776/FUL	Earendil, Cairloch Spean Bridge	Sub-division of house to form two semi-detached houses
13/01799/PPP	House Plot to South of Annesfield House, Glencoe	Newcroft house oncroft 12C Glencoe
13/01817/FUL	Achabeg West, Lochaline Moerven, Oban	Re-construction of house with new rear extension (amendment to 13/00398/FUL)
13/01823/FUL	Cul A Bhlle, 3 Bohuntin Roy Bridge	Erection of 1.5 storey extension (amended design for 12/03268/FUL)
13/01824/FUL	Belford Hospital, Belford Road, Fort William	Erection of biomass heating building
13/01831/FUL	Land 20m North of Ferry Terminal, Isle of Muck Malaga	Erection of storage building (amended sitting to 12/04788/FUL)
13/01843/FUL	Development Site on East Bank of Laggan Avenue North Laggan	Continued mooring of Vessel 'MV Eagle' for use as restaurant/public house

Time period for comments is 14 days.
ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenquharth Road, INVERNESS IV3 5NX
Email: eplanning@highland.gov.uk

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60 Renault Clio 1-Music 1.2, 5 door, Grey, 12,500 miles.....	£7,950
10 Renault Clio Dyn, tom tom, DCI, 5dr, Beige, 9,400 miles.....	£9,550
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WOTHERSPOON - BURNETT

Both families are delighted to announce the engagement between Cheryl, daughter of Andrew and Margaret and the late Kenny and Scott, eldest son of Keith and Mhairi, love and best wishes to you both.

DEATHS

FLEMING - Peacefully at Lorn & Islands Hospital, Oban on May 23, 2013, Margaret (née Holland) beloved wife of the late Donald, dearest mum to Rose and Ian, mother-in-law to Noel and nana to Liam, Sean and Grace. Forever in our hearts and our thoughts. The funeral will take place from Church of Scotland, Corran Esplanade, Oban on Wednesday, June 5, at 1.30 pm. Thereafter to Pennyfirth.

FRANCEY - Peacefully after a short stay at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on May 26, 2013, aged 85 years. Betty, beloved wife of the late George, much loved mother of George and Jane and a dear granny to Calum and Cameron. The funeral will take place at Kirkcubbin Parish Church on Tuesday June 4 at 1 pm. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection / donations if desired for Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland.

LIVINGSTON - Peacefully at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley on May 10, 2013, David Alasdair, aged 63 years, formerly 2 Argyle Terrace, Tobernony, son of the late Charles and Iva Livingston, a much loved brother, uncle, law, uncle and cousin. Service and interment were held in Lukey on May 21.

LUKEY - Douglas slipped away peacefully on Monday, May 20, 2013 at the age of 94, in the tender care of staff at Dalnagar Nursing Home, Creiff. Beloved husband of the late Rita, dearest dad of Sheena, Allan, Nick and Bryan, much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather and fondly remembered by his extended family. Funeral service has taken place.

MACKAY (Struan/Skye) - Peacefully at Portree Hospital on Thursday, May 23, 2013, Christina, (née Lamont), beloved wife of Murdoch and dear mother of Nicol. Interred at Dumvegan Cemetery on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Sadly missed.

MCALISTER - Suddenly but peacefully at home on Monday, May 20, 2013, Angus, aged 41 years, eldest son of Angus McAlister, Lochawe, Argyll and Margaret McAlister, Perth, a dear father of Iain. A private funeral has taken place.

MCGREGOR - Peacefully at home, in Taynuilt on May 23, 2013, Mary, dear mother to Christina and the late Ian, much loved aunt to Kathleen, Derek and family, Janet and family and Eileen and family. Sorely missed.

MORRISON - At Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on May 25, 2013, Janet Morrison, aged 81 years, Kingsmill Road, Inverness. Beloved wife of the late Callum R. Morrison (Bernera), much loved mother of Donald, Maree and Rona, a dear mother-in-law of George and Mick, proud grandmother of Rory, David, Calum and Rachel, loved sister of John, Hector, Donald, Rachel and the late Mary, also a dear aunt. Funeral service on Saturday, June 1 at 11 am, St Stephen's Church, Southside Road, Inverness, thereafter to Tomnachurch Cemetery. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to William T. Fraser & Son, Funeral Directors, Culbuthol Road, Inverness.

ROBSON - On May 25, 2013, after an illness borne with courage, strength and dignity, Jeanie (Jean) Robson (née Neilson) aged 82 years. Beloved wife of the late James to Joe, Shirley and Lydia, mum-in-law to Mary, Neil and David. Much loved granny to her 6 adored grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral service at the Duncansburgh-MacIntosh Church of Scotland on Friday, May 31, at 2.30 pm. Funeral colours not necessary. Donations if desired to Pulmonary Fibrosis and Headway Highland (Fort William), may be given at the service. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support and all those involved in Jean's care over the last few years. Enquiries to John McCallan Funeral Directors, Tel: 01397 702128.

SCOTT - Peacefully at Gartnaville on Friday, May 26, 2013, at 2.30 pm. Funeral colours not necessary. Donations if desired to Pulmonary Fibrosis and Headway Highland (Fort William), may be given at the service. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support and all those involved in Jean's care over the last few years. Enquiries to John McCallan Funeral Directors, Tel: 01397 702128.

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WHITEHOUSE - Jocelyn Marion (née Godfrey) Kirkcubright. Peacefully at Dundas and Galloway Royal Infirmary after a short illness, beloved wife of Roger and mother of Godfrey, R. Hunter, Anthony and Caroline. Interred at Glenley Woodland Burial Site, Kirkcubright on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. Donations if desired to Royal Lifeboat Institute, c/o Osborne Funeral Directors, 41 Castle Street, Kirkcubright, Dumfries, ED16 4JD. Tel: 01557 330441.

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Thought for the Week

By swelling seas

I HAVE recently returned from a week on board a large cruise ship with over three thousand other passengers visiting the Norwegian Fjords. When you are used to the ferries from Oban it is an awesome experience to travel on such a big ship. It was very comfortable and we were all well looked after by the crew. The food was excellent and there was plenty of on board entertainment. You would think that a ship of such proportions would simply glide over the surface of the water without any trouble. But one evening we were faced with a twenty foot swell and you could feel the effect of the waves in the movement of the ship. The captain reassured us that this was perfectly normal and nothing to worry about. Life can be a bit like that. There are times when we pass through stormy

waters. But the Lord, the captain of our salvation reassures us that we have nothing to worry about if we put all our trust in him. In the words of the Scottish Metrical Psalms verses 1 to 3 - God is our refuge and our strength, in straits a present aid; therefore, although the earth remove, and though the hills amidst the seas be cast; though waters roaring make, and troubled be, yea, though the hills by swelling seas do shake.

Rev. George G. Cringles Minister of Coll with Connel-St. Oran's and Dunbeg Church of Scotland.

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Kyle lifeboat rescues sinking yacht at Kylesher

KYLE lifeboat was diverted to help a sinking yacht in the Kylesher narrows on Saturday afternoon. The lifeboat crew had been returning to port after providing safety cover for a charity rowing event from Dornie to Plockton when Stormyweather coastguard relayed the distress call. After reaching the scene, a crew member was transferred to the yacht with a salvage pump to help stem the intake of water. The vessel was taken under tow to Kyleskin and pontoons at 4.30pm and the lifeboat returned to station.

Oban man to be assessed for drug treatment

AN OBAN man is to be assessed to see if he is suitable for a drug treatment court order after refusing to turn down music when asked by police. Angus MacDougall, 40, of room 5, Donnor Lodge, Albany Street, Oban, had previously admitted the offences, including shouting, swearing and gesturing in an aggressive manner. He appeared for custody at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday after being remanded for the offences on April 27. He will appear next on June 28.

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Obituary

Neil MacCormick - a tribute

NEIL MACCORMICK was born in 1938 at South Baidale, South Uist the eldest of seven children. He attended the local primary at Garrynamonie and subsequently Dalhousie School. Neil was a very sporting individual and was much in demand as a goal keeper for the local teams. His height and agile physique, contributed to his being comprehensive for the task, particularly when avoiding accidental injury among the rocky terrain of Carashaval playing fields. Carashaval was of course, the home park of South Uist in those days. Neil loved dancing and between working the croft, an essential element of necessity, and attending country dancing at St Peter's Hall, Dalhousie, Bormish Hall and of course, the Glen in Balivanich, his social standing, one assumed to be comparatively good. Neil invariably possessed a special gift with genealogy and many a list man, at home and abroad, was grateful for his knowledge and expertise in the unfolding of their family tree. In the 1960s Neil embarked on a career in the Merchant Navy, starting with the oldest in the prosperous pre-Thatcher days. He had a choice of the finest of ships to choose from, and Neil was no exception, serving on two of the largest ships afloat, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. Neil was an Able-Bodied Seaman (AB), a Certificate of Competency granted under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping regulations. He was also the proud holder of a Certificate

of Efficiency as lifeboatman, issued by the Ministry of Transport in all operations connected with ship's lifeboats. Neil's Discharge Book shows a number of other ships that he had served on, for example, the British Queen, British Carlew, Lismore, Andria, Waipawa, Corenthic, Athletic, Iron Crown, Flanninor, Port Philip, Duncairn, Eysdale, Clarkeden, Waivera, Port Lyttelton, Clarkaven, Yvonne, Craighallen and Roomah Head. There is no doubt that many seafarers, particularly from the Western Isles, will be familiar with the above list of great ships, the names of which will stir memories and bring them to reminisce about their own experiences. Neil travelled the world and had shown an extraordinary duty to ex-Port Uist men, particularly those living in Canada and New Zealand. He would go and visit them, where their genealogy would be explained and laid out to them over a cup of tea! These interesting tales of the sea were, of course, funny re-told time after time, over pints and quarts of beer at the Pollach Inn.

On the death of his father, Neil, being the eldest in the family was obliged to take over the working of the croft and also he had worked for other employers at certain periods when croft work allowed, he never returned to seafaring. Neil died on 18th April 2013 at Glasgow. He was a lovable and much respected brother, brother-in-law, uncle and will be very sadly missed. Donald J. MacCormick



HMS Ark Royal during the vessel's last journey to Turkey to be scrapped following its decommissioning.

Lochaber seaman joins former shipmates as HMS Ark Royal makes last journey

A LOCHABER fireman was reunited with his former HMS Ark Royal shipmates and ships company in Portsmouth last weekend during the vessel's last journey to Turkey to be scrapped following its decommissioning. Lochaber group manager Pat McElhinney was in the Royal Navy for five years and served aboard HMS Ark Royal as a fire carrier in the Falklands and the Gulf before joining the fire service in 1992. Mr McElhinney, from Fort William, met his from 69 mates for the first time in over two decades as over 200 crew members got together in Portsmouth for the 'Outback 88' reunion. He said: 'It's funny but after 22 years we all still got on fantastic. I have not laughed so much in years from some of the stories. I was proud to serve my

Arisaig WRI elect new committee

ARISAIG WRI held the last meeting of the session in the Ayles Hall on Thursday, May 16th when 10 members were in attendance and the new committee for 2013/2014 was elected. The office bearers are: President: Mrs MacDonald; Vice President: Anne Lamont; Secretary: Yvonne Cairns; Treasurer: Anne Cameron; Press secretary: Yvonne MacDonald. The new syllabus was discussed and other business for the next year.

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Troops come out on top at Oban Lorne 7s

Home team beaten in cup final

OBAN Lorne Rugby Football Club was commended for a successful sevens tournament, which the hosts very nearly won.

They were beaten finalists last Saturday against the troops from Murrayfield Wanderers in the final.

In the bowl competition Oban Lorne Old Boys were beaten by Howe.

The host club also fielded the Oban Exiles team, who were unfortunately to be in the same pool as the eventual cup finalists.

The 12-team competition, sponsored by the Yorkshire Building Society, also allowed

the club to raise funds through a bungee run and a bottle stall but the main income was through the bar, which had takings of £3,800.

Another fundraiser taking place at the clubhouse this Saturday is a curry night, where every ticket bought will get guests a complimentary DVD of the recent National Bowl Final win at Murrayfield.

RUGBY

Isle of Mull Rugby Club won the plate competition, beating Lochaber in the semi-final and Murrayfield Wanderers in the final.

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Right: The winning Mercian regiment team. Photo: Kevin McGlynn.



Oban Lorne were beaten finalists. Photo: Kevin McGlynn.

Man of the match Laycock hits Carradale for six

OBAN began the defence of the Argyll Cricket League with an 80-runs victory against Carradale at a sun-drenched Taynait.

Barring first, the hosts lost

openers Mackenzie and Leach cheaply but this only brought the free-scoring Allan Laycock to the middle.

CRICKET



Adrian Laycock of Oban Cricket Club. t22cricketno

Ably supported by Duncan Campbell, who scored 15, Laycock dispatched the Carradale attack to all corners, passing 50 within 15 overs.

Tristan Carr played with tremendous composure to see off the disciplined Carradale bowling, scoring a vital 34.

Laycock continued to punish anything astray, smashing eleven fours and four sixes in his 83. Beislaw and Kahn's partnership added another 24 runs to take Oban to 178 for 8 after 40 overs.

Having never beaten Oban in 10 previous matches, the men from Kintyre were looking to score at 4.5 runs per over to win.

Santos dismissed Caines, Hall

and Bennett all out leg before wicket to leave Carradale on 13 for 3.

Morkel and Harris led the fightback with a partnership of 50 and at this stage the visitors only needed another 116 to win with 7 wickets and 24 overs remaining.

However, man of the match Laycock was about to spoil the party for Carradale by tearing through their middle-order, returning figures of five wickets for 17 runs. Carradale ended on 98 all out but it was a closer match than the scoreline suggests.

This Sunday Oban are in Argyll League duty again with an away trip to Dunadd to play Mid Argyll CC.



The prizewinners at the Argyll and Bute Golf Union Spring Meeting.



Oban Lorne's Corrie Louw breaks through two tacklers. Photo: Kevin McGlynn.



Oban Hockey Club played a sevens tournament of its own, alongside the rugby club's competition. Pictured with Oban Lorne RFC, president Dee Bradbury is the winning team from Lanarkshire, Greenlins Hockey Club, who beat Oban Hockey Club's Taps AFB in the final. Oban Hockey Club did win one prize on the day when Claire Easton was named female player of the day. Photo: Kevin McGlynn.

Argyll and Bute Golf Union hold Spring Meeting at Glenclruitten

THE SPRING Meeting of the Argyll and Bute Golf Union was held at Glenclruitten Golf Club on Sunday.

GOLF

The Handicap Championship went to Alister MacLean, who finished with a score of 58 (3).

Inward half

Runner-up was Peter Dunn, 60 (19), and Stewart Cameron, 61 (15), was third with the better inward half over Stephen McCuish, 61 (15).

Fifth place went to Steven Murphy, 62 (14), who played

the better inward half over eight handicapper Martin Rae.

The top 10 was completed by Eric Deverill, 63 (9) BHH, Martin Tait 63 (7), John MacKinnon 63 (10), and Willie McAdam, 64 (6), all Glenclruitten Golf Club members.

Scratch winner was Graham MacCall with a 67 BHI over Gavin Owens. Third was Alan MacKie on 68.



Kinlochleven Bowls Club held the Isles of Glencoe Hotel Pairs competition recently. Tommy Campbell and Martin Keenan took a close win from Agnes Boyle and Eddie Downs by just one point in challenging conditions.

Saints youths results and fixtures

YOUTH FOOTBALL

RESULTS: Thursday - Dalmuir Park United 9, Under 15s 1. On target for Saints was Jamie MacPherson. Lochgiphead Red Star 4, Under 16s 1. Saints goalscorer was DJ Orr.

Saturday - Milngavie 1, Under 13s 6. Scoring for Saints were Martin Renne (2), Scott Mossman (2), Kenneth MacDonald and Daniel McCuish. Ardenacple 6, Under 16s 1. Jamie Easton scored for Saints.

Sunday - Under 14s v Helensburgh, postponed; Under 15s 2, Kilpatrick 3. On target for the Oban side were Daniel MacMillan and Stewart Munro.

Fixtures: Under 13s v Renton Craigavon, Under 14s v Milngavie, Under 15s v Clydebank; Under 16s v Milngavie.

Fort William girls' football festival

FOOTBALL

THE FIRST Fort William girls' football festival saw teams from across the Highlands come to Claggan Park to take part.

Teams from Fort William, Mallaig and Arisaig took part, as well as visitors from Inverness and Merkinch.

The non-competitive event was split into two sections - four-a-side games for P1-P3 girls, and seven-a-side for P4-P7 as friends and family cheered them on from the sidelines.

Organiser and Fort William girls coach Lisa MacGillivray said the day had been a great success and thanked everyone who helped out and took part.

Red Star could be promoted

FOOTBALL

RED STAR took on Shawlands at a sun kissed Ropework Park on Saturday and got a 5-1 win that would guarantee fourth spot in the table and possible league promotion from SAFL Division 1B.

Manager Weir was delighted with the effort shown in hot conditions and pleased with the standard of football the team were able to produce.

The result sees Star end the season in fourth spot but with changes to the league structure likely to come in the Lochgiphead side are still unsure what division they will be playing in next season.

Red Star have thanked all their sponsors for their support and hard work over the season, without which running a football club would be impossible.

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Camanachd Cup second round ties

Last year's finalists Kyles and Inveraray face each other in tie of the round

As south shinty's top two teams and the finalists in last year's Camanachd Cup, KYLES ATHLETIC and INVERARAY know all there is to know about each other.

But as the two sides prepare to line up against each other at Tighnabruich in the Scottish Cup's opening round this Saturday, any potential surprises are being kept well under wraps by their tight-lipped coaches.

Hosts Kyles have suffered some poor results in the league but, as cup holders, will be desperate to retain the trophy.

Kyles trainer James Perlich said: 'It is always a tough game against Inveraray but I am expecting plenty of chances of plenty of goals.'

'The result will come down to which team converts more of their chances and hopefully that will be us going to try and treat it like any other game but there is pressure on us, as holders, to get into the next round.'

Inveraray player-manager Garry MacPherson is equally evasive when asked about his approach to this Saturday's game, saying only that league form would not be a factor in how the game will pan out.

He said: 'Considering this was last year's final, a lot of people will say it's the pick of the round. We are confident about how we are playing but they have home advantage and will bring out a large crowd on Saturday.'

'They have lacked a bit of consistency in the league, which we have suffered from in the past but this is a Camanachd Cup game and league form counts for nothing.'

'The last six or seven games between us have all been 50/50 and I don't think Saturday will be much different.'

Inveraray should welcome back Chris Crawford on Saturday after recovering from an injury.

Inveraray and Kyles will also meet in next month's AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup final at Strathcarron.

SHINTY

penalty to complete the scoring.

The sides meet again in the Co-operative MacFavish Cup final at Bught Park, Inverness on June 15.

NEWTONMORE will be expected to see off the challenge of South Division One strugglers Strachur in the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup second round this Saturday.

More manager PJ MacKintosh told The Oban Times he had very little knowledge about the side that sit second bottom of their division.

He said: 'Complacency is always a danger. I know very little about them. I don't know if they are a young team, an old team, a physical team, and that's the danger.'

'We're slowly getting our players back. We've still got two or three out injured but hopefully they'll be back in the next two or three weeks.'

MacKintosh's side go into the game fresh from a comfortable 4-0 win in the Strathspey derby against Kingussie last weekend.

Danny MacRae and Glen MacKintosh scored in the first 16 minutes, with Fraser MacKintosh later grabbing a double.

MacKintosh said the scoreline could have been even greater for Newtonmore.

'They started well, but as soon as we scored there was only going to be one winner. We hit the post a couple of times and their keeper made some good saves.'



Oban Camanachd travelled to take on Kinlochshiel last Saturday in an Orion Premiership match. Unfortunately for the Oban side they had to travel back down the road on the end of a 3-1 defeat. Photo: John MacFavish



Results

Results 25th May
Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup 1st Round
 Glasgow MA 2 - 0 Kilmallie
 Oban Celtic 2 - 0 Caberfeidh

Artemis Macaulay Cup 1st Round
 Bute 2 - 3 Kyles Athletic

Baltimore Cup Quarter Final
 Strathglass 4 - 2 Glenorchy

Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Quarter Final
 Lovat 4 - 1 Newtonmore
 Lochcarron 8 - 1 Glenorchy
 Lochside 3 - 4 Fort William
 Ballachulish 3 - 1 Lochaber

Orion Group Premiership
 Kinlochshiel 3 - 1 Oban Camanachd
 Lochaber P - P Fort William
 Match to be rescheduled
 Lovat 4 - 0 Glenorchy
 Newtonmore 4 - 0 Kingussie

Marine Harvest North Division 1
 Beaulieu 4 - 0 Inverness

Marine Harvest North Division 1
 Strachur 4 - 4 Kilmory

Marine Harvest North Division 2
 Aileen Uist 1 - 2 Glenquhart
 Beaulieu 4 - 1 Kinlochshiel
 Kingussie 6 - 1 Skye

Marine Harvest South Division 2
 Aberdeen 0 - 3 Kyles Athletic
 Bute 3 - 3 Inveraray
 Tayforth 0 - 9 Col Glen

Marine Harvest North Division 3
 Boleskine 2 - 1 Inverness
 Kilmallie 2 - 3 Caberfeidh
 Lewis P - P Strathglass
 Strathglass unable to field a team points to Lewis

Youth Results
Marine Harvest Under 17 League - London Shield
 Glasgow MA P - P Kilmallie

National Under 14 Competition - MacMaster Cup
 Beaulieu 2 - 7 Kingussie

Marine Harvest Under 17 League - London Shield
 Lovat 0 - 6 Caberfeidh
 Glenquhart P - P Skye
 Lochcarron 4 - 2 Beaulieu
 Lochaber P - P Kinlochshiel
 Kingussie 2 - 4 Newtonmore
 Oban Celtic P - P Fort William

Marine Harvest Under 14 League
 Glenquhart 0 - 5 Fort William
 Kinlochshiel 2 - 5 Skye B
 Strathglass 0 - 1 Beaulieu

Marine Harvest Under 14 9-a-side League
 Inveraray 4 - 2 Kyles
 Ballachulish 3 - 1 Oban Celtic
 Oban Camp P - P Milngavie

Womens Camanachd Association
Marine Harvest National Division 1
 Badenoch & Strathspey 4 - 1 Glenorchy
 Aberdeen 2 - 11 Glasgow MA

Marine Harvest North Division 2
 Lovat P - P Skye
 Strathglass 11 - 0 Ardnarmurchan

Marine Harvest South Division 2



Fixtures

Fixtures 1st June
Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup 2nd Round
 Kingussie v Lovat
 Innes Wood
 Kyles Athletic v Inveraray
 Ted McDonald - 3pm
 Newtonmore v Strachur
 Neil Ferguson - 3pm
 Fort William v Glasgow MA
 Billy Wotherspoon - 3pm
 Skye v Kinlochshiel
 Deeside Cameron - 3.30pm
 Lochaber v Glenquhart
 Graham Cameron - 3pm
 Beaulieu v Oban Camanachd
 Evan MacRae

Artemis Macaulay Cup 1st Round
 Oban Celtic v Taynult
 Lachie Wood

Strathdearn Cup 2nd Round
 Fort William v Lochcarron
 Alex MacFavish - 12pm

Marine Harvest North Division 1
 Inverness v Kilmallie
 John MacLeod

Marine Harvest North Division 2
 Aberdeen U v Glenorchy
 John Matheson
 Kinlochshiel v Kingussie
 John Angus Gillies
 Newtonmore v Glenquhart
 Euan Pearson - 12pm
 Skye v Lovat
 Willie MacRae - 1pm

Marine Harvest South Division 1
 Glenorchy v Lochside Rovers
 Daniel MacRae
 Bute v Kilmory
 David Mitchell

Marine Harvest South Division 2
 Ballachulish Glasgow MA
 Calum Girvan
 Inveraray v Col Glen
 Neil MacDonald
 Kyles Athletic v Bute
 Alex MacFavish - 12pm

Marine Harvest North Division 3
 Kilmallie v Lochbroom
 Donald MacRae
 Lewis v Boleskine
 Ronnie Campbell
 Lochaber v Strathspey
 John MacGregor - 12pm
 Strathglass v Inverness
 John Slogie

(All throw ups 2.30 unless stated)

Youth Fixtures
Friday 31st May
National Under 14 Competition - MacMaster Cup 2nd Round:
 Newtonmore v Kingussie
 Skye v Lovat
 Caberfeidh v Kilmallie

Sunday 2nd June
Marine Harvest Under 17 League - London Shield
 Glasgow MA v Oban Celtic

National Under 14 Competition - MacMaster Cup 2nd Round
 Oban Camanachd v Milngavie & Bearsden

Womens Camanachd Association
Sunday 2nd June
Marine Harvest National Division 1
 Badenoch & Strathspey v Aberdeen

Marine Harvest South Division 2
 Glasgow MA v Dunadd

of the goals coming in the first 40 minutes.

McNeil said the display was 'very disappointing.'

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OBAN CAMANACHD manager Gussie Campbell hopes a good cup run will be a distraction from his team's continued league struggles and is desperate for a victory this Saturday.

The Oban side travel to Beaulieu in the Camanachd Cup and, although the home side is a league below Camanachd, Campbell has described this Saturday's opponents as a premier league team in waiting.

He said: 'This is a very tricky tie because they are top of North Division One and have been building up their team for a few years now. They will be a premier league team within the next two years.'

It has been 20 years since the two sides last met, a 1-0 victory at Mossfield sent Camanachd on their way to the final of the Camanachd Cup that year, when they lost to Kingussie.

Campbell has fond memories of the Beaulieu match, as he was the goal scorer.

He added: 'It was a tough game that day and I am expecting nothing else this weekend.'

Camanachd should have the forward trio of Aidan MacIntyre, Gavin Stobart and Lewis Cameron back in contention but Gareth Evans and Ian 'Gussie' Campbell will be missing.

Last weekend's 3-1 defeat at Kinlochshiel increased the pressure on Camanachd at the foot of the Orion Group Premiership.

Club chairman Alugh MacIntyre was among those making the long trip to Yoker and cited a failure to take chances as the main reason for the loss.

He told The Oban Times: 'We played well enough but just couldn't score. We lost the goals early on and then had a goal chalked off for offside which was never offside.'

'Their keeper had two good saves, one from Sebby MacMillan with 10 minutes left when we were right through on goal.'

He added: 'The boys were disappointed with the result but they may have taken the opposition too lightly - they were very fit and quite good hitters.'

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Oban Saints on Marshall Cup final duty this weekend

'If we play the way we can I'm quietly confident the silverware will be heading up the road to Oban on Sunday evening'

OBAN Saints will be hoping to get back on track this Sunday after three disappointing league results when they travel to Somervell Park, home of junior club Cambuslang Rangers to take on Hillington in the final of the Jimmy Marshall Cup. The match will kick-off at 2pm.

Despite having had a good season so far the Oban side have gone off the boil in recent games, picking up only one point from a possible nine in the league.

However, their cup form this season has been impressive. They reached the last eight of the Scottish Amateur Cup, losing to eventual finalists Colville Park in a replay. They also reached the fifth round of the West of Scotland Cup, losing 4-2 after extra time away to Kilmarnock side Shorefields.

The Oban lads have played in one final already this season, the Centenary Cup, but they turned in a disappointing performance, losing on penalties to Paisley side Alba Thistle after the teams had finished level at 0-0 after 90 minutes.

Manager Iain Jackson will be hoping his side can get back to the form shown earlier in the season.

He said: 'We've gone off the boil recently, probably due to the number of games we've had to play in a short space of time, but

I'm sure the boys will be up for the final.

'We don't know too much about Hillington, but we will be doing some homework on them. We know they are a big, strong physical side, finishing second in their league, losing only two games in the process, so this will be a very difficult match.'

'It would be terrible not to win any silverware after having had such a good season, so it's now down the players and how much they want to win the cup.

'The goals have dried up a bit for our front men at the moment, but if the likes of Craig MacEwan and Donald Campbell are on form then I'm sure we can get our hands on the trophy.'

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Inverclyde 3
Saints played their last home league game of the season last Saturday against Inverclyde.

Due to the rugby sevens and hockey tournament being played at Glenclarrigan the game was switched to the 3G at Oban High School.

The home side took the lead in the 14th minute when Willie Gemmill scored with a well-taken free kick.

However, the advantage lasted only three minutes before the visitors drew level through Michael Crawford.

FOOTBALL

The same player netted in the 40th minute to give the visitors a 2-1 interval lead.

Manager Jackson tore a strip off his players at the break for turning in such a lack-lustre performance, but worse was to follow in the 58th minute when Shaun McCarn thumped a shot over Daniel Cassels and into the net to give Inverclyde a 3-1 lead.

Credit to Saints though, they finally got their act together and Keith Millar pulled the score back to 3-3.

The home side were dominating as the game drew to a close and Keith Millar had the ball in the net in the final minute, but referee Jim Listler, who had a good game, ruled the goal out for an earlier infringement.

Manager Iain Jackson said: 'Inverclyde had to get a point to avoid getting drawn into a relegation dogfight, so the game meant more to them than it did to us, but we were poor in the first half, although we played a lot better in the second.

'We can't afford that first half performance in the final or we would be in trouble. However, if we play the way we can I'm quietly confident the silverware will be heading up the road to Oban on Sunday evening.'



Joey Gough of Oban Sailing Club, left, and friend Robert Bradley are interviewed following their win.

Joey wins one of the toughest races in the world

A MEMBER of Oban Sailing Club upset the odds to win one of the toughest sailing races in the world.

Joey Gough, who lives in Duror, and Robert Bradley of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria won The Melbourne Osaka Cup, the 5,500 nautical mile double-handed yachting race from Melbourne, Australia to Osaka, Japan.

Racing in Robert's Farr 38 *Escapee*, Joey and Robert had the credit of leading

for most of the race, ahead of a diverse range of yachts including an Open 60, *Gusto*, that was the early favourite to win.

The Melbourne Osaka Cup is the second longest short-handed sailing race in the world after the Vendee Globe and is only run every four years.

Joey, who was third across the line had an anxious wait on hearing the other finishing times. He said: 'It was an extremely frustrating end to the race and we had to wait

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to know if we had *Wakabi* on time. When we found out we did have it, we were absolutely over the moon.'

The trophy presentation was in the Tenmangu Shinto Temple in Osaka, presided over by the third highest Shinto priest times. He said: 'It was an extremely frustrating end to the race and we had to wait

Argyll fisherman part of golden Scottish team



A MID Argyll fisherman has won a gold medal with the Scottish International Fly Fishing Team in a UK fishing competition.

Dugald MacGill was part of the Scottish side that beat Eng-

land on home soil at the fishing championship in Bevil Water, Kent last week.

Dugald, who is a member of the Lochgilphead and District Angling Club, caught three trout on the day, which was added to the side's total of 63 fish.

The well organised team beat England by a total of 21 fish and 45 pounds and five ounces.

The competition, which is run

by the International Fly Fishing Association, also saw teams from Ireland and Wales cast their lines.

For Dugald this was the third medal he has picked up as part of the Scottish team, previously winning a gold and bronze prize.

'Speaking about the competition he said: 'I'm delighted that we won a gold medal. It is a fantastic achievement.'

Medals for Argyll athletes

YOUNG athletes from Argyll excelled at the West District Championships held at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena in Kilmarnock last Friday and Saturday returning with two gold medals and two silver medals.

Ben Coates from Kilmore contested the 200metres in the Under 16 age group on the Friday evening progressing to the final and then winning silver in the final with a time of 25.00 seconds behind winner Cameron Wilson of Kilmarnock AC.

On Saturday Ben won gold in the 100metres hurdles recording a time of 15.8seconds and well clear of the other runners and the time was impressive considering there was a strong breeze against the runners. Ben also reached the final of the 100metres and finished 4th in 12.89seconds after having run a PB of 12.77 in the heats.

Molly Reade from Tobermory won the Under 14s long jump.

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won the Under 14s high jump clearing 1.45metres which equaled her previous best set indoors in March. Molly was representing Mull Athletic Club and dominated the competition with first time clearances and only one boy in the same age category exceeded Molly's winning height.

Emma Thompson from Oban won a silver medal in the Under 16s triple jump improving her previous best by almost a metre. Emma's medal leap of 10.06metres was only 20cm behind the winner. Emma's younger sister Grace was competing in the Under 14 age group and just missed a medal in the shot putt throwing 6.01metres for 4th and the same distance as 3rd place but her 2nd best throw was a lesser distance.

Paddy Dunne from Oban was 4th in the Under 16's long jump.



The winning triple for the George Barnett competition, from left: Marion Carr, Anne Campbell and John McLaren.

Favourites win George Barnett Triples

BOWLS

KIND weather made for a pleasant backdrop to the George Barnett Trophy Triples on Oban Green on Saturday.

The favourites came through to win it, with skip Anne Campbell, Marion Carr and John McLaren delighted to receive the shield.

The following day, a team from Ardrishaig travelled to Oban Green for a West Argyll League tie and the visitors won three out of the five triples to take the win.

Next week Oban travel to Tarbert for their next West Argyll League tie.

Junior Lions Trophy winner Lewis Brown being presented the trophy by Mr. Ian Smith.

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Riding club show

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OBAN and District Riding Club is hosting its Open Show at Dalintober Farm, Benderloch, on June 9 by kind permission of Mr and Mrs J Maxwell.

Classes include showing classes, Mountain and Moorland, ridden and in-hand, in-hand show classes for any breed, Working Hunter with Blair Qualifier class, Show Jumping and Style Jumping Blair Qualifier class.

Entries should be made to Lindsay Mac Donald at Markie Duns, through the club's website, or at Oban vets or The Horse Box.

Alternatively, competitors can enter on the day.



Donald Campbell in action during the Jimmy Marshall Cup semi final win over Haldane United. Photo: Stephen Lawson

Weather

Thursday Sunny
Winds light, north north westerly
Temperatures 8°C to 15°C

Friday Sunshine and showers
Winds light, west north westerly
Temperatures 7°C to 11°C.

Weekend Outlook Sunny intervals
Winds moderate, west north westerly
Temperatures 6°C to 12°C.

Ferry Crossings/Sea States
Oban to Barra/South Uist Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay Moderate

Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, May 30, 2013** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	03.32 0.8 09.17 3.2 15.49 0.9 21.50 3.4	
Fri	04.30 1.1 10.17 3.0 16.47 1.1 22.58 3.2	
Sat	05.32 1.3 11.39 2.8 17.52 1.3 ** ** *	
Sun	02.24 3.1 06.40 1.4 13.07 2.8 19.04 1.4	
Mon	01.41 3.1 07.50 1.5 14.13 2.9 20.17 1.4	
Tues	02.41 3.2 08.51 1.4 15.01 3.0 21.21 1.4	
Wed	03.29 3.3 09.40 1.3 15.41 3.2 22.13 1.3	

Total Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

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A warm welcome awaits in the West

5 page feature starting on page 12

Football club finds firmer footing

FORT William Football Club has been saved from possible financial meltdown by a group of prominent Lochaber businessmen.

Stewart MacLean, Gerald MacIntyre, Drew Purdon and Stewart Leitch were unanimously appointed to the committee on Monday night after laying out plans to place the club on a more sound financial footing.

The annual general meeting heard the club was haemorrhaging money, with net assets dropping from £17,755 at the end of last season to just £1,366 this year.

A perfect storm of issues led to the massive drop off - including the loss of a £12,000 Scottish Football Association discretionary grant, a water bill backdated five years and a 40 per cent drop in lotto tickets sales.

On the pitch, the team have finished bottom of the Highland League for a third year in a row and struggled to attract players.

Mr MacLean said the move was a 'positive step forward' for the club.

He said: 'We as a group are willing to give our time, our individual expertise, some immediate financial assistance and our contacts to the club. Contacts are important when you're looking for sponsorship.'

'There are a lot of significant issues which require to be addressed, including ground licensing, the operation of the social club, and also funds for the manager to strengthen the team.'

'Our overall plan is to introduce a corporate governance to the club and to broaden the base of financial support for the club.'

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'We believe our success will be measured when we can step down from the committee leaving a youthful and sustainable group to run the club, which by that time will be about the middle of the league, hopefully.'

'A successful football club brings with it much more than success on the field. It brings a feel-good factor and economic benefits to the overall community.'

He added: 'We do not have all the answers. But we are seriously in the last chance saloon, and that is hopefully what we can take it out of.'

Club captain Andy Martin said the news of fresh investment had boosted morale in the dressing room.

He said: 'Coming towards the end of the season, everyone was looking forward to getting it over and done with, but now everyone is looking forward to next season, so already it's had a positive effect.'

Manager Danny Conlon said: 'With the new people coming on board it will hopefully make my job a bit easier, and it might make the whole club run a bit smoother.'

Mr MacIntyre said the club would likely be relaunched as a community interest group in coming weeks, making it eligible for grants and removing financial liability from committee members.

Mr Purdon added: 'I don't want to be here at any time to see the last rites get read over this football club, it's far too important to the community and the town. Fort William deserves a good football club.'



The walkers stop while crossing the Caledonian Canal for photo with *The Oban Times* 20.122wa001

Crowds gather for 'Heather's Walk' along canal banks

MORE THAN 200 people turned out for the annual two-mile sponsored walk 'Heather's Walk' in Corpach on Sunday.

The event, organised by Margaret Simpson and Sarah Walker in memory of their close friend Heather Robertson,

raised £6,000 for Highland Hospice.

The sun shone as the field were piped from Kilmalieu Community Centre and headed along the Caledonian Canal.

But a strong breeze meant the temperatures didn't reach the baking levels of last year, much to the delight of the walkers.

Sarah Walker tackled the walk in a bee costume - the new mascot for Highland Hospice.

She told *The Oban Times*: 'We had just over 200 taking part, which was great. All the stalls were busy as well, the whole day was fantastic.'

'We want to thanks all the individuals who took part and the local businesses who supported us in making this day one of the most successful so far.'

An auction and raffle was held in Tradewinds in the evening to further boost the coffers, with music provided by Ian Joseph MacDonald and Malcolm Hughes.

Heather's Walk has now raised over £56,000 since its inception, and a 'thermometer' to measure the amount raised has been erected outside the Co-op in Corpach.

The sign was created free of charge by local company All Round Designs to keep locals informed of how much the charity has raised.

Glengel hears of energy opportunities

WEST COAST communities must have the chance to claim a share in lucrative offshore renewable energy developments.

That was the message from Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch SNP MSP Dave Thompson following Friday's public meeting on a tidal power scheme between Skye and the mainland.

Mr Thompson, who addressed the gathering in Glengel and Arnisdale Community Hall, faced criticism over a perceived lack of government support for Glengel and Arnisdale Community Trust's bid for a stake in the project.

Marine Current Turbines, owned by German giant Siemens, want to site four turbines on the seabed between Glengel and Kyleheba.

Local resident rejected the proposal at an earlier meeting in Kyleakin. Mr Thompson has now written to energy minister Fergus Ewing urging him to ensure remote communities don't lose out.

Proposing an infrastructure fund to which developers would contribute, then communities could bid into for their own infrastructure projects, the MSP said: 'I believe that, as off shore technologies approach maturity, it will be important to ensure that communities derive a fair share of the vast benefits these

resources will bring, and by building on our experience with on shore renewable technology we can have a robust system of community benefit in place.'

Glengel and Arnisdale Community Trust chairman John Maclean felt 'a bit sorry' for Mr Thompson at the meeting.

He said: 'He was trying to justify the unjustifiable, saying because of Maggie Thatcher (privatising power) and Westminster spending cuts they had no option but to use the big utilities. We accept the tidal potential is there and somebody will develop it, but we don't really care who it is as long as we can take claim a share in it.'

Small Isles builds creative industries hub after course

THE SMALL Isles has a new creative industries hub following a successful two-day business start-up workshop led by an Egg businesswoman and Business Gateway Lochaber.

The move came after Lucy Conway, founder of the Egg Box - a new creative workspace based on the island - asked Business Gateway to support her concept.

And the initiative paid off when 13 Egg-based businesses including musicians, artists, writers and crafts people attended the course.

Textile workers, filmmakers, bakers, event organisers and web designers also signed up to the Egg Box project, which will offer accommodation to many of the island's micro-businesses.

Ms Conway said: 'Egg Box turns on its head the notion that a centre of entrepreneurship and creativity needs to be at the centre of population.'

Simon Purdon, Lochaber's regional development officer at Business Gateway, said the project would benefit both pre-start and already trading businesses.

Final stage at Lochaber High starts Monday

THE £11 million final stage of refurbishments at Lochaber High School is set to get underway on Monday.

Elgin-based firm Robertson Northern have been awarded the contract to carry out the refurbishments and extensions. More than £26 million has been spent improving the school since 2008.

The work will include a new dining, kitchen, entrance, admin and library block, refurbishment of the assembly hall, demolition of existing admin block, installation of bus shelters and re-surfacing of the car park.

Head teacher Jim Sutherland said: 'This stage of the work will really transform the way our school building works and will provide a learning environment that will be truly inspirational.'

Residents to question Gairloch camping pod plan

LOCAL residents are to quiz Scottish Canals about controversial plans to build 'camping pods' at Gairloch.

The waterways agency plans to place the wooden structures at eight locations along the Caledonian Canal - including Gairloch, Banavie, Fort Augustus and Moy.

Local representative Francis Polding will brief Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry Community Council on the move on Tuesday but community council chair John Forthingham claimed local opinion was firmly against.

He said: 'There's quite a lot of people come up here wild camping already and there are concerns about litter and fouling. There is also very limited access for vehicles at Gairloch.'

'A lot of people go out on Loch Lochy without knowing one end of a canoe from the other. Encouraging more people here to canoe without having the proper safety infrastructure in place could be dangerous.'

Scottish Canals maintains the pods would boost tourism and benefit local businesses.

The meeting in Spean Bridge Primary School opens at 7pm.

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Ballauchulish golf course voted top in Scotland

THE DRAGON'S Tooth at Ballauchulish has been voted number one nine hole golf course in Scotland by the country's leading golf magazine.

Placing the course at the top of an 18-strong list, *Bunkered states*: 'Enjoying one of the most dramatic and beautiful loch-side locations in the Highlands, Dragon's Tooth has established itself as a firm favourite with golfers far and wide - and it's not hard to see why.'

It adds: 'In every respect, it is a hidden gem.'

Owner Laurence Young has invested heavily in drainage and greens maintenance while head greenkeeper David Lawrence has devoted five years of his life helping to bring the course up to par.

Mr Lawrence, 37, who stays on Ardsheal Estate at Kentallen with his partner Miranda Garden, told *The Oban Times*: 'It was quite a surprise. I did not expect we would make the top

18 let alone take first place.'

'The course was in really bad condition but the owners have invested a lot of time and money and it's finally paying off.'

'The aim was to have it in such a playable condition that people would want to come back - and I think we have achieved that.'

'We have proper PGA greens and 1,000 metres of new fairway drainage so the course is always dry and can stand up to any conditions.'

He added: 'I'm working single handed here so the award means a lot. I never get home much because I'm always working, but this really gives you a boost.'

'It's not often nine-holers get recognition, so this is great news.'

Dragon's Tooth beat off stiff competition from top Scottish courses including Edinburgh's Wee Braids and the Kyles of Bute.

Lochaber celebrates five medal haul at championships

LOCHABER Judo Club is celebrating after winning five medals at the 18th Highland Region Open Championships in the Nevis Centre on Saturday.

Bronze
Lochieside members Kyle Nolan and Damon Urquhart took bronze in the under-30kg category, while Hamish Kelly, also from Lochieside, won bronze in the under-34kg class.

Hard work and commitment
Spean Bridge members Mia and Liam MacPherson, who have only been practising judo for five months, also took bronze in the under-34kg and under-38kg categories, respectively.

The event in the Nevis Centre attracted 95 competitors from Scotland, Ireland and Newcastle.

And for senior coach Tom Cameron, the medal was just reward for all the youngsters' hard work and commitment.

Onich man Mr Cameron, 70, who has been involved with the club for 48 years and is a Black Belt 4th Dan, told *The Oban Times*: 'It is a big event so the children did very well in what was their first major competition.'

'It really bodes well for the future of judo in Lochaber - but we always have room for new members.'

Anyone interested in joining the club can contact Mr Cameron on 01855 821317.

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Cool man jailed for 'prolonged and humiliating attack' on girl

A CAOL man who threatened his then teenage girlfriend with her clothes off and threatened to set her hair alight after she tried to break up with him has been jailed for four months.

Alexander Williamson was

found guilty of carrying out the three-hour early morning assault on the 17-year-old after a three day trial at Fort William Sheriff Court.

Shuffled out a cigarette Williamson punched and

slapped her, poured drink and aftershave over her head, stubbed out a cigarette out on her hand and set her clothes ablaze in the back garden on June 23 last year.

The 23-year-old also seized

the woman by the throat during the assault.

Injured The teenager was left with a black eye, cuts on her chest and ear, and marks on her left arm. Williamson, of 4 Glenmalie

Terrace, claimed the woman had attacked him after he accused her of cheating on him, but procurator fiscal Alison Wylie said he gave three different versions of events - to hospital staff, to police and in court.

Defense solicitor Gerry Sweeney argued for Williamson to be given a community payback order rather than a prison term, pointing out his client still denied the offence.

But Sheriff Noel McPartlin

said: "This was a serious offence. It was a prolonged and humiliating attack. I have no doubt the victim was badly affected by it."

"I think there has to be a custodial sentence in this case."

Camanachd Cup draw at Spean

THE DRAW for the quarter finals of the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup will take place in the scenic surroundings of the Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge on Monday.

Shinty historian Hugh Dan MacLennan and Camanachd Association President Archie Robertson will make the draw at 12pm.

Musicians, Fort William players Gary Innes and former Fort William shinty club trainer Fergie MacDonald will also attend the event.

Both are performing at the 2013 BLAS show 'Shinty's heroes: Curaidhean na Camanachd' at the Nevis Centre in Fort William the evening before the Camanachd Cup final at An Aird on Saturday, September 14.

Volunteers wanted for litter pick

UPPER Achintore Regeneration Group in Fort William is looking for helpers to join a two-hour litter pick on Saturday morning.

Volunteers are asked to meet at Upper Achintore Primary School gates at 10am where gloves, litter pickers and black bin bags will be available. Children are very welcome but if under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult. Group chair Jackie Carswell said: "We're asking local residents to give up a little of their time and support this initiative for anything up to two hours. We really can make a difference if we work together."

'Ghost' vandals strike at Caol

FIVE properties in Caol were vandalised with red spray paint on Monday May 20.

The premises, including houses and commercial buildings, were spray painted with the word 'ghost' and a image of a ghost.

Cash stolen in Fort Augustus robbery

A THREE figure sum of cash was stolen from a bed and breakfast in Fort Augustus between 9am and 12pm on Monday May 20.

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LSA await vital cash bid

LOCHABER Sports Association will know in around six weeks whether a vital cash bid to the Scottish Communities Foundation has been successful.

LSA needs £7,000 to progress its business plan for a proposed £1million indoor training sports centre at Lochaber High School. Local councillors have already pledged £5,250 from their wards' discretionary budget, leaving LSA to find the remaining 25 per cent.

Chair Jane Blanchard confirmed a bid for £1,750 had been lodged with the SCF and was hopeful the cash would be approved.

She told *The Oban Times*: "If we don't get it then we will have to do a big back a Morrisons. At this stage we are not going direct to the clubs or the community to raise money. We will be doing that for the capital expenditure stage."

The training centre is widely regarded as being vital to increasing access to sport in Lochaber, especially in winter when outdoor pitches are often out of use through snow, frost or waterlogging.

The project endured a somewhat chequered start but recently won the broad backing of Highland Council following a clear the air meeting in Inverness.

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Ms Blanchard said: "Thanks to a generous 75 per cent funding from the Wards Discretionary Fund, we have commissioned Inverness-based Alan Jones Associates to develop a business plan that makes everyone happy - potential funders and all stakeholders."

"We need it so everybody will be in total agreement. We don't want the business case to be based on any assumptions. It has to be watertight."

"It will examine revenue streams, costs, management, access, procurement procedures and the sustainability of the facility, which will depend on how much it can be let out for."

Next important date for the project is June 18, when LSA representatives meet with Highland Council, Highlife Highland, sportsotland and Alan Jones Associates to firm up objectives and the timescale for the business plan.



Local children and some of those who helped create the Kilchoan Community Park celebrate its opening

Community playpark opens at Kilchoan

YEARS of hard work and fundraising having finally come to fruition for a remote Lochaber community after their new village play park opened.

More than 200 people turned out for the grand opening of Kilchoan Community Park on Saturday, with the youngsters rushing in to try out the

facilities.

The ribbon was cut by youngster Holly Cameron, whose brother Caleb died in a tragic accident in 2009. A memorial plaque in the new park is dedicated to his memory.

Locals raised £100,000 over the past 11 years to fund the creation of the park after the

old playground was closed by Highland Council.

West Ardnarmurchan Community Council secretary Jac Crooke said the community was very proud of their 'unique' park.

She said: "Over 200 people attended the official opening and we look forward to welcoming

locals and visitors alike over the coming months."

Funding applications to groups such as the Big Lottery Fund and Children in Need were turned down, meaning the community had to raise a substantial amount themselves.

A group of nine fathers and friends raised £25,000 by

walking the West Highland Way in 2009, part of £40,000 of fundraising money gathered for the project.

Those funds were matched by Highland LEADER, with the rest coming from grants from Landfill Communities' Fund and the Hugh Fraser Foundation.

Open top bus service for tourists to Lochaber

VISITORS to Lochaber will have a new big city-style attraction to look forward to when an open top bus service starts in the area next Tuesday.

Six-day service The double-decker Stagecoach bus will run throughout the summer months between Fort William and the Commando Memorial near Spean Bridge, stopping at Glen Nevis and Nevis Range on the way.

There will be two return journeys on route 42 from Tuesday to Thursday, with three

journeys on Friday to Sunday, with no service on Mondays.

Stagecoach managing director Steve Walker said: "The Lochaber area is one of great natural beauty so it is very exciting for us to be able to give passengers the chance to admire the area from the top deck of our open top bus."

"The whole route will offer spectacular views of Ben Nevis and its neighbouring hills and mountains and is a fantastic journey to be discovered from a different perspective."

Arisaig teenager had 'new' drug

AN ARISAIG teenager was found with a new class A drug which nearly stunned police investigators.

Daniel Campbell, aged 18,

Defence debate

THE DEFENCE of a future independent Scotland will be the focus of a high-powered debate in Fort William on Saturday.

Panelists at the Yes Lochaber event in the Nevis Centre will be university lecturer and defence consultant Dr John MacDonald, Scottish Democratic Alliance party leader James Troland, and Labour for Independence founder Allan Grogan.

Each will put forward their vision of defence policy ahead of an open panel discussion and questions and contributions from the audience.

The free public event begins at 7pm. Doors open 6.30pm.

Sheriff orders Corpach man to stay away from victim for two years

A CORPACH man who stalked a yoga instructor for more than five months has been ordered to stay away from the woman for the next two years.

Robert Bloomfield was also told to carry out 100 hours unpaid for leaving voicemail messages on the woman's mobile saying he was in love with her after attending her yoga class.

The former Big Issue seller was seen numerous times watching the yoga class through a window, and also approached the woman on Fort William High Street.

Despite warnings from police and her husband, the 33-year-old sent a text

message to the woman on Valentine's Day claiming he was in love with her.

Defending, Hamish Melrose said Bloomfield "kept his distance from the lady" since he was charged and had not been to her class since February.

Bloomfield, of the Caravan, Annet Point, pled guilty to causing the woman fear and alarm between September 27 and March 5.

Sheriff Noel McPartlin gave Bloomfield a non-harassment order, which prohibits him from approaching or contacting the woman for two years, and warned him breaking the order would lead to further prosecution.

Two poachers fined after deer shot in Glen Etive

Rifles and equipment worth more than £2,000 forfeited

TWO men from have admitted travelling to Glencoe from Ayrshire to illegally shoot two red deer stags.

Game dealer Arran McGregor, aged 24, of 36 Bryce Avenue, Logan, Cummock, and Brian Fletcher, of 10 Elms Place, Stevenston, pled guilty to shooting the deer in Glen Etive at around 1.30am on May 8.

Former gamekeeper Fletcher, aged 47, also admitted using illegal ammunition.

The two men were caught after a local man driving along the A82 spotted the dead animals at the roadside. He called police and two local stalkers and waited a distance away for McGregor and Fletcher to come back to collect the deer.

Officers stopped the car on approach and found rifles and equipment inside, including a pocket knife covered in blood and deer hair.

Defending the pair, Neil McPherson said the stags were only worth about £70 per head to the men.

He added: "They fully admit they were up here to poach deer. They've come quite a distance to poach two red deer stags. They travelled to the area specifically to kill deer for profit."

Describing the offence as a 'straightforward commercial enterprise', Sheriff Noel McPartlin fined the pair £600 each and revoked their firearms certificates.

He also forfeited their rifles and equipment, estimated to be worth more than £2,000 in total.

Police warn after rural thefts

POLICE have appealed for property owners, especially in remote areas, to secure their premises after tools and equipment were stolen near Strontian.

A quantity of tools were taken from an insecure garage at Drimattoran Farm, Strontian overnight between Monday May 20 and Tuesday May 21 and a chainsaw was stolen from an insecure garage at Longrigg, Strontian between Thursday May 9 and Monday May 20.

A Fort William Police spokesperson said: "We would ask householders and commercial property owners to take the simple step of securing their respective

properties to prevent and deter opportunistic thefts.

"The area has been the target of criminals with numerous thefts in remote rural areas."

"Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity that they see in their areas."

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Any person with any knowledge of the above incidents is asked to contact local police on 01397 702000 or charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Ballet West dance school wow audiences with annual show

The Taynuilt-based Ballet West dance school showed off its pupils' versatility during two shows in the Corran Halls, Oban last weekend. Dancers performed an eclectic mix of dance from the strictly classical to new choreography and street jazz numbers. On Friday a company of 50 dancers danced and sang their way through some much loved musical classics with excerpts from Les Miserables, Giselle and new original choreography devised and performed by the students themselves. The following night third year students performed classical ballet works, as well as more modern dance. *Picture - Kevin McEneaney*

Oban leisure centre future is secured

'The outcome is a victory for the people of Oban'

THE FUTURE of Oban's celebrated sports centre, Atlantis Leisure, has been secured following a heated debate in Argyll and Bute Council's chambers. Councillors clashed over how the council's subsidy would be reviewed but in the end it was confirmed the social enterprise would retain its current service level agreement with the council for a minimum of 15 years and that the subsidy would be reviewed every five years. It was also decided at the meeting of the full council last Thursday to decrease the subsidy by £1 for every £2 of surplus in the business above £35,000.

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The news was welcomed by Atlantis' voluntary directors, who last month threatened to walk away from the award-winning social enterprise in protest against a previously proposed subsidy cut. The reduction of £12,000 per annum, together with a move to remove annual increases in the subsidy linked with the retail prices index, was fiercely objected.

Andy Newiss, a voluntary director with Atlantis Leisure, said: 'We are delighted with the result but people have been asking us why our funding was challenged in the first place. 'What we need to do now is work more closely with the council but we have helped to secure something valuable for the town on terms that are acceptable to the council and ourselves.'

The debate was heard in private, despite an objection submitted by *The Oban Times*. 'The main thing was to secure a firm financial footing for Atlantis Leisure and I was delighted to vote for that decision alongside councillors Glen-Lee, Devon and Robertson.'

arguing that the content of the agenda item was in the public interest.

The issue divided Oban-based councillors, who clashed over whether the subsidy should be reviewed after five years or 10. Councillor Fred Hall, who had resigned from the Scottish National Party over the previous proposed cut, was among a group of councillors whose motion to begin the subsidy review in year 10, rather than year five, was defeated.

He had to be threatened with expulsion from the chamber during the debate.

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, who had proposed the defeated motion to review the subsidy after 10 years, said afterwards: 'The outcome, although not ideal, has to be considered a victory for the people of Oban.'

'A degree of common sense has prevailed and through councillors MacDonald, Hall and MacIntyre opposing the original budget decision, with the support of the community, this budget item has been binned.'

New council leader Roddy McCuish told *The Oban Times*: 'The main thing was to secure a firm financial footing for Atlantis Leisure and I was delighted to vote for that decision alongside councillors Glen-Lee, Devon and Robertson.'

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McCuish returns as leader at Argyll and Bute Council

THE NEW leader of Argyll and Bute Council, Roddy McCuish says he is the right man for the job, despite being branded a traitor and having his leadership challenged within a week.



Roddy McCuish

At the full meeting of Argyll and Bute Council last Thursday councillor McCuish's surprise nomination, proposed by councillor Ellen Morton, defeated a motion by councillor Dick Walsh to install councillor Duncan MacIntyre as leader. SNP councillor McCuish's nomination won by 18 votes to 17 and drew support from Independent, Conservative and Liberal Democrat councillors, who have formed a new group called Argyll, Lomond and the Islands.

But councillor McCuish's core support came from seven other

rebel SNP councillors, who face possible disciplinary action from the party's National Executive Committee, after seeking to enter into an administration with the other parties without permission from the SNP hierarchy. Councillor McCuish quit as

leader in February, following illness, and was succeeded by fellow SNP councillor James Robb, who resigned this month.

Since regaining the role he has been called a traitor by former SNP councillor Michael Breslin for working with anti-independence political parties. He also faces possible disciplinary action and has revealed to *The Oban Times* he received abusive personal messages aimed at him and his family.

Asked why he became leader again, councillor McCuish said: 'I decided to go back because 18 councillors were prepared to vote for me, from across all different political persuasions, and that was something I couldn't ignore.'

'I thought it was practical and the right thing to do, given the

SNP is in coalition in seven councils in Scotland. If we have broken rules, we will take the consequences but the needs of Argyll and Bute are what is foremost in my mind.'

Councillor Breslin is entitled to his opinion but what we have done is not treachery; it is openness. However, just a week into the job, councillor McCuish's

leadership was challenged again by councillor MacIntyre, who revealed he had submitted a proposal to form an administration, the Argyll and Bute Area for Change Group. Councillor MacIntyre said: 'We will be able to form an administration with 17 councillors. I don't believe the opposition will retain the required majority of 18, because

some councillors have already left them.'

Councillor McCuish dismissed councillor MacIntyre's claims as 'speculation designed to put doubt in councillors' minds.'

Any new administration would be officially formed at the council's next meeting on June 27, unless a special meeting was called for before then.

Barcaldine B and B is best in Scotland say AA

A BARCALDINE five star bed and breakfast has been named the best guest accommodation in the country at the AA Bed and Breakfast Awards ceremony in London.

Ardtorna B and B, run by husband and wife team Karen and Sean O'Byrne, took home the AA guest accommodation of the year for Scotland award from the ceremony on Tuesday.

Karen said: 'We feel absolutely elated

and it is such an honour to win an award from an organisation as prestigious as the AA.'

'We're very proud to be representing Scotland and Oban and a huge thank you goes out to all of our wonderful guests, family, and friends for making this possible.'

Karen and Sean designed and built Ardtorna three years ago and in that time

have racked up a number of accolades including most recently being named the guest house of the year and winning the eco award at the Scottish Hotel Awards.

Ardtorna is also in the running for a VisitScotland Thistle Award this year. It is nominated in the best guest house or bed and breakfast category alongside Tobermory's Brockville B and B.

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LORN LINES

OBAN charity walker, Alex Milligan, raised £1,000 for Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) by trekking across the Sahara earlier this year.

OBAN lifeboat went to the aid of a yacht that was struggling to safely navigate Oban Bay as it had developed engine problems last Wednesday morning.

The volunteer crew of the RNLI launched at 6.50am to escort the 38 foot vessel to her mooring in the bay.

The lifeboat was also launched in the early hours of Sunday morning to transport an elderly man from the Isle of Mull for hospital treatment on the mainland.

He was collected from Craignure Pier and taken to Oban, where he was then transferred to hospital.

A SPORTY schoolgirl from Oban High is to spend a year studying at twinned school Scotland High, in Laurinburg, North Carolina.



Shannon Reynolds

North Comel teenager Shannon has been accepted as an exchange student to attend Scotland High School in Oban's twin town for the 2013-2014 academic year. Shannon was a participant in the 20th annual exchange between the schools in 2012. In recognition of the longevity of the exchange the Oban visit in June and the Laurinburg visit in October were both extended to 20 days.

to be selected for the Laurinburg exchange with my school in 2012; the experience was the best thing I have ever done. 'It has changed me as a person as I have seen another way of life.'



VISITORS to Oban's branch of Oxfam were invited to sign a postcard of support on Friday - and help persuade the world's most powerful leaders to end global hunger.

Marion Pallister, of Kilmichael Glassary, and Bridget Gourlay, Oban, visited the shop and urged people to put their mark on a card and a banner calling on the G8 summit, which meets in Northern Ireland next month, to make food more affordable and accessible to all.

The cross-charity campaign's 'enough food for everyone' aims to present the leaders with the signatures, which urges the leaders to ensure companies pay proper tax for operations in poverty-stricken countries and to lessen the quantity of crops grown for fuel and not food.

Oxfam shop manager Olwen Joyce signs up to the IF campaign, while David Foster waits to add his name. Encouraging people to sign up were Bridget Gourlay, left, and Marion Pallister.

displayed at the Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh this summer at an exhibition which will be open May 24 to August 26.

Kath Mainland, chief executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, said: 'Anna's design came top of all entries from Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs as it met the judges criteria of being fun, eye-catching, colourful and encapsulating the feel of the Fringe. This is a terrific achievement and something to be proud of.'

Anna Whitelaw, 14, has been named Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs winner of the 2013 Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society Schools Poster Competition.

Her colourful and eye-catching poster will be displayed at the Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh this summer at an exhibition which will be open May 24 to August 26.

Scottish Bakers, the association that supports and promotes the interests of bakers across the country.

Marion said: 'We are extremely pleased to have been recognised as one of the best bakers in Scotland. 'We put all our energies into making consistently good quality products and this has been recognised by the judges. But we could not have come this far in the competition without our team and the customers who voted for us.'

DUNBEG is now home to award winning scones at a local garden centre struck bronze at a prestigious awards ceremony. Marion McPherson, of Poppies Garden Centre, took the regional bronze accolade at the Scottish Baker of the Year Awards for the quality of her scones.

Oban man sent back to jail for further four months

AN OBAN man has been sent back to jail for 10 months after attempting to break into a shop in the town's Combie Street.

Daniel Kelly, 22, who had only recently been released from jail, admitted trying to break into Digital Kangaroo by repeatedly banging on doors in Combie Street and shouting, as well as kicking the door of a common case causing damage to the door and lock.

Craig Duffy, 19, of no fixed abode, also admitted banging and kicking on doors in Combie Street and shouting.

He had his sentence deferred until June 10 for a report to be prepared by the High Court. Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said: 'Between 7.30pm and 11pm on May 23 there were six calls to police from members of the public reporting both the accused acting in a disorderly manner throughout Oban town centre. 'They were spoken to by police on a number of occasions but were allowed to go on their way.'

Mr McGinty told the court there was a further report both men were kicking at doors and when police arrived they found the door couldn't be opened as it was damaged. The court heard officers then viewed CCTV which showed Kelly undertake a 'prolonged and determined attempt' to force entry to Digital Kangaroo.

Kelly told the court his head was 'in the wrong place' on the night of the incident. He said: 'I have messed up my whole life but I do have to change now - it kills me that I can't remember what has happened.'

Sheriff John Herald sent Kelly to prison for four months for these offences and also ordered him to serve the remaining 184 days of his previous sentence.

Embezzler to do 250 hours unpaid work

AN ISLAND sub-postmistress who embezzled thousands of pounds from her employers but paid the money back has been ordered to carry out 250 hours of unpaid work.

Kay MacDonald, 51, of 2 Kilmore Terrace, Dervaig, previously admitted taking £27,500 from Tobarney Post Office between May 12, 2010 and April 12, 2011. She appeared at Oban Sheriff Court on Tuesday for sentencing.

Procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty said the missing money became apparent when the Post Office's cash management team asked MacDonald to deposit £150,000 on her next collection as she was holding a significant amount of cash.

He added: 'She returned only £120,000 and when asked where the rest was she said she didn't have that much in the office and that is what sparked an audit.'

Defence agent Jane Thomson told the court MacDonald had never lifted cash from the Post Office but had transferred money to help the attached shop stay afloat. MacDonald owns both of the buildings the businesses are in.

Sheriff John Herald placed MacDonald on a community payback order for 18 months and said she had some sympathy with her situation as she had bought the building to ensure it stayed open.

He told the court: 'I think it is truly a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul but it is not as simple as that in your case - you didn't do this to make your life better.'



The bikers, the majority of whom were women, turned heads in a busy Oban town centre on Saturday.

Bikers blaze through Argyll during charity tour

THE COLOURFUL cavalcade of motorbikes, the Breast Way Round Bikers, made its annual trip to Argyll and the Highlands at the weekend to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Around 150 bikers wore high-visibility vests and decorated helmets with a flurry of pink decorations during their west coast tour, which includes Duonon, Inveraray, Oban, Fort William, Drumadroch, Fort Augustus, Tyndrum and Loch Lomond Shores.

Breast Way Round chairwoman Sheila Tyson said: 'The reasons why our riders support Macmillan Cancer are very personal. Being able to do that with the added support of people with a common interest, whilst looking on at some of Scotland's finest scenery, and knowing the money we raise goes directly to

Macmillan is very rewarding.' The fundraiser began in 2008 and to date more than £212,000 has been raised for the cancer charity. Anyone who would like to donate to Breast Way Round can do so via the Just Giving page justgiving.com/BRR2013.

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Argyll and Bute go to 'alternate weekly' bin collections

EVERY household in Argyll and Bute will have an alternate bin collection by March next year, bringing in the 'fortnightly' collection already in operation in select parts of the county.

Households will have a green bin for household waste and a blue bin for paper, plastics and cans.

Described as 'alternate weekly co-mingled recycling collections' by the council, the changes will mean each bin will be lifted once a fortnight. The council voted last Thursday and a plan for rolling out the changes will be revealed at the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay area committee next Wednesday and the Oban, Lorn and the Isles

area committee on June 12. Blue bins will be delivered between September 2 and September 20 and between February 17 and March 7 to households that don't already have one.

Speaking at the council meeting last week, councillor Robin Currie said: 'We have had this system operating on Islay for years and

it has been successful. I say 'successful' because those who didn't believe it would work are now saying it is a good idea. 'The mainland is finally catching up with us!'

Councillor Ellen Morton claimed the changes were not a 'reduction' in service, but 'different'.



Taynuilt Primary School's winning quiz team, from left: twins Eilidh and Ewan Shearer, Angus Neil and Ceri Powell.

Taynuilt win Lorn schools' quiz

TAYNUILT Primary School won this year's Rotary Club of Oban quiz for Lorn schools.

The event, which recently took place at the Royal Hotel in Oban, saw six schools send teams of four pupils to compete for the trophy.

Runner-up was Lochnell, with Oban schools St Columba's and Rockfield sharing third place.

Taynuilt represented the Oban area at the Rotary District Finals in Pollokshaws, Burgh Hall, Glasgow, on May 20. The Argyll youngsters travelled the greatest distance of all the teams and, although they did not finish in the top three, they all enjoyed the day and were presented with certificates.

The pupils were also gifted inscribed dictionaries from the Rotary Club of Oban.

Mull driving case found not proven

AN ISLE of Mull man who was accused of 'almost killing' two cyclists through dangerous driving had the case against him found not proven on Monday.

Raymond Weatherill, 75, was on trial in Oban Sheriff Court for dangerous driving after an incident near Craignure, Mull, last September 22.

'Weapon' The court heard a couple had been on a cycling day trip to the island when Weatherill approached from behind in his Renault Clio. The male cyclist told the court Weatherill had been using the car as a 'weapon' to push the couple off the road.

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He said: 'It was a large metal vehicle within an inch or two of me.'

Weatherill, of Sheepknowe House, Bunessan, denied driving dangerously and claimed the pair had been riding alongside each other and he gave a 'friendly' 'toot' of his horn to ask them to give way.

Advertisement for Linnhe Lochside Holidays. Features a banner for '50th Year Anniversary' and text: 'a warm welcome awaits...'. Includes images of chalets, caravans, and holiday homes. Text: 'Luxury Chalets', 'Luxury Caravans', 'Linnhe Lochside Holidays Corpach, Fort William, PH33 7NL', 'Tel: 01397 772376', 'www.linnhe-lochside-holidays.co.uk'. Also lists 'Touring & Camping' and 'Park Facilities'. At the bottom, it says 'BEAUTIFUL GARDENS - STUNNING VIEWS OF LOCH EIL & BEN NEVIS - PET FRIENDLY OPTION - 5 MILES FROM FORT WILLIAM - FREE FISHING - WELL PLACED FOR DAY TRIPS - BROCHURE SENT WITH PLEASURE - OPEN 15TH DECEMBER TO 31ST OCTOBER'. Logos for TripAdvisor, Facebook, and other awards are shown at the bottom.

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Charities regulator publishes wrong information

SOROBA Young Family Group Nursery has asked The Oban Times to publish their audited income and expenditure for the 2010/11 financial year to clear up any confusion after the Office for the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR) published inaccurate figures on its website.

Contrary to OSCRC's claim that the nursery had no expenditure, the nursery's outgoings totalled £24,553.09. Income for the period was £85,287.16, meaning a surplus for the year of £734.07.

The Oban Times hope this clears up any confusion created by OSCRC's error.

Oban man pays £500 after 'wrong house' visit

AN OBAN man who stumbled into the wrong house before lying down in the hall and refusing to leave has been fined £500 and ordered to pay £150 compensation to the householder.

Daniel Guy, 38, of Amandale, Longdale Road, Oban, forced entry to a property on Breadalbane Street on February 13. Guy told Oban Sheriff Court on Monday that he mistakenly believed it had been his friend's house. He also admitted resisting police and possessing cannabis but became 'apologetic' when he came to his senses in the police office, procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty told the court.

Islay man found

AN RAF helicopter crew found an Islay pensioner safe and well on a remote beach after he was reported missing.

A call had been made to police about the 72-year-old from The Oa at 10am on Sunday. He was traced five hours later.

Dunbeg man told to behave

A DUNBEG man who refused to leave a property in the village before shouting and kicking a door has been ordered to be of good behaviour for three months.

Alan MacCuish, 19, of 41 Lorn road, Dunbeg, pled guilty to the offences when he appeared from custody at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday.

MacCuish, a first offender, will appear for sentencing on August 20.

Fort end disappointing season with a point at Claggan

'The main difficulty for us is getting players in with the limited resources we have'

REPORT BY RICHARD HADDOCK
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Fort William avoided defeat in their final game of the 2012/13 Highland League season with a 0-0 draw against Lossiemouth at a sunny Claggan Park on Saturday.

A difficult year saw the Lochaber side pick up just six points from 34 matches as they finished bottom of the pile for the third time in a row, four points behind Lossie.

Manager Danny Conlon faced a familiar struggle for players

throughout the season, with a long term injury suffered by club captain Andy Martin in November only making things more difficult.

Conlon told The Oban Times he was 'extremely disappointed' with how things had gone.

Alarming
He said: 'Last season we made certain inroads towards being more professional, we tried to build on that this year and I don't think we achieved it. The turnover of players over the last two years is quite alarming and scary.'

'The number of players in the

FOOTBALL

area has decreased and so we have to look to attract players from outside. But the main difficulty for us is getting players in with the limited resources we have. We're interested in bringing in players from anywhere and everywhere.

'The new board of directors should strengthen the club, and if they can help us bring new players in it would be a big boost.'

Martin will return to action when Fort kick off next season



Liam Foggo charges down an attempted cross from Scott Wilson. 20. 12.2012/13

at home to Turrif United on Saturday August 3.
Danny Mackintosh and Mark Gillespie both returned last weekend after long absences due to work commitments, and Conlon is hopeful the pair will be available regularly next year.

Experienced midfielder Gary Farquhar may also return, but at 42 his fitness may prove a barrier.

Fort will lose Andy Maclean

in memory of former Fort player Drew Ferguson.

The two sides were evenly matched throughout the game, with both lacking a cutting edge up front.

A makeshift Fort back four comfortably kept Lossie at bay, but chances were few and far between for the attackers.

Conlon said: 'I thought over the 90 minutes it was a fair result. Considering the resources

available to me on the day, and what happened in the last match, I was reasonably pleased.'

Meanwhile, forward Aitch MacLellan was named Fort's player of the season before kick off.

A bumper rollover jackpot of £1,000 is up for grabs in this week's Fort William FC lotto draw.

Last week's numbers were 2, 8 and 19.

Bumper field for the Laggan 10k and fun run

ATHLETICS

A BUMPER field enjoyed sunshine and warm temperatures for the Laggan 10k and fun run event on Saturday.

Around 75 runners took part in the 10k race, a big jump on last year's entry, with Terence Forrest of Cairngorm Runners taking first place in a time of 33 minutes and 33 seconds. Steve Reeve of Moray Roadrunners was second in 37 minutes and 37 seconds, while Paul Murdoch of Keith and District was 22 seconds back in third.

Gillian Sangster of Arbroath was the first female home in 41 minutes and 46 seconds.

Paralympic gold medalist David Smith got the race underway, before handing out the trophies at the end.

Glencoe Boat Club to hold annual regatta

SAILING

GLENCOE Boat Club expects a full turnout for its annual regatta on Loch Leven next weekend.

The event kicks off at 12 noon on Friday June 7 with a feeder race from Oban Bay to Onich, with a welcoming party and prize giving afterwards in the Glencoe Clubhouse.

On the Saturday there will be keelboat racing all day with the evening celebrations held at the coffee shop, Crafts and Things.

The regatta is open to all, with entry forms available at www.glencoeboatclub.org.uk.

Spring Scramble at Isle of Skye GC

GOLF

ISLE OF Skye Golf Club held a spring scramble competition on Saturday, with A Shaw, I Marr, J Macleod and J Marshall taking the win after shooting a net round of 56.8.

The club's better inward half gave them the victory after A MacLaine, A Campbell, G Wilson and I Lewis shot the same score.

A Munro, G Cope, K Macleod and M Mace were third on 62. Last Wednesday, a bogey competition was won by J Beaton, from I Marr and A Shaw.

Finlay wins Highland Warrior Triathlon

TRIATHLON

MORE THAN 90 competitors came to Fort William to compete in the Highland Warrior Triathlon on Sunday.

They faced a 1,900 metre swim in the icy waters of Loch Linnhe, before a 40km cycle up the A86 and back before a gruelling 21km run through Glen Nevis.

Finlay MacAndrew took first in a time of four hours, 12 minutes and 48 seconds, with Andy Williams in second, nearly eight minutes back.

Bethan Fowler was the first female home in four hours 36 minutes and 46 seconds.

Phoenix boxers show their class in Inverness

BOXING

LOCHABER Phoenix Boxing Club fighters produced a night to remember in Inverness on Saturday.

Scottish youth light welterweight champion Igor Slivinski took on five-time Welsh champ Rhys Geisthammer in a thrilling bout.

The opener was very close but as the second progressed Slivinski's tremendous engine kicked into gear.

In the final round Slivinski, aged 16, kept his discipline to record his best ever victory.

Another Lochaber boxer producing one of his top performances was senior middleweight Ryan Watson, who fought experienced Welshman Nigel Brink.

Tucked
Brink came out throwing hard shots with both hands, but Watson calmly tucked his hands high and moved out of range.

The first two rounds were split, but in the third Watson went through the gears and came away with a unanimous decision.

Unbeaten Scottish champion Cameron Whyte continued to show his potential when he faced GB silver medalist Logan Mackay.

Whyte moved his head, blocked shots and used clever footwork whilst picking punches beautifully as the points decision went in favour of the 11-year-old



Winning skipper Alexander Mackenzie, right with crew member Alex Glasgow and his two children.

Choppy conditions for coastal row

ROWING

PLOCKTON Small Boat Sailing Club organised a coastal sponsored row on Saturday as part of its 2013 80th anniversary celebrations.

A large crowd gathered at Dornie at 11am to watch seven boats enter the water opposite Eilean Donan Castle to row the 16 miles to Plockton.

The row was last done in 1991, when 19 boats took part. This time, six of the boats were local Plockton sailing boats, manned mainly by locals.

The seventh entrant was a St Ayles Skiff from Ullapool, crewed by four ladies from the ferry port.

Conditions at times were quite choppy but the first boat home to Plockton at approximately 2.50pm was the Seafarths, skippered by Alexander Mackenzie and his crew of Alexander Tindall, Alex Glasgow, Neil Mackay and cox Christopher Townend.

Their time of 3 hours 27



The winning ladies and men's teams receive their awards from Blair Allan, of sponsors Lochaber Lets.

Rotary golf competition raises over £3,800 for local charities

ONE HUNDRED and forty golfers took to the Fort William Golf Club course for the 13th annual Rotary Golf Competition on Sunday.

The day raised more than £3,800 for local charities, with rotary president Sheena Fraser declaring it the 'best year ever'.

The men's team prize was won by Looney Toons - An-

drew Brown, Mark MacDonald, William Hendry and Cal Brown - with a score of 109.

The top visitors' team was Hel's Belles - Helen Brian, Iona Cameron, Linda Gillespie and Theresa Smith - took the win in the ladies competition with a score of 134.

Prizes were also awarded for longest drive and nearest

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the pin with locals Andrew Brown, Kathleen Leitch and Stephen Dennison picking up rewards.

Meanwhile, on Saturday the Captain's Prize competition was won by Dougie Duncan.

Duncan's net 71 was tied with Neil Feggins, with Duncan's better inward half giving him first place. Brian Gillespie was third.

The ladies' May medal and eclectic competition was won by Rosemary Macintyre with a net 69.

Iona Cameron finished second, but picked up a hole-in-one at the par three 91 yard third hole along the way.

FOOTBALL

Lochaber held Caol Cosmos to a 1-1 draw at the BA Club to remain unbeaten, while the week's other game saw a 0-0 draw between Caol and Claggan.

Mallaig lead the way in Welfare League

MALLAIG are the early pace setters in the William Wilson Lochaber Welfare League.

They defeated Ballachulish 4-0 to move to the top of the league, while Balla now have one point from three games.

Weather

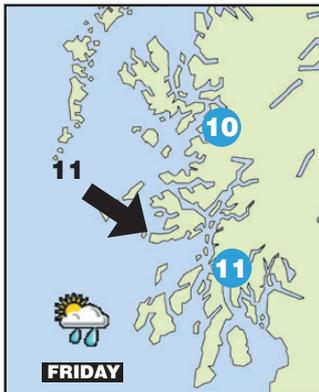
Thursday Sunny
Winds light, north north westerly
Temperatures 8°C to 15°C

Friday Sunshine and showers
Winds light, west north westerly
Temperatures 7°C to 11°C

Weekend Outlook Sunny intervals
Winds moderate, west north westerly
Temperatures 6°C to 12°C

Ferry Crossings/Sea States

Oban to Barra/South Uist Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay Moderate



Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from

Thursday, May 30, 2013

are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	03.32 0.8 09.17 3.2	15.49 0.9 21.50 3.4
Fri	04.30 1.1 10.17 3.0	16.47 1.1 22.58 3.2
Sat	05.32 1.3 11.39 2.8	17.52 1.3 *** **
Sun	02.24 3.1 06.40 1.4	13.07 2.8 19.04 1.4
Mon	01.41 3.1 07.50 1.5	14.13 2.9 20.17 1.4
Tues	02.41 3.2 08.51 1.4	15.01 3.0 21.21 1.4
Wed	03.29 3.3 09.40 1.3	15.41 3.2 22.13 1.3

Total Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardraishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbelltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Lagan Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

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