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Picture by Mark Loudon.

## Isle of Iona celebrates with mini 'Mardi Gras' spectacular

THE ISLE of Iona was having a party last Friday night - a mini 'Mardi Gras', organised as the opening event in a major St Columba celebration to take place in the Northern Irish city of Londonderry.

Theatre group LUXe travelled

over from Ireland and spent part of the week working with children in Iona Primary School before being joined by other performers - with some travelling over from Ireland in a curragh - for a 'spectacular' event on Friday night.

Mark Hill and Mandy Blinco, from Donegal-based LUXe, helped the youngsters create a special book before filling it with their stories.

The book will be handed over to the mayor of Derry this weekend as a gift to the city.

Liz Kennedy, head teacher, said: 'We had such a super week.'

'The children got into costume and makeup before doing a shadow play on Friday night.'

'It was absolutely incredible. We went down to pier with

the book and handed it over to captain of the curragh.

'We also gave them two lanterns then watched them sail slowly up the sound.'

'The whole island was out and everyone followed right along - it was just sensational.'

Mr Hill added: 'It went very well and was a rare treat to celebrate on Iona. The whole thing is part of an event this coming weekend in Derry - this was the start of it - the whole thing started on Iona with children making the book.'

## Taynuilt community rallies round family

A FAMILY that lost its home and possessions in a devastating fire has paid an emotional tribute to the Taynuilt community after receiving thousands of pounds through locals' efforts.

The Halls - parents Ian and Charlotte, son Matthew (15) and 10-year-old Emily - have been living in temporary accommodation since the fire on May 10.

But since the day of the fire, the community has rallied

around the family, raising more than £2,000 at a coffee morning and sale in the village hall on Saturday, organised by members of the Muckairn parish, including Rev Robert Brookes.

Ian, who moved to Taynuilt in 2009, said: 'The support has been hugely overwhelming. We didn't ask for any help but people just kicked into action and showed us what community spirit is all about.'

## Doctors' barbecue diverts air ambulance

JUNIOR doctors enjoying a barbecue at Oban's Lorn and Islands Hospital prevented an air ambulance helicopter transferring a sick patient there.

Doctors at the medical centre decided to take advantage of the warm weather last Thursday by barbecuing 50 feet from the hospital's helipad, seemingly oblivious to the fact that a helicopter was inbound.

On noticing the impromptu cook-up at around 9pm, the pilot of the helicopter was forced to divert five miles to Oban Airport at North Connell and an ambulance sent there to transfer the patient, described as a 'non-emergency' medical transfer, back to the hospital.

The pilot refused to land at the hospital over concerns the downdraft would not only injure

the doctors by scattering barbecues and equipment, but could potentially lead to something colliding with the helicopter.

A spokesman for the Scottish Ambulance Service said: 'An air ambulance helicopter on a routine medical transfer was unable to land at Lorn and Islands Hospital due to a potential hazard near the helipad.'

Veronica Kennedy, acting

locality manager for NHS Highland's Oban Lorn and Isles Public Partnership Forum, said: 'The potential hazard was staff having a barbecue outside their accommodation which is about 50 yards from the landing pad. Staff were not aware that this would cause a problem. Steps will be taken to make sure this does not happen in the future.'

## Concern over teacher shortage

### Oban High School to have 14 fewer teachers next term

OBAN High School will have 14 fewer teachers next term, prompting warnings from parents that the cut could harm their children's futures.

Ahead of next term, teacher numbers will drop from 84 to 70, meaning fewer teachers per subject and therefore less choice for students.

That has seen some pupils 'forced' to substitute classes such as physics and history for drama and hairdressing.

One parent told *The Oban Times*: 'What really annoys me is my child was given weeks to decide what subjects to take at standard grade level, only to go in one morning and be told 'you have to choose all your subjects again', because they'd made a mess of it.'

The parent council says it hopes to meet with local councillors in a bid to reverse the cuts and restore choice to the pupils.

Dr Nicky Campbell, chairwoman of the school's parent council, said: 'We want to work with the local councillors. There's no other way to resolve this other than by working with them.'

'We are very concerned about the impact of these cuts and we are in the midst of positive discussions with local councillors in an effort to resolve this issue.'

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'Losing all these teachers will prevent the council from fulfilling Curriculum for Excellence and is bound to adversely affect the education of

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our young people.'

A spokeswoman for the council said staffing was dependent on pupil numbers, but admitted a decision was taken in 2010 to impose a five per cent cut on teachers across the county.

Addressing the way pupils were asked to pick subjects, the spokeswoman added: 'Once the forms were returned the school made up the columns based on pupils' choices.'

'The pupils are made aware as early as possible they may not get their first choice subject and if this is the case they are then offered the chance to choose a second option there and then, or go away and discuss this with their parents.'

'They are given a week to do this and guidance teachers are on hand to provide advice as well.'

'Oban High School's top priority is making sure the needs of every child are met.'

Oban councillor Louise Green added: 'If there is a problem then we are here to represent parents and pupils and to do our very best to fix it.'



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## President hits back at Gaelic standards decline claim

THE PRESIDENT of Royal National Mòd organisers An Comunn Gàidhealach has hit back at claims Gaelic standards are in decline at the event.

John MacLeod says sharp criticism from Lochaber Gael Charlie MacColl that the showpiece competition was losing its Gaelic roots was 'a shame' and insisted the language was in good heart.

Native Gaelic speaker Mr MacColl recently quit as chairman of Meur Lochabair, the local branch of An Comunn.

And speaking to *The Oban Times* he fired a stinging parting shot, claiming Mòds were 'going down' with too many people saying 'what's in it for me?'

But Mr MacLeod refuted that view and did not accept the quality of Gaelic has dipped.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'Actually the reverse is true. There has been very strong development in the past 10 years or so to boost Gaelic at the Mòd. Adjudicators are constantly stressing the

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quality of Gaelic and how difficult it is to separate competitors from each other on the basis of their Gaelic.

'We are getting record numbers of entrants in traditional singing, especially in the younger age groups.'

'Thirty years ago the complaint was there was too much English at the Mòd - but it's now the reverse in terms of Gaelic content.'

Mr MacLeod was 'confident' that present Mòd arrangements were popular as competitions and support from the public proved.

He said: 'At Dunoon for example, more than 100 people were involved in traditional singing in three different under-18 competitions and it is very encouraging to see that. We are enthusiastic for the future as far as Gaelic is concerned.'

'Charlie has been very supportive over the years and we did thank him personally at the AGM when he indicated that he was stepping down.'

'We very much appreciate his contribution both to Gaelic and the Mòd over the years.'

'It seems a shame to blame the Mòd for declining standards in Gaelic competitions. All we can do is provide a platform for those who are willing to take part.'

On behalf of An Comunn Gàidhealach, chief executive John Morrison added: 'We are extremely grateful for all the hard work and effort that Charlie has offered the Gaelic language in the Lochaber area over many long years.'

'His good natured presence will be missed by everyone and we hope that he enjoys a long and fulfilling retirement.'

'He will be a hard act to follow but I am certain that his generosity of spirit will allow him to guide and advise others on how to match and surpass his achievements as a champion of the Gaelic language. Moran taing dhuibh a Theàrlach.'

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Mull Lines

BEAT the goalie, a fortune teller and the Grand Tobermory Raffle will be among the attractions at this year's Summer Fair at Tobermory High School.

The annual event, organised by the parent council alongside pupils and staff, takes place from 1pm to 3pm on Wednesday June 19.

Sue Penny, organiser and school librarian, said: 'This is our big fundraiser for the year. All the money raised goes straight back into school funds to contribute to trips.'

'With being on an island our travel costs are that bit higher than everyone else so this really helps.'

Included in the day will be Glengorm Burgers, bric-a-brac stalls, tombola, cakes and face painting. Primary five and six pupils will also have a range of enterprise stalls following their Dragon's Den project.

Donations for the raffle and tombola are still being sought - any items should be dropped into the school office.



CHILDREN on the Isle of Mull have been keeping their hands clean recently - by making and selling their own soap.

The youngsters from primary one and two in Tobermory took a trip to the Isle of Mull Soap Company in the town's Main Street where they learned all about making soap.

The pupils returned to class and created their own range, The Fruit Salad Soap Collection, of apple, strawberry and orange handmade soaps.

They then designed their own wrapping paper and wrapped their own soaps before these went on sale for £2 per bar in the Isle of Mull Soap Company.

Class teacher Karen Durie said: 'The children were thrilled to create their own soap and selling their own product in a real life context makes their learning more meaningful and enjoyable.'

Parents who purchased the soap completed a customer feedback form on the quality of the soap. The children will use this feedback information to improve their next batch which they will sell themselves at the school fair.

Shop owner Stuart Cattanaich told *The Oban Times* he was 'really impressed' with the soap the children produced.

He said: 'They were fantastically well behaved and really keen on what I was showing them in the shop. I was quite impressed at their understanding of making a profit - I'm in trouble if they carry on at this rate!'



The children show off their soap for sale.



A NEW group to help protect and promote otters has been set up on the Isle of Mull.

The Mull Otter Group (MOG), was launched on May 26 - the same date as Otter Awareness Day - at a meeting in An Roth, Craignure.

MOG has formed as a result of the Tobermory Otter Fund, set up by Nic Davies to raise money for a sculpture which would commemorate Elvis the otter.

Elvis was a frequent visitor to Tobermory Bay for several years until he was found dead under an upturned fishing boat.

The new group now hopes to continue Nic's work in raising awareness of otters and will be looking at ways to minimise road deaths of the creatures as well as educate visitors on how to watch them without disturbing them.

Jane Stevens, MOG chairwoman, said: 'We feel that otter numbers are dwindling due to road traffic accidents and disturbance from roadworks and culvert clearing.'

'We also want to give guidance to tourists on how to watch and observe the otters in a nice and environmentally friendly way.'

'The whole idea of the group is for the conservation, monitoring and protection of otters as well as the education of people.'

'If we don't protect them the numbers are going to dwindle and dwindle.'

Otter deaths are increasingly common on Mull's roads and MOG is looking at ways to minimise this through road signs at other accident black spots and the possible use of reflectors on cars.

The group also hopes to produce a guide to responsibly spotting and watching otters on Mull and Iona. It is hoped that the sculpture of Elvis, to be sited in Tobermory, will include a collection box to raise funds for the conservation of Hebridean otters.

MOG has already received £250 from Holiday Mull and Iona for otter rescue equipment but more money is needed. If you would like to join MOG or help with the fundraising effort contact Jane Stevens on 07710408814. The next meeting is in An Roth, Craignure on June 23.



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Coisir Ghaidhlig Ile conductor Iseabail Mactaggart, artist Raymond Lafferty, and composer Clare Jordan. Photo: Mark Unsworth/Islay Studios

Islay 'Blàr' performances impress

REPORT by HUGH SMITH

ONE OF THE most ambitious musical presentations ever undertaken on the Isle of Islay took place in the Bowmore village hall last Thursday as part of the Feis Ile's 2013 programme.

'Blàr', a musical tribute to the Battle of Loch Gruinart, fought between the Duart Macleans of Mull and the MacDonald's

of Islay in 1598, played to two sell-out houses and proved to be an impressive performance involving over 140 local singers and musicians. These included senior, junior and school choirs, the local pipe band, the island schools' wind band and a large gathering of traditional instrumentalists.

The tribute was based on the poetic epic 'Blàr Thràigh Ghruineirt' written by local bard

William Livingston and widely regarded as the best of its kind ever penned.

Little of Livingston's poetry has been set to music but the bardic content of the battle poem greatly appealed to local musician and composer Clare Jordan, formerly of Connell, who set three excerpts of the poem to music for the first time.

This provided the inspiration for the 'Blàr' project which

greatly appealed to the enthusiastic audiences and gained the performers standing ovations.

The music captured the pathos, suffering, treachery and sense of kinship portrayed in the poem and these elements were skilfully brought to life by the participants.

Providing the 'Blàr' backbone was Coisir Ghaidhlig Ile under the baton of Iseabail Mactaggart, who was also responsible

for the production and direction of the event. Complimenting the music was the digital imagery created by local artist and writer Dr Raymond Lafferty and featuring pivotal scenes from the battle site. Adding to the content was a selection of readings from the Livingston epic which tersely set the tone for the ensuing music.

'Blàr' was a major undertaking and admirable community

happening which received deserved plaudits from all who were present. Even audience member and Clan Chief Robin Maclean of Ardgour, whose forbears were decidedly on the losing side, was fulsome in his praise of the presentation.

All who participated in this memorable event can be proud of their achievements and seek some relaxation now that 'the battle's o'er!'

Savings from closed council toilets are caught short

EXCLUSIVE

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SAVINGS made under a Highland Council cost-cutting drive which saw eight public toilets in Skye and Lochaber close have fallen short of expectations by almost £100,000, *The Oban Times* can reveal.

The Highland Comfort Scheme was introduced in April 2011 with the promise of £325,000 of savings in the first two years.

But figures obtained by *The Oban Times* show while £179,000 was saved in the first year, council coffers benefitted by just £59,000 in 2012-13.

Toilets at Arisaig, Caol, Traigh Beach and Kinlochleven in Lochaber, and Elgol, Staffin, Ardsavar and Kilmuir on Skye, were among 14 public conveniences across the Highlands shut down to save money.

Under the new arrangements, local businesses were invited to offer their toilet facilities for public use, while in other locations community groups took over the running of the toilets themselves. The council pays up to £300 a month to the new service providers.

Kinlochleven Community Trust and Kinlochleven Community Council recently agreed to buy the village toilets for the council for £1 and plan to reopen them later this summer.

A Highland Council spokesperson confirmed the savings target had not been met.

She said: 'In 2011/12, we achieved savings of £179,000. This was mainly through the reduction in staffing costs - by no longer providing an attendant in the conveniences.'

'During this period we closed 14 facilities and moved increasingly towards the Highland Comfort Scheme, whereby we purchase services from existing premises with toilets.'

'In 2012/13, the saving was £59,000.'  
Caol and Mallaig councillor Bill Clark said the figures were 'very disappointing'.

Easdale man who defrauded benefits system appears in court

A MAN from Easdale is awaiting sentence at Oban Sheriff Court after committing benefit frauds worth more than £3,000.

Donald Gillies, 64, of 56a Easdale Island, admitted wrongly claiming £3,257.78 in Jobseekers Allowance when he appeared at court last week.

Gillies was not entitled to the money as he was in receipt of a pension - something he failed to tell the authorities.

He will be sentenced for the three offences, carried out between the end of 2008 and 2010, when he appears at court on June 25.

Shop fighting couple have sentences deferred

AN OBAN couple had their sentences for fighting deferred by Oban Sheriff Court last week as the third accused denied the offence.

Kelly Ahmed, 23, and Lorne Farquharson, 23, both of 8e Colonsay Terrace, Oban, admitted committing a breach of the peace by fighting at a shop in Soroba. The pair will be sentenced on June 25.

Their co-accused, Alexander Hobson, 19, of Strathview, Crianlarich, denied the offence. He is expected to stand trial on July 24 and will appear next on June 25.

Motorcyclist admits making racist remarks

A MOTORCYCLIST who made offensive racist remarks while in the presence of police near Taynult has been fined £350.

Stephen Wright, 27, of 141 Sherry Avenue, Motherwell, pled guilty to uttering racial remarks and acting in a racially aggravated manner when he appeared from custody at Oban Sheriff Court.

Hogmanay party plan

A SMALL voluntary committee is planning to host a big Hogmanay party at Oban's Station Square this year.

The six-strong committee has confirmed Face the West will headline the entertainment, which will also see a performance from the winners of an Opportunity Knocks competition.

The competition, designed to involve the community in the lead-up to the event, will have an under-16 and an adult competition and both winners will perform at the free event on Hogmanay.

Isles schools may close after judicial review

A SCOTTISH Government bid to keep Carloway and Shawbost schools on the Isle of Lewis open has been rejected after a judicial review.

Western Isles Council will now close Carloway Primary and Shawbost S1/2 secondary schools, possibly by the end of this session.

'Best possible' Councillor Catriona Stewart, chair of education and children's services said the judgement confirmed the comhairle (council) had treated all communities fairly in its schools consultation process as laid down in law.

She said: 'The comhairle will now plan and work with the schools for a smooth transition and we will be communicating with all parents and staff at the two schools over the next few days.'

'The comhairle has always, and will continue, to strive to provide the best possible education for all our pupils in the best possible facilities.'

Carloway currently has 15 pupils. Shawbost S1/S2 has 35.

Responding to the decision, education secretary Michael Russell said: 'Today's judgement means that Comhairle

nan Eilean Siar is now able to proceed to close the Carloway Primary and S1-2 provision at Shawbost.'

'Clearly I am disappointed in this ruling, and wish that it had been possible to reach agreement with the comhairle to keep the schools open.'

'I know that the comhairle will be sensitive in dealing with the difficult process of closure and with the communities and parents who will be devastated by this news.'

'I wish them and the council well in taking forward this process.'



Education secretary Michael Russell

Fergie back on song 50 years after 'Loch Maree Islands'

'CEILIDH king' Fergie MacDonald has released his second song - 50 years since he recorded his first one, 'Loch Maree Islands.'

'The Shinty Referee' takes a humorous and sympathetic look at how the men in black endure flak and abuse from moaning players in the line of duty.

Fergie, now a youthful 75, is a former trainer and physiotherapist whose expertise helped rescue Fort William Shinty Club from the doldrums in the late 1970s.

Fergie told *The Oban Times*: 'I have not sung for 50 years - I had to take a few gargles before recording it.'

'It was only released on Thursday and the response has

been unbelievable.'

The musicians backing box-player Fergie - Gary Innes, Allan Henderson, Iain MacFarlane, Colm O'Rua and Hugh MacCallum, are all shinty players themselves.

'They forced me to sing it, Fergie, who composed the lyrics, said.'

Balachulish is among those receiving the Fergie treatment.

One verse goes: 'In winter when the Jubilee is covered white with snow, they re-enact the massacre that happened in Glencoe.'

'The Campbells and MacDonalds fight with shinty stick and ball, when skin and hair begins to fly the ref shouts 'free for all!''

Ward forum to be held in Portree

HIGHLAND Council's Eilean a' Cheò ward forum on Monday will centre on the provision of key council services on the Isle of Skye.

Departmental chiefs will deliver presentations on planning and development, transport, environmental and community services, as well as education.

Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service representatives will give updates

on service changes. NHS Highland will brief the public meeting on the redesign of healthcare services on Skye, which includes a new hospital to replace those at Broadford and Portree.

The forum runs from 2pm to 4pm in the Council Chamber, Tigh na Sgìre, Portree. To submit questions contact ward manager Liz Cowie on 01478 613849 or at [liz.cowie@highland.gov.uk](mailto:liz.cowie@highland.gov.uk).

'Accidental death' Isle of Colonsay eagle was shot

POLICE have opened an investigation into the death of a golden eagle on Colonsay after a taxidermist discovered pellet holes in the bird nearly a year after its death.

The eagle's body had been found under power lines on the island last June, suggesting it had died after flying into the cables. No post mortem was carried out.

After being frozen, the eagle was sent to be stuffed and mounted at the National Museum of Scotland, where staff discovered shotgun pellets in its body.

Anyone with any information can contact PC Donald MacCuish at Tobermory Police Station on 01688 302085.



Lochaber Judo Club scooped five bronze medals at the recent Highland Region Open Championships in the Nevis Centre in Fort William. Above, Tom Cameron, second left, and Lochaber Judo Club coaches and members celebrate with medallists, clockwise from left, Damon Urquhart, Mia MacPherson, Liam MacPherson, Kyle Nolan and Hamish Kelly. 10\_r23jud01



Glenelg Primary School were delighted to receive their first Green Flag from Eco-Schools Scotland. The school was praised by the assessor for the breadth of environmental activity evident throughout. School secretary Fiona Cameron said: 'All children in both the school and nursery have worked very hard to prove their Eco credentials to achieve this award. The visiting assessor was treated to some delicious carrot cake made by pupils using home-grown carrots from our poly tunnel.'

A82 overnight closures



Overnight closures of the A82 at Pulpit Rock, south of Ardlui will begin on **Monday 10 June**, continuing until **Monday 24 June 2013** (except Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd).

The road will close at 2200hrs and re-open each day at 0600hrs. The A82 will remain open either side of the closure.

Diversion routes between these hours will be northbound via the A83 at Tarbet, A819 and A85 and southbound via the A85 at Tyndrum, A819 and A83.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

This is to allow essential work to be carried out safely on the A82 Pulpit Rock improvement project.

For further information please visit: [www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/A82-Improvements/A82-Pulpit-Rock](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/A82-Improvements/A82-Pulpit-Rock)



**Man appears at Oban on indecent assault charge**

A 20-YEAR-old man appeared on petition at Oban Sheriff Court last week accused of committing a sexual offence on a sleeping woman.

Giovanni Passamonti, 20, made no plea or declaration during the private hearing and was committed for further examination.

Passamonti, of Cornwall Street, Edinburgh, is accused of indecently touching the woman without her permission between October 26 and 27 last year, when she was asleep on a yacht in Dunstaffnage Marina, near Oban. He was released on bail.

**Driver remanded in custody**

AN OBAN man has been remanded in custody accused of driving carelessly and colliding with parked vehicles while under the influence of drink or drugs.

Luigi Lopez, 44, of Lynnside, Soroba Lane, Oban, denied the offences when he appeared from custody at Oban Sheriff Court last Wednesday.

Lopez is expected to stand trial on June 26.

**Man accused of child rape**

A MAN accused of rape and sexual activity with a child has been released on conditional bail from Oban Sheriff Court.

Leslie Allan Kinvig, 61, from Dalcross, made no plea or declaration during the private hearing last week.

All of the alleged offences, including lewd and libidinous behaviour, are historical. Kinvig was committed for further examination at the petition hearing.

**Oban man admits drugs charge**

AN OBAN man who was found by police in possession of Class A drug cocaine was fined £350 when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

Iain Cruickshanks, 26, whose address was given in court as 12 Angus Terrace, Oban, had previously admitted the offence.

Sheriff John Herald said Cruickshanks was currently subject to a community payback order with over 57 hours of unpaid work still to be carried out.

**Video proves MSP didn't slander bus company**

A VIDEO taken by *The Oban Times*' sister publication has confirmed that Argyll and Bute MSP Mike Russell did not make a derogatory remark about West Coast Motors.

However the company has still criticised Mr Russell for swearing and comparing the bus service to the new ferry link arriving at Campbeltown for the first time, describing his comments as 'inappropriate'.

Mr Russell was forced to clear the air last week after being ac-

cused of referring to a 's\*\*\*\*y four-hour bus journey' between Campbeltown and Glasgow.

His alleged response, at the recent launch of the new ferry service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan, was reported in numerous daily newspapers.

It also prompted an angry response from Colin Craig, managing director of West Coast Motors, who felt his company's good name had been tarnished.

However, the *Campbeltown*

*Courier*'s video confirms Mr Russell's version of events in which he quoted a young passenger stating the new ferry 'sure beats the s\*\*\*\* out of four hours on the bus'.

Ron Simon, Mr Russell's constituency manager, said: 'They are two quite different statements and what Mr Russell said was not derogatory about West Coast Motors.'

'There is no way he would denigrate a bus firm which provides an excellent service

throughout Argyll.

'I'm glad this is backed up by the *Courier* video of Mr Russell's speech.'

SNP councillor John Semple said: 'Mr Russell's remark was made as part of a humorous speech.'

Mr Craig said this week that exchanges between him and the education secretary reported in the press last week should have remained private but had been leaked by someone.

He added: 'Regardless of the

exact wording, Mr Russell's comments were at best ill-advised and inappropriate.

'We do not believe that it is fair or right for a government minister to make comparisons between a commercial, seven-days-a-week, 364 days a year bus service that serves not only Campbeltown but many communities throughout Kintyre and Mid-Argyll without public subsidy - with a three-days-a-week, heavily-subsidised ferry service.'



There was a line-up of spectacular cars in a spectacular setting at Inveraray last weekend. 15\_t23ferrari07

**A flourish of Ferraris line up at Inveraray Castle**

A FLOURISH of flash Ferraris made for a spectacular setting at Inveraray during a cruise up Scotland's west coast.

Organised by the Ferrari Owners' Club of Great Britain (Scotland West Area Group), the 30-strong fleet arrived in Inveraray for lunch on Sunday, having travelled via Car-

rick House, Loch Lomond, and Perthshire.

Stewart Ross, area group organiser, said on Sunday: 'There are 19 cars here today from the west area and we have been joined by 11 cars from the north west group. We will organise drives like these once or twice a year and the members enjoy the roads and

bends on the way up to Inveraray.'

The convoy, which was worth millions of pounds - the most expensive coming in at around £240,000 - was an extra bonus for visitors to the castle and the Duke of Argyll had his picture taken with the club members.

**Roadworks may mar Royal visit**

CONCERNS are rife that Princess Anne's visit to Oban could be disrupted by roadworks after angry hoteliers accused the council of mis-timing essential roadworks.

From June 10, Gallanach Road and Alma Crescent, between Albany Street and Glenmore Road, Oban, will be closed for three weeks to allow resurfacing.

While agreeing the work needs to be done, accommodation providers say the timing of the work couldn't be worse, in the height of the season and during a Royal visit to the Northern Lighthouse Board, of which the Princess Royal is a patron.

Local businesses also criticised the planned diversion - along Glenshellach Road via Pulpit Hill - as confusing and inappropriate.

However, the council say carrying out the repairs later in the year would be 'hazardous' and not as reliable; while access will be allowed for residents and those needing to reach businesses.

Sandy MacArthur, who owns Alt na Craig guest house, said: 'The council say they can't do the work in January as it won't hold. That excuse doesn't hold as they've managed it elsewhere in the town.'

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'The council has avoided these works in July, August and September so that there is minimal disruption to local people and businesses. If the work was to be left till October the weather would be colder, not as reliable and the road surface would be even more hazardous if there is ice and snow.'

**Lorn Lines**

A CAR boot sale in aid of three Lorn primary schools has raised more than £1,000.

The busy event at Dalmally Auction Mart on May 25 also offered a car wash, sponge soak, football shoot, refreshments, baking, a duck race and stalls.

The £1,118.21 raised will go towards Dalmally, Taynult and Kilchrenan primary schools' trip to Lochgoilhead.

THERE was a Scottish lilt in the air at the Oban SWRI AGM, with supper dishes from around Scotland and Liz and her musical friends on the fiddle and piano.

Arbroath smokie paté, Forfar bridies and Inverawe smoked salmon pinwheels were amongst some of the Scottish delights for supper, and the gluten free haggis eggs were an unusual twist on a classic dish.

Elchris MacFarlane's consistent performance in the monthly competitions throughout the year make her the Housewives and Handicrafts champion for 2013. Thanks went to Catherine Lamont and Margaret Devine for charming table decorations.

Voting at the AGM saw Jenny Moody re-elected as president, with Karen Mackie as vice chair, Mairi Campbell going into her 14th year as secretary, Kay MacDonald re-elected as treasurer and Lyndsay Elliott carrying on as press secretary. Thanks went to all of last year's committee for their hard work in organising the monthly meetings and co-ordinating the local show entries.

Mogwai Designs' Sarah Campbell is hosting the summer outing, with a tour of her textile studio on Lismore. Sarah has a thriving interior business, selling to Heals, The Sofa Workshop and the V&A museum in London.

Anyone curious about what happens at 'the rural' can find out more as Oban SWRI are taking at stand at the Simply Handmade craft fair at the Corran Halls on August 10, with both traditional and contemporary crafting at it's best.

New members and guests are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, which resume in September in the Guide Hall, Oban, on the last Tuesday of the month.

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IN THE lead up to D-Day today Oban centenarian Robert McCulloch found a photograph of himself in the uniform of the South Notts Hussars.



Robert McCulloch with his wartime picture.

Nicknamed the Acorn Gunners for their cap badge, the regiment landed in the first hours of D-Day.

Robert's unit, operating 'Priest' Howitzers artillery, covered the commandos landing on Sword Beach and moved inland to support the 6th Airborne holding the bridges over the Orne River and Caen Canal.

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OBAN Phoenix Cinema will take its first trip into the theatre this weekend when it shows James Cameron's pioneering production, *Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away*.

The high-flying film from the pioneer of modern 3D productions tells the tale of a young couple who are separated and must travel through the astonishing and dreamlike worlds of the cirque du soleil.

An ambitious, theatre driven plot, the film features incredible visuals and showcases the incredible acrobatic skills of the performers of the world's most famous circus.

The film is rated PG and is on this Friday at 6pm and Saturday at 3.30pm.

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## Morvern Lines

ONE OF the most important meetings in the history of Morvern is to be held in the Lochaline Village Hall tonight at 7.30pm.

Morvern Community Council has arranged the meeting to give the public the opportunity of lobbying Highland Council's head of transport and infrastructure Sam MacNaughton, against his proposed review of the fare structure and fare levels on the Corran Ferry the outcome of which, if he succeeds, will affect the lives of every resident of the parish for years to come.

Sarah Jones, vice chair of Morvern Community Council, hopes there will be a record turn-out and that Mr MacNaughton will leave the meeting in no doubt that his proposal will mean to the future economic stability of the area.

The Corran Ferry is Scotland's second busiest ferry and the only one left in Highland Council's ownership. The fares are seen by many as an iniquitous toll and that the five minute crossing should at least be free to local residents.

The tolls on the Skye Bridge were removed by people pressure. Perhaps the time has come to lobby First Minister Alex Salmond, who will be in the area next week, to have them taken off this vital life-line altogether.

SIR DAVID Attenborough, the world famous broadcaster and naturalist, said recently that our wildlife is under threat and declining at a worrying rate.

If Sir David was referring to some little known species in an obscure part of the world, that would be bad enough but he was not.

He was sending out a stark warning about the loss of birds, animals, insects, fungi and plants on our own doorstep.

Well-loved species from skylarks to hedgehogs are struggling in the face of threats including loss of habitat and the way we manage the countryside.

Almost three-quarters of butterfly species have declined in the last decade, plants are going extinct from some counties at a rate of one every second year and the UK has lost around a staggering 44 million breeding birds in the last 40 years.

Even to someone not especially interested in wildlife, it must be obvious that there are far fewer birds and wild animals to be seen in Morvern now than there were a few decades ago.

In the short space of 40 or so years I have noted a serious decline in lapwings, snipe, ducks, woodcock, skylarks, meadow pipits, sparrows, golden plover, owls, wrens, gulls, terns, blackcock, gold-crest, snow-bunting, ptarmigan, wag-tails, red deer, hares, rabbits, hedgehogs, wildcats, sea-trout, salmon, cockles, fresh water pearl mussels and other shell-fish to name only a few.

On a more positive note siskins, jays, ravens, red-polls, water-rails, shelduck, otters and badgers are making a welcome comeback.

Why are we losing so much so quickly? It is too easy to blame 'global warming'. The fault lies in man's interaction with nature at a local level. A disproportionate amount of land lies under dense and dark Sitka spruce below which very little wildlife can live or breed. Non run-off hydro electric schemes, which retain large volumes of water, drown millions of plants, animals and insects when the land is flooded. River banks are torn away as the levels fluctuate with the result that the rare fresh water pearl mussels are endangered in the waters downstream.

Attracted by large grants, thousands of acres are being given over to forestry. Enclosed by high tensile wire fences - which will be left lying on the hillside long after the trees have been felled - these unsightly barricades cause the death of many low flying birds.

If woodland enclosures are not properly planned they have a bearing on the breeding success of short eared owls, hen harriers and the already rare black grouse. Red deer too are being pushed out of their traditional wintering ground.

The sharp rise in the pine marten population may be regarded favourably by urban dwellers but in the countryside they have a devastating effect on ground-nesting birds, small mammals and domestic fowls. Morvern is plagued with pine martens at present. Many are attracted to houses by visitors putting out jam sandwiches on window-sills and bird tables, which in turn, encourages them to find their way into attics to have their young with all the attendant mess and destruction.

Out-wintering cattle, now the size and weight of baby elephants, are fed in large numbers often beside rivers and ditches. Their concentration destroys the river banks where the sand-martins nested; they puddle the ground - which becomes stagnant - and foul back-waters where damsel and dragon flies and other insects breed.

What can be done to slow down the decline? The first priority must be to turn over the soil and create food and reintroduce rabbits and hares.

Parts of the Morvern peninsula along the Sound of Mull from Loch Aline to Loch Teacuis, have some of the finest agricultural ground in the Highlands yet, apart from a few patches the size of small pocket-handkerchiefs, they have not been worked in decades. The plough, the disc and the harrows have been supplanted by dockens and bracken.

John Muir wisely observed: 'When we try to pick out anything by itself we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.'

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## Upgrade required at Connel station

CONNEL's diminutive train station should be in line for an upgrade, according to the local community council, who say new timetables would make its current shelter pointless.

Train numbers into Oban are soon set to double, a move that councillors say will increase the number of school pupils travelling to the town by train thanks to better time-tabling.

While welcomed, Connel Community Council's secretary Les Stewart says the move raises questions over whether the station is suitable for increased use.

'It will be great for the school pupils; the increase in trains is quite a development but we have to ask is the current station suitable for increased use?'

'If that means we'll now have a lot of kids standing at the train station in the morning to go to school, you have to ask where will they shelter from the rain?'

'We have to get on to Network Rail to ask if the station can be improved as a result as what's there isn't going to shelter 60 kids from the elements.'

'People will also be parking there so the council need to look at that too as the space that's there certainly won't cope.'

The community council is to write to both authorities to request the development of the station. Mr Stewart said the extra trains would be a 'huge advantage' for Connel residents.

'The later train will allow kids to stay a bit longer after school for extra-curricular activities and it'll be great for people going for appointments or shopping.'

'It'll be great for the local shop too, that'll be a gold mine with the people waiting for the train.'

# Traditional boat builder turns back the clock

## Dungallan larch used to build new sailing skiff



The skiff, Gylen 2, is launched into Oban Bay

### Burning twigs, soil from Donegal and 14-year-old Oban malt used to bless larch-built skiff

A SKIFF that was built using a design from 130 years ago, and made of materials from the local landscape, has been launched in Oban Bay.

Described by its owner as 'a unique tribute to Oban's rich heritage, the 18-foot skiff Gylen 2 slipped off its trailer into the bay at Port Beag on May 25 before setting off round the bay under a standing lug mainsail and jib.

The boat builder, Adam Way of Lochgilphead, had trailed the boat up from his yard with his wife Ros and father Kenneth, a well known farmer and musician from Mull, to hand Gylen 2 over to its new owner, Stan Reeves of Edinburgh.

Mr Reeves said: 'This sturdy, fast and capable craft is based on the design of the original Gylen, built in 1886 by MacDonald boat builders at Port Beag.'

'Adam found very accurate drawings of the original boat lodged in the National Maritime Museums archive. These drawings had been made by English naval architect Phillip Oke in 1936, when the boat was 50 year old, and still going strong. Mr Oke described the boat as: 'Owner A McAllister, Oban. Now used as a racing skiff,

formerly owned by D Currie, fisherman, Oban.'

Mr Way had, by coincidence, sourced all the larch for the planking from a stand of timber just behind the Port Beag slip, at Dungallan House.

The launching was carried out with pipes and fiddle music from the Reeves family and poems and blessing from Val Leckie, a former art teacher at Oban High School.

The boat was smooched with burning twigs and Pam Reeves further blessed the boat by casting some soil from Glen Columcille in Donegal, from where St. Columba left for Iona, on to the bows, and with a big splash of 14-year-old Oban malt.

Various guests made a couple of fast sailing trips to Kerrera where the original boat had been engaged in salmon fishing.

Mr Reeves added: 'We were delighted to have the whole affair overseen by 90-year-old Donnie Currie who started building boats at Port Beag in 1959, taking over from the MacDonald family whose boatbuilding business started in 1875.'

Donnie's son Colin built and launched a similar craft last year.

## Author Alexander McCall Smith buys retreat on Isle of Coll

ONE OF Britain's most successful authors and creator of the No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency has spoken of his love for the Hebrides after paying nearly £300,000 for the Cairns of Coll.

Alexander McCall Smith says he intends to use the remote islands north of Coll as a retreat. The purchase includes a large detached house on Coll itself, which offers views of the Cairns as well as Skye, rum, Muck, Egg and Mull.

He has said previously that he finds it difficult to write in 'ugly' surroundings and, while he already has another home in Argyll, the Edinburgh based author believes the Cairns of Coll will help get his creative juices flowing.

The 64 year old, who has sold more than 20 million books, said he fell in love with the islands after dropping anchor there during sailing trips with his wife, Elizabeth.

As well as using the island for holidays, Mr McCall Smith says he intends to help protect the indigenous wildlife, including seals, shags, terns and gull-lemots.

Speaking of the islands, he said: 'They are very beautiful. I am going to protect them for what I hope will be forever. We used to have picnics on them and that is why I was very interested when they came up.'

'I intend to look after them and do nothing with them and will make arrangements for when I am no longer here for the same to be done.'

As well as a successful legal career, Mr McCall Smith is an amateur bassoonist and co-founder of The Really Terrible Orchestra.

A spokesman for Ballantynes, the estate agent that sold the islands, said they had attracted a great deal of interest from potential buyers.

## Missing journalist's body found near Knoydart

THE BODY of a journalist missing in a remote area of the West Highlands has been found.

Clive Dennier disappeared in the Kinloch Hourn area, east of Knoydart, over two months ago after telling friends he was heading to the West Highlands for a walking trip.

His body was recovered after a hillwalker alerted the emergency services on Friday. Mr Dennier was found around half a mile from where he had parked his car, which was located four days after search operations began in on March 25. The 50 year-old worked for the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald.

## Volunteers complete Lochaber Hope charity course

A GROUP of 12 Lochaber women have completed courses which will allow them to help people with personal difficulties.

The women, who all volunteer for Fort William-based charity Lochaber Hope, attended a course at North Highland College to achieve accreditation level six.

It means they will now be able to offer counselling, assist people with drug and alcohol problems and help those with suicidal thoughts through the charity.

A lunch was held to recognise the achievements of Jamie MacDonald, Jillian Young, Debbie Gibb, Janet Steele, Lorna Donnelly, Donna Kelly, Lynn McAllister, Jinty O'Neil, Alison Wright, Emma Leitch, Christine MacMillan and Dani Drummond.

Provost Allan Henderson congratulated them, saying tutoring was the 'lifeblood of Lochaber Hope'.

Eilidh McCluskey tutored the new mentors through their course, and told them: 'You've given something special - you've given your time freely and you've worked so hard.'



The successful new Lochaber Hope mentors with their tutor Eilidh McCluskey, front. 20\_f23hope01

## Oban Sheriff Court

### Oban man spat in policeman's face

AN OBAN man who spat in the face of a police officer narrowly avoided a custodial sentence when he appeared last week at court.

Michael Duncan, aged 19, of 17A Glencurritan Drive, appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last Friday on a deferred sentence for two complaints: a breach of the peace and police assault from Boxing Day last year, to which he had pled guilty, and an assault on his brother from March 3, for which he was found guilty on April 16.

In sentencing Duncan to a total of 150 hours of unpaid work and a compensation payment of £100, Sheriff Brian Cameron warned him he was 'at the last chance saloon', adding: 'If this pattern of behaviour continues you will be going to jail.'

### Cannabis fine

POSSESSING small amounts of drugs landed one Oban man with a £235 fine when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

Eric Douglas, 45, of Kenmore Villa, Soroba Road, Oban, admitted possessing 6.9g of cannabis resin and two tablets of ecstasy.

### Taunted man punched girls

A MAN who admitted assaulting two teenage girls had been taunted by a group of youths moments before the attack, Oban Sheriff Court has heard.

Antonio Rodriguez, aged 39, of 77 McKelvie Road, Oban, pled guilty last Friday to assaulting a 17-year-old and a 16-year-old by punching them on the head on March 18 in Argyll Square. The latter assault caused the victim's head to strike a window. Both suffered injuries but did not require immediate hospital treatment.

Both complainants had been part of a group that had been taunting Rod-

riguez before the incident, although there was no proof the complainants had said anything.

Sheriff Brian Cameron fined Rodriguez a total of £400 for both charges.

### Young man to compensate mother

A YOUNG Oban man has been ordered to pay £200 compensation to his mother after he kicked a glass panel in her front door and broke it.

Jamie Tonner, 22, of 34h McCaig Road, Oban, pled guilty to the offences, including shouting, swearing and banging on the door, when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

Sheriff John Herald also fined Tonner £100 while defence agent Laura McManus told the court his mother had now laid down some 'house rules'.

### Prison please!

A MAN has been sent to prison at his own request instead of being placed on a drug treatment programme.

Hugo Martins, 31, of 12 Kilchurn Place, Oban, was assessed for his suitability for a drug treatment and testing order as opposed to a custodial sentence.

But he told those completing the report he wanted to go to prison instead so that he could return home to Portugal as soon as possible. Martins had previously admitted possessing ecstasy and cannabis.

Sheriff John Herald sentenced him to 60 days inside and said: 'You would far rather go to prison so when you come out you can go to Portugal - your wish is my command Mr Martins.'

### Lismore teenager admonished

A LISMORE teenager has been admonished by Oban Sheriff Court after he resisted police and lashed out at two officers in Oban on

February 24.

Callum McGillivray, 18, of Achuaran Farm, Lismore, pled guilty to the offence when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

### Unpaid work for being drunk and abusive at Oban hotel

AN OBAN hotel resident who struggled violently and lashed out at police has been ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work.

James Gibb, 31, of 20 Toddhead Gardens, Altens, Aberdeen, previously admitted the offences and appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week for sentencing.

The court heard Gibb had been staying at the Kings Knoll Hotel in October last year when he became drunk and abusive.

The owner called police and when officers detained Gibb he uttered threats, offensive remarks of a sexual nature and spat.

Sheriff John Herald told Gibb the incident didn't make a 'very pleasant story' and placed him on a community payback order for 12 months.

### £350 fine for Oban pub assault

AN OBAN man has been fined £350 after he carried out an assault by punching a man on the head in a pub in the town.

Paul Kerr, 29, of 34c McCaig Road, Oban, had previously pled guilty to the offence and appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week for sentencing.

### Drunk man assaulted police

A MAN has been fined £470 for assaulting a male and female police officer when they woke him up from a 'drunken stupor'.

Angus MacFarlane, 38, of 5G Colonsay Terrace, Oban, had previously admitted the offences and appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week for sentencing.

Defending, Laura McManus told the court it was MacFarlane's 'state of intoxication' that made him behave the way he did and it was 'out of character' for him.

### £900 compensation for kicking car

AN OBAN man who kicked the door of a car after being turned away from a neighbouring house has been ordered to pay compensation of £900.

Jordan Suter, 28, of room 6, Dunmor Lodge, Albany Street, Oban, admitted the offence when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

Sheriff John Herald admonished Suter as well as ordering him to pay compensation to the car owner.

### Dunbeg teenager assaults 11-year old

A DUNBEG teenager who admitted assaulting an 11-year-old boy in a school playground will be sentenced on June 25.

Daniel MacCuish, 17, of 41 Lorn Road, Dunbeg, admitted seizing the child's clothing and holding him in a headlock when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

Sheriff John Herald deferred sentence for the preparation of social work reports.

### Admonished for throwing hot drink

AN OBAN woman who threw a cup of hot chocolate at another woman has been admonished at Oban.

Lauren Dickison, 22, of 7 Glenfoot Terrace, walked free from the dock at Oban Sheriff Court when she appeared for sentencing last week.

She had previously been found guilty of the offence following a trial.

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## First Minister opens new smolt hatchery

FIRST Minister Alex Salmond will open a new smolt hatchery for Marine Harvest at Lochailort tomorrow (Friday) morning. The £16m facility will have a staff of 10 - five from the previous smolt unit on site and five new recruits. The workforce will grow the salmon from eyed eggs until the smolt stage when they will be transferred to the company's 36 seawater fish farms.

Around six million fry and parr will also be produced for on-growing in the company's four fresh water loch sites. The new plant is part of Marine Harvest's £80m investment to meet increasing demand for farmed salmon.

Two new open sea fish farms have already opened off Barra and Uist, a third has planning permission and work continues to identify other potential sites. Lochailort was originally a commando training station during WW2 and subsequently became the first in the UK to trial commercial scale salmon farming. Among tomorrow's guests will be Lady Ross of Marnock, who carried out her WREN training at Lochailort during the war. A number of the workers involved in Unilever's original commercial scale salmon farming research on the site will also attend.

# Tractors in coast to coast charity convoy

Drivers chug from Montrose to Oban and back

A BANK holiday traffic jam with a difference raised thousands of pounds for charity as a convoy of 20 tractors chugged their way from Scotland's east to west coast. The tractor drivers, and their support vehicle teams, rose to the challenge of travelling 360 miles from Montrose to Oban and back. They reached Oban last Sunday where holidaymakers did a double take as the seafront was suddenly awash with tractors. The stunt, organised by Angus and Kincardine Ferguson Tractor Group, raised more than £10,000 with the cash being split between the RNLI, the MS Therapy Centre in Dundee and

the Archie Foundation children's charity, which is based at the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital. Oban Lifeboat Station will receive £1,500. Mike Robertson, treasurer of the tractor group, said: "We have been going at 14 miles per hour but everybody has been really nice, there has been no tooting of horns from motorists. 'The tractors are decorated, so people know what we are doing and we have been collecting more donations on the way. 'One of our support vehicles, a Landrover, had a problem with its prop shaft, but they managed to get it fixed at Lix Toll and the garage there didn't charge anything. They just said to put

a donation in to our collection, which was really nice of them.' The group stopped in at Cruachan Visitor Centre on the way to Oban, where they gathered into one huge line to arrive at Oban Lifeboat Station in style. Mr Robertson said: "We are supporting the RNLI in memory of one of our group members who was tragically drowned in a boating accident on the west coast of Scotland in 2011." Les Stewart, treasurer of Oban RNLI Lifeboat Committee, said: "We are delighted they have chosen to support Oban and Montrose lifeboat stations and the other charities. It's a big effort and I think it's a marvellous thing that they have done."



A £1,500 cheque is handed over by Mike Robertson, treasurer of the Angus and Kincardine Ferguson Tractor Group, and the group's chairman Hugh Black, to Les Stewart, Treasurer of Oban Lifeboat Committee as other tractor drivers and RNLI members look on. Photo: Moira Kerr.



The convoy of tractors rolls into Oban town centre. Photo: Moira Kerr.

## Oban man punched door steward

AN OBAN man has been ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work after punching a door steward in the town. Craig Hendry, 22, of 18 Combie Court, Oban, previously admitted the assault as well as behaving in a disorderly manner at his mother's house at a later date.

Hendry appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last Tuesday for sentencing. His defence agent Stephen Macleod told the court alcohol had been involved in both incidents.

## Tourist destinations narrowly miss out in competition

THREE of the Highland and Islands most popular tourist destinations have narrowly missed out on representing Scotland in an international competition to discover the 'eighth wonder of the world'. The Cuillins mountain range on Skye, the ancient Callanish Stones on Lewis and the Great Glen were among the 13 contenders listed on VisitScotland's Facebook page, with users asked to vote for their favourite by clicking the 'like' button. The three sites garnered more votes than Edinburgh Castle, the Forth Bridge and Skara Brae in Orkney in the race to represent the country in Virtual Tourist's final competition. The overall winner was Duntottar Castle, near Stonehaven, which received more than 1,800 'likes'.

## Hotel worker placed on sex offenders' register after taking indecent photos

A FRENCH man who worked at the Isle of Eriska Hotel in Benderloch has been placed on the sex offenders' register after taking indecent photographs of a young girl. Fabrice Gue, 43, also admitted possessing a further 126 indecent photos and 14 indecent movies of children. Gue, now of The Stables, Raemoir House Hotel, Banchory, pled guilty to taking, permitting to be taken or making 40 images of his victim, now aged 16, between December 1 2010 and April 24 2012. Gue was a manager at Isle of Eriska Hotel and committed his crimes both at Piglet, The Steading at the hotel and at his accommodation in the Banchory hotel. He had been due to stand trial in front of a jury

in June but changed his plea to guilty when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last Wednesday. Sheriff John Herald deferred sentence on Gue until June 25 for the preparation of social work reports and released him on bail. **Unaware** Former employer, Mr Buchanan-Smith from the Isle of Eriska Hotel, told *The Oban Times* he was unaware of the crimes until being informed by the press. He said Gue had left the hotel around two years ago and none of the offences had been committed on hotel premises. Neil Rae, co-owner of Raemoir House Hotel, added: "We are aware of this case and have terminated Mr Gue's employment."



Strathclyde Fire and Rescue group commander Eddie Renfrew and Oban station commander Martin Hill hand over the cheque to Oban Lifesavers volunteers.

## Lifesavers boosted by fire fund donation

OBAN Lifesavers Club has benefited to the tune of £3,097.58 after being awarded a cheque from Oban Fire Station's Community Partnership Working Fund. The money will be used for safety kit including rookie life guard packs and other lifesaving equipment. At a presentation in Atlantis Leisure, Eddie Renfrew, group commander for Argyll and Bute, and Martin Hill, station commander at Oban Community Fire Station, presented the cheque to Andy Jones, president of Oban Lifesavers and Gordon McNab, vice president. The group is currently thriving with 130 youngsters receiving tuition every Tuesday evening at Atlantis Leisure's swimming pool. Station commander Hill said: "Helping Oban Lifesavers in this way is part of our pro-active work in the community. Although many may see our main work as dealing with fires and fire prevention we welcome the opportunity to be involved locally in promoting water safety. Commander Hill added: "The youngsters grow up with more confidence and responsibility in the water as a result of the tuition received through Oban Lifesavers. The professionalism and enthusiasm of all involved is extremely evident and it has been great to come along and witness the great work that is going on first hand. 'I'd also like to commend crew commander Robert McCall who is a volunteer instructor with Lifesavers in addition to working at the fire station. It was Robert who brought the group to our attention in the first instance and it was he who put together a very persuasive and detailed application for funding.' Speaking for Oban Lifesavers, Gordon McNab said: "We are delighted to receive such a generous contribution which will enable our teaching volunteers to expand on improving skills and techniques within their classes."

## Man admits careless driving

A MAN from the Isle of Seil has been fined £100 after admitting driving carelessly causing a police car to take evasive action. Gavin Rae, 57, of 6 Kilbrandon Cottages, Balvicar, Seil, pled guilty to the offence when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last week. The court heard Rae had been travelling behind a lorry when he 'began to overtake directly into the path of a police vehicle'. Procurator Fiscal Eoin McGinty said: "The police flashed their lights hoping the vehicle would drop behind. "But the vehicle kept coming and officers had to reduce speed to allow the oncoming vehicle to successfully overtake otherwise there would have been a collision." Defending, Duncan Durbin told the court the lorry had indicated it would be safe for Rae to pass but the police vehicle appeared after he had pulled out. He said: "The offence here is an error of judgement. He didn't come forward in the face of oncoming traffic." Sheriff John Herald described the incident as being at the 'lower end' of careless driving and placed three penalty points on Rae's licence as well as fining him.

## Drink and drug driving crackdown

A FOUR-WEEK summer crackdown on drink and drug-driving is underway in the Highlands and Islands. Road policing inspector Neil Lumsden said: "Drink or drug driving is completely selfish behaviour and those who continue to ignore the law are putting themselves and other road users lives at risk." He added: "It is important to remember that the measures of alcoholic drinks consumed at social events can be significantly more than pub measures. Whatever the occasion, as responsible individuals, we all have a duty to consider the amount of alcohol we consume if we intend on driving. The best advice is to abstain completely - don't risk it."

# JUST LISTEN. YOU COULD CHANGE A LIFE.

## see me

LET'S STOP THE STIGMA OF MENTAL ILL-HEALTH  
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Suzie Vestri, 'see me'

Just listen. You could change a life. That's the message of the latest campaign from 'see me', Scotland's national campaign to end mental health discrimination. Despite one in four Scots experiencing mental ill-health, 40% of us would find it hard, or are unsure how to discuss or talk about mental illness.

If you have any kind of mental health problem, having someone there to listen and support you makes all the difference. It can really help recovery. 'see me' wants Scots of all ages and backgrounds to speak up about our own mental health; to ask, and to listen to what is said.

You don't have to be an expert to listen; something as simple as sitting down with a cup of tea and having a chat or sending a quick text or invitation to meet up can really make a difference.

It's not always easy, and your help might not seem welcome at first, but keep asking, and then listen. Only by talking positively and openly can we end the stigma that surrounds mental ill-health. So, please just listen. You really can change a life.



Show your support

## What should I do?

If a friend or family member told you about a physical illness you would probably feel concern and sympathy and offer your support and reassurance. Behaving the same way if someone tells you about their mental health is essential. Some practical advice:

- You don't have to be an expert to talk about mental health:** If someone is experiencing mental ill-health, simply being there to listen can make a big difference.
- Be considerate:** Nice as we are, we often just want everything to be 'okay' but its fine not to have answers and to say that you don't. Avoid phrases like 'cheer up' and think about your body language too.
- Keep in touch:** Something as simple as picking up the phone, sending a message on Facebook, or sending a quick text will let them know that they're in your thoughts.
- If you think someone needs urgent help or support then the following numbers are useful to have:**  
**Breathing Space: 0800 83 85 87**  
**Samaritans: 08457 90 90 90**
- Don't just talk about mental health:** People who aren't feeling great don't always just want to talk about how they feel. Try and have normal conversations about every-day things too.
- Show you care:** People with mental health problems often feel excluded, lonely and alone. Reassure your friend that you still care about them and include them in your everyday plans.
- What else can I do?**
  - Find out more about the campaign and order 'see me' materials for your workplace or community**
  - Pledge your support for our Just Listen campaign on our Wall of Support**
  - Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter**
  - Get more information from our website www.seemescotland.org**
- Remember to ask how they are:** It's not easy and your help might not seem welcome at first but keep asking how they are and listen.
- Be patient:** People experiencing a mental health problem can have ups and downs like the rest of us. It's important to let them know that you are there to listen, no matter what, good days and bad.



## Bob Bogle, Glasgow

Bob first experienced depression in his late teens, which culminated in a suicide attempt and hospitalisation during his second year of university. Bob felt completely helpless and as an academic high-achiever under pressure to succeed. Following his suicide attempt, Bob's university were extremely supportive and staff members rallied round to give him one-to-one tuition.

Almost 20 years later, Bob's life dramatically changed in a short space of time - following the death of his father and separation of his wife - he became very ill. Living only on a low and fixed income he began stockpiling food and not eating it, and started hiding how unwell he had become from his friends and family. Eventually some of his close friends intervened and Bob again engaged with community mental health services. He was then diagnosed with hypomanic bipolar disorder (meaning that he experiences more 'downs' than 'ups'). Using a combination of medication and 'talking therapies' his recovery began again.

Over a period of three years Bob slowly recovered and rebuilt his skills through volunteering which resulted in gaining full time employment. Today he manages his mental health condition free of medication and has a successful career in the charity sector developing and managing volunteer services across Scotland - some of these volunteers themselves recovering from and managing mental health conditions.

Bob said: "Even when my life seemed darkest my friends still took time and made the effort to ask and then listen. They never gave up on me even when I had given up on myself. When I was ready to talk they were there - and that's why I'm still here today".

**LISMORE**

LISMORE fielded two teams in the Edinburgh Marathon on May 26, setting an excellent example of what can be done to keep fit and raise money for good causes.

First time runners Team Lismore - Hazel, John and Jim MacCormick and Catherine Davies - ran in the relay event to raise money for a new play park in Oban and in particular for an all inclusive section of the new park to be located beside Atlantis Leisure. They were inspired by their nephew Finlay Bruce who has cerebral palsy and would benefit from having an area where he and other Argyll children could have fun and where parents with children with special needs could meet.

Hazel MacCormick said Team Lismore had set a target of £1,000 and where amazed at the response with donations already more than £2,000.

Lindsay Elliot from Friends of Oban Community Play Park said: 'We salute Team Lismore and though we still have a long way to go, anyone inspired by Team Lismore could join in the Big Toddle in Oban on June 6 or start training for the half marathon in Oban in October.'

Also running from Lismore were Team Meddes - Gill Bridle, Josie Meddes and Rurigh Meddes - who ran the half marathon and Oliver Tulloch who ran the whole marathon. They were raising money for Bath Cats and Dogs Home, one of the biggest re-homing centres in the UK which relies entirely on donations. Josie worked there as a volunteer dog walker.

AN ENLIGHTENING and fascinating talk at the heritage Centre on May 25 from Dr Ian MacDonald of Glasgow

University on the later medieval bishops of Argyll traced the importance of Lismore as the centre of Christianity between the 12th and 16th centuries.

This significant part of Lismore's pre reformation history is a neglected period as far as scholarship and the wider world is concerned and Dr MacDonald's work is therefore of great interest. He showed that many of these Lismore churchmen were highly educated men of influence and many, though not all, had Lismore's and Argyll's best interests at heart. Dr MacDonald has kindly donated his book 'Clerics and Clansmen: the Diocese of Argyll between the 12th and the 16th century' to the David White Library at the heritage centre where it is available to everyone. For a full report go to [www.lismoregaelichheritagecentre.org/what/snew](http://www.lismoregaelichheritagecentre.org/what/snew).

THE HALL AGM is on June 13 at 7.30pm in the hall.

The main purpose of the AGM is to approve the accounts for the year 2011/2012, appoint directors to the board to manage hall business for the coming year and to appoint an independent auditor.

A good turnout of members at the AGM is essential to allow the board to continue to run the hall business for the coming year.

The hall accounts are now available at [www.isleoflismore.com](http://www.isleoflismore.com).

There are still vacancies on the board and the committee urges islanders to consider becoming a director. Nomination forms can be obtained from the hall section of the island website or from Gilly Dixon-Spain, company secretary. Further information can be obtained from Dot Hay, Marlene MacKinnon or Steve Cass.



**High school food and drink challenge**

Lochaber High School youngsters learned all about cuisine and cultures from countries around the world at their recent two-day food and drink challenge. Each global citizenship class in second year had to design, market and prepare a dish from a country of their choice. The countries represented were Scotland, Russia, China, Kenya and East Timor. But it was class 2D and teacher Mrs Hume's South African food which impressed the judges most, giving them a clear victory in the trade fair section. The winning class won a trip to M&D's amusement park in Motherwell. The winners are pictured with the judges and some of their cuisine. 20\_123f60d01

**ARDGOUR**

ARDGOUR Primary School had perfect weather for its recent Scottish-themed summer fair.

Inspired by the 'year of natural Scotland', the youngsters enjoyed shinty and football games, a mini Highland games and had the chance to win five litres of Irn-Bru flavoured ice-cream.

The successful day raised £863 for school funds.

**COLONSAY**

A NEWLYWED Colonsay man hopes to return to his native island to start a business that would see the largest private development on the island for a number of years.

Former Oban High School pupil Donald MacAllister and his wife, Hannah, whose parents live part of the year on the island, are hoping planners give the green light to their proposed cafe/bar project.

The young couple, who married on May 11, currently run a 4-star bed and breakfast in Ullapool and Donald is a qualified electrician working extensively in West Ross.

Donald, aged 28, said: 'It has always been our dream to move to Colonsay and start a new and exciting business and when we were offered some land we jumped at the chance.'

'Our plan is to build on the west side of the island where now the majority of people live but there are no facilities. At the moment the residents of Kilchattan face a round trip of up to eight miles for a cup of tea.'

'I plan to keep up the electrical work and also grow and raise as much as possible on the croft for use in the cafe/bar.'

'The reaction we have had so far from locals and visitors is giving us a lot of confidence that we are making a good move and if we work hard the business will flourish.'

So far the plan has received

31 expressions of support, two representations and one objection.

Hannah said: 'Our architects are working on a truly imaginative building that would look wonderful in its setting and be a real boost to the island.'

'Colonsay is a small community and we aim to fit in with what is there already and complement the offerings of other establishments.'

'Although there are only about 100 full time residents, visitors top it up by up to 350 extra a week in season so there is a market to serve.'



Hannah and Donald after their wedding at Athelstaneford Parish Church in East Lothian.

**GLENFINNAN**

GLENFINNAN railway enthusiast John Barnes, the founder of Glenfinnan Station Museum, is to attend the Friends of the West Highland Lines (Cairdean na Rathaidhean - Iarainn) annual general meeting in Helensburgh next Tuesday.

Mr Barnes, who is president of the rail lobby group, said: 'Our society has had a good year. After many years of lobbying we have finally seen the Oban service set to increase from three to up to six trains per day.'

'We have continued on our success of previous years in getting more lineside vegetation cleared to restore some of the iconic views which the West

Highland Lines were once so famous for. We continue to press for better trains fit for the 'Greatest Railway Journey in the World' but this is proving more difficult.'

**BARCALDINE**

A NATURE trail at Barcaldine's Scottish Sealife Sanctuary has been opened as a tribute to the late TV wildlife presenter Terry Nutkins.

The Terry Nutkins Memorial Nature Trail honours the Really Wild Show host who died in September after a battle with leukaemia.

The winding walk, backed by the late naturalist's family, takes visitors through a sign-posted wooded landscape featuring wildlife including pine martens, deer, seals, otters, frogs, badgers and bats.

A bird-watching hide with feeding station and a waterside hide on the edge of Loch Creran are also featured.

Terry's daughter, Amanda, said: 'It is a lovely tribute and we think he would have loved it.'

'My father was a great supporter of the Sea Life Sanctuary over the years and he always enjoyed going there. Our family all thought the nature trail was a lovely idea.'

Nutkins, who lived not far away in Glenelg, moved to Scotland aged 12.

**INVERGARRY**

INVERGARRY-based Garry Gardeners are being invited on a guided tour of local woman Lindsay Rogers' garden at her Tigh na Ear Ruadh (House on the Red Corner) home next Thursday, June 6, at 2.30pm.

Ms Rogers told *The Oban Times*: 'It is for local people who want to see what grows locally so they know what is likely to grow in their own garden if they are nearby. It's just to encourage gardeners to talk to each other and share their ideas.'

Call Lindsay on 01809 501359 for information. Bring suitable footwear for the prevailing weather conditions.

**GLENUIG**

THE SECOND annual Genuig flea market and buy and bake sale will be held at the village hall on Saturday from 11am to 4pm.

Stalls, bric-a-brac, crafts, clothing and food will be on sale during the event, which is raising money for the Help for Heroes charity. To book a table contact Lynn Blair on 01687 470396.

**ACHARACLE**

PUPILS from Acharacle Primary learned basic outdoor skills in the Millennium Forest behind the school.

The P4 and 5 youngsters were taught how to make bread, which they later cooked and ate, and how to start a fire safely.

**GLENCOE**

GLENCOE Community Council has asked local councillors to consider reducing the speed limit in the village to 20 mph.

A recent traffic survey showed the average of speed on vehicles travelling in Glencoe village was 24.6 mph.

**TORRIDON**

POLICE in Torridon are investigating after a Honda outboard motor and a Stihl chainsaw were removed from a shed sometime between May 2 and May 29.

Anyone with information is urged to contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

The police remind the public of the importance of securing premises and possessions.



**Ballachulish 'ragbags' raise £500**

Ballachulish Primary's 'Ragbag' clothes recycling scheme has raised around £500 for the school this year. The bin in the playground is filled up throughout the year by locals throwing away their old clothes. The P6 pupils are pictured emptying the clothes bin, before a recycling company came to pick them up.



Team Lismore runners Hazel, John and Jim MacCormick and Catherine Gilles and their young supporters Donald MacCormick, Rachel MacCormick and Callan and Finlay Bruce after their success at the Edinburgh Marathon.

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**Pupils visit Inchree Forest to see red squirrels**

Glencoe Primary School 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.'

**Youngsters complete St Columba project**

Lochside RC Primary School youngsters have completed a bilingual project about St Columba to celebrate the 1,450th anniversary of his arrival on Iona. Pupils have designed and illustrated a series of books, with simple text in Scots, French and Gaelic as part of the Scottish Government's 1+2 Languages Project, which encourages language learning in schools. St Columba is the patron saint of the school. Johnny Soe-ping, Arienne Chambers, Nikki Wilson and Niamh Byrne are pictured with their creations.



**Down Your Way**

**Islay**

THE ISLAND'S provincial Mod, Mòd Ìle, will take place at Islay High School this Saturday.

Competitions will start at 9am, with the prizewinners' concert taking place at 7.30pm.

A TOTAL of 30 rugby teams will contest the 10th annual Islay Beach Rugby tournament on Port Ellen's White Hart Beach on Saturday.

And organisers say the 20 men's teams and 10 women's teams is close to maximum capacity for the tournament.

Simon Coughlin, who helps to organise the five-a-side tournament, said the event was going from strength-to-strength. Mr Coughlin, who also represents tournament sponsors Bruichladdich Distillery, added: 'We have invested in the event to make it look better for the people coming along.'

'It is probably the largest single day event on the island and CalMac has been very helpful in diverting ferries to Port Ellen this year.'

'I'm looking forward to it because everyone has a good time and the weather tends to be good!'

A team from Helensburgh and Melrose Ladies will be attending for the first time, as will the army's Mercian Regiment and the Royal Navy's HMS Vanguard team.



Children at Port Ellen Primary School have been learning how fish gets from the sea to the dining table, thanks to the efforts of some former pupils. Chef Chris Onions is pictured preparing some fish, kindly donated by another former pupil Jean Grant.

A PATH linking the three distilleries outside Port Ellen will start to be laid this year following a successful funding bid by Argyll and Bute Council.

The South Islay Distilleries Path which will link Port Ellen and Lagavulin communities will get underway this year thanks to funding from Sustrans and Argyll and the Islands LEADER. This is stage one of a path which will go all the way to Ardbeg.

The news has been welcomed by Islay Community Access Group, which has been promoting the construction of the path. It will continue to seek funding for the Lagavulin to Ardbeg section of the path.

The road to the distilleries is very popular route with the many whisky tourists who visit the three distilleries in this part of Islay.

The path to Lagavulin will cost £212,500 including £100,000 from Sustrans and £60,000 from local distilleries. Funding bids have been submitted for the remainder of the money.

Islay-based councillor Robin Currie said: 'I have always seen the establishment of a walking and cycling path between Port Ellen and Ardbeg as a top priority for Islay and that is why I got Argyll and Bute Council involved.'

'A terrific number of people use this route for walking or cycling and a path dedicated to this will make the road to Ardbeg safer for all.'

BRUICHLADDICH Distillery will re-launch its successful Botanist gin in September, following a change to the design of the bottle.

The design is being kept under wraps until the re-launch. Expansion at the Rhinn distillery site is underway, coinciding with a re-launch of its whisky range next month.

A PROJECT to upgrade Kennacraig ferry terminal was scheduled to start this week.

The terminal will undergo major works which will see the existing causeway raised and widened, allowing the single carriageway to be expanded to take two way traffic.

The parking area will be extended, whilst the current overhead electricity supply will be removed and new underground supply installed.

Additional lighting will be added and materials to protect the ferry as it comes in to berth will be put in place.

The work, being carried out by McLaughlin Harvey Ltd, is expected to last until December.

A project notice board will be in place at the terminal to update passengers on the works, which have been scheduled to cause as little disruption as possible to the Islay ferry service.

The work is the second part of the project with the final stage scheduled to take place in November 2015, which is expected to be surfacing and minor works.

The first part of the project was completed two years ago when the existing pier was extended.

FILMING on a new VisitScotland advert was taking place on Islay last week, with some islanders filling in as extras.

The Glasgow-based production company behind the advert began working on the island last Thursday.

A LONG established Islay charity that helps people with disabilities closed its doors last week after failing to make up the £26,000 gap in its funding.

IDEAs, which had its Argyll and Bute Council grant cut, provided support and employment opportunities to islanders with physical disabilities, mental health problems and learning difficulties.

Co-ordinator Margaret Rice pointed out that the charity's shop in Port Ellen, selling second hand goods, would remain open for at least the next six months.

Islay Youth will rent its Bowmore premises and IDEAs is negotiating continued access to these premises.

'This is not the end,' said Margaret. 'We will be raising funds and hope to support our community again in the future.'

**Next week Down Your Way visits Mallaig with Northern Editor Stephen Norris. You can contact Stephen on 01397 703003 or email [fort@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:fort@obantimes.co.uk).**

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## Glenfinnan man who threw glass is fined

A GLENFINNAN man was thrown out of a Fort William pub after lobbing a glass at a barman.

George Archibald ended up with broken bones after being tackled by door staff on March 16.

Archibald, of The Cottage, lost his temper with a staff member after he was refused more drink, Fort William Sheriff Court heard. The 49 year-old hurled a glass in the barman's direction, which smashed on the bar.

Doormen had to restrain Archibald outside the popular pub until police arrived to arrest him, said fiscal Karen Smith.

Defending, Niall MacBeath insisted Archibald had not intended to cause injury.

"It was a protest at being asked to leave the bar," he said.

"He was dealt with in a fairly heavy-handed manner and thrown to the ground outside. He suffered a broken arm, a broken nose and a torn muscle in his right arm."

Fining Archibald £425, Sheriff Raymond McMenamin told him his behaviour 'was totally and utterly unacceptable'.

Unemployed Archibald, who pled guilty to assaulting the barman and throwing a glass at him, was also served with an 18-month exclusion order from the pub.

## Lochboisdale pier contract sealed

THE £9.5 contract for constructing the Lochboisdale project on South Uist has been awarded.

Local company MacInnes Bros. will build two causeways and roads to Rhuha Bhualt and Gasay Island, a new fishery pier and 51 pontoon berths for fishermen and leisure sailors. The planned completion date is 2015.

## 20,000 expected for UCI downhill

UP TO 20,000 fans are expected to descend on Fort William Mountain Bike World Cup at Nevis Range this weekend.

The event, being staged over Saturday and Sunday, is the first UCI Downhill World Cup meeting of 2013.



Care Lochaber project manager Anita Nicholls, centre, receives the cheque from, left to right, MacPhee and Partners' executry assistant Kelie Cooper, partner Rosemary MacPhee, solicitor Keith Falconer, partner Duncan MacPhee and executry assistant Mairi MacDonald. 20. f23/will01

## Lochaber charity gains will funding

A LOCHABER charity has been given huge cash boost thanks to a fundraising drive by a Fort William legal firm.

### Donations

Throughout April, MacPhee and Partners drew up or amended wills at no charge in return for donation to their nominated

recipient, Care Lochaber.

And thanks to the generosity of clients a cheque for £4,245.30 was handed over at the firm's offices on Monday.

Care Lochaber helps some 300 residents maintain their independence, safety, health and well-being through its com-

munity car scheme. Particular help is given to those without extended family support.

Project manager Anita Nicholls told *The Oban Times*: "We have 45 volunteer drivers who use their own cars to take people who are elderly or who have a disability to the health

centre, shopping or to family events.

"We provide around 3,000 journeys door to door per year and this money will allow to do 200 or so.

"We are overwhelmed and we are really grateful to MacPhee and partners for this donation.

## Man arrested on young child sex charges

A MAN has been charged with sexually assaulting children at a Lochaber-based nursery, it emerged this week.

Mark MacLellan appeared in private at Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday following a two week-long police probe into allegations that young children has been subjected to abuse.

### Released on bail

Mr MacLellan, 28, made no plea or declaration during his short afternoon appearance in court. Sheriff Raymond McMenamin released him on bail after hearing a request from local defence lawyer Hamish Melrose.

Concerned parents and grandparents had contacted *The Oban Times* this week to say the

nursery facility had issued letters to all guardians informing them of the investigation.

Officers subsequently interviewed all parents at home by phone with follow-up face-to-face interviews being conducted at Fort William Police Station.

One grandparent, who asked not to be named, said police had informed her daughter, the mother of a child at the nursery, that an inquiry was underway following a complaint made by one child.

Since then, at least one other alleged victim has now been identified.

The grandmother told *The Oban Times* the main priority for parents now was to obtain more information, support and

advice about what steps to take next regarding their children.

Staff at the nursery, which cannot be named for legal reasons, were said to be 'stunned' by the allegations.

Mr MacLellan has been charged under the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 Section 20, which relates to sexual assaults on youngsters aged under 13, the Crown Office confirmed late on Tuesday.

His bail address was given as 'the Stirling area'.

Police confirmed they were continuing to carry out inquiries in relation to a report regarding alleged assaults on young children in the Lochaber area.

A 28 year-old man had been arrested and charged, they said.

## Lochaber councillor launches 'fair fares' petition

LOCAL councillor Andrew Baxter has collected over 1,000 signatures on his 'fair fares' petition - and is demanding a rethink.

He told *The Oban Times*: "My beef is that somebody who uses the ferry once or twice a week would be seriously out of pocket and the few commuters who use the ferry daily would gain £400 a year. We are reaching a tipping point where visitors will say we are not going across to Ardnamurchan, and that will hit B&Bs, hotels and guesthouses."

In a report to the TEC services committee, Mr MacNaughton said refit costs and slipway repairs meant income had to keep pace with costs, while using smart cards would improve efficiency.

The 'fairly radical' system would 'improve the level of charging for daily and frequent users', increase revenue and 'improve governance and proper use of the discount system', he said.

He added: "Comments received in response to this consultation will be reported back to the TECs committee for consideration before the revised fares structure is approved."

# Fare fury ahead at Corran Ferry

## Changes spark petition for 'fair fares' to Ardnamurchan

CONTROVERSIAL proposals for an overhaul of fares on the Corran Ferry are likely to run into fierce opposition in Lochaline tonight.

At a public meeting in the village hall, Highland Council transport chief Sam MacNaughton will present a radical plan to make the ferry - the only one left under council ownership - pay its way. The event follows consultations in Kilchoan on Monday and Ardgour on Tuesday. The proposed fares shake-up move has met with a furious reaction from many on the peninsula as it would penalise travellers using the crossing weekly or fortnightly but benefit daily commuters.

At present, ferry users can buy a 30-journey book, valid for 12 months for £57.80. If fully used, the £1.93 per crossing compares with the standard fare of £7.30. Under the new regime, the

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books would be scrapped and replaced with a £40 monthly unlimited-journey direct debit 'smart card', and a 10-journey book costing £36.50.

The change would see daily commuters' costs fall to under £1 per crossing while weekly travellers, those going to Fort William for shopping or medical appointments for example, would pay almost £4 - a 100 per cent increase.

Retired doctor Douglas Watt, from Lochaline, warned of 'a disaster waiting to happen' because higher fares would see more traffic on the single-track road round Loch Eil.

He told *The Oban Times*: "There are far too many aspects of this that are unacceptable, especially the four-times differential in fares between regular and daily travellers. That is simply discrimination against the majority of residents in the peninsula."

"It is also claimed the pursers don't have the time to collect all the fares on time, but I have never seen the ferrymen in a position where they can't do that. I think the whole thing has got to back to the drawing board."

Under the scheme, the heavily discounted 30-journey books for coaches and HGVs would also be scrapped.

Ardnamurchan High School administrator Tricia Kennedy, from Ardgour, believes that would damage the tourist trade and increase costs.

She said: "This is encouraging people to leave the peninsula and

work elsewhere. Taking away the commercial concessions just means firms will put prices up. "It will simply become unsustainable to continue living on the peninsula. This is not how the council should approach this."

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A further consultation is planned in Strontian village hall next Thursday at Sunart Community Council's monthly meeting.

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## Missing Luig fishing boat may have been located on seabed

THE BOAT of missing Isle of Luig fisherman Scott McAllister may have been located by staff from the Scottish Association of Marine Science (SAMS).

Mr McAllister was last heard from on Thursday, April 25, when he sent out a mayday call near Easdale to say his boat, *Speedwell*,

was 'going over'.

This was picked up by Stornoway Coastguard at 1pm. The vessel was reported to be taking on water and in danger of capsizing.

Despite a search involving more than 15 boats and a team of Royal Navy divers no trace of Mr McAllister or his vessel were found at

the time. But a spokeswoman for the Scottish Association of Marine Science (SAMS) has now confirmed the missing fishing boat has been located.

She could not say whether attempts to recover it would be made but told *The Oban Times*: "Efforts are ongoing and the police and

Marine Accident Investigation Branch are leading these."

Alistair Davidson, Oban police's acting chief inspector, said sonar searches carried out by SAMS had identified an area where it is 'strongly suspected' the missing vessel lies but he warned it could not be confirmed until further in-

vestigations were carried out. He said: "In the next week we hope to organise a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) to go down and check if it is the boat."

A native of Luig, Mr McAllister is the third generation of his family to work the seas around the island.

## 300 celebrate opening of Argyll's first outdoor nursery

MORE than 300 people turned out to celebrate the official opening of the very first outdoor nursery in the Argyll,

Highlands and Islands region.

The official opening of the Stramash Outdoor Nursery near Ganavan was combined

with a family fun day, which saw attendance from affiliated families of the nursery and the wider general public.

The day encouraged visitors to explore the extent of the nursery site and grounds, with many Winnie the Pooh-inspired

activities and games taking place throughout the hilltop site.

Key speakers to open the nursery, included Roddy McCuish the leader of Argyll and Bute Council, nursery manager Morag Head and Nial Urquhart, chief executive of Stramash.

The official opening provided them the opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have given up their time and skills to develop and set up the nursery, as well as Highlands and Islands Enterprise, West Highland Housing Association and Argyll and Bute Council, who provided invaluable support.

Thanks also went to Dunollie Estate and Dunollie Beag farm for providing the site near Ganavan Sands, as well as Forestry Commission Scotland for their support. Parent contribution and the hard work of Morag Head was identified, as being key success factors in the nursery's development.

Mr Urquhart said: "I am extremely proud to be a part of something unique and innovative, which will help generate employment and new educational opportunities for children within the Oban area."

Fundraising efforts on the day raised more than £1,000, which will be invested in to developing the nursery and its activities further.



Children from the Stramash Outdoor Nursery set off for a race Picture - Kevin McGlynn



## ROBERTSON Meet the Buyer Event

June 2013 will see construction work commencing on Phase 3 of Lochaber High School, Fort William. This phase is the major element in the greater extension, reconstruction and refurbishment of Lochaber High. The contract works are programmed through to 2015.

The project will be delivered by Robertson who have a local office in Belford Road, Fort William. If your organisation would like to find out more about the project and how to become part of the supply chain, we would like to welcome you along to our "Meet the Buyer" event.

If you are unable to attend but wish to register interest, please email [emsp.reception@robertson.co.uk](mailto:emsp.reception@robertson.co.uk)

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## Time to start earning pay over future

TRY to have a mental count; how many politicians over the years have used words like 'our children are our future' or 'only through education will we better ourselves'?

Now consider how many of those at both local and national level have actually put in place measures to fulfil such promises? How many have actually put their money where their manifesto pledges were?

Once again we find ourselves in the midst of another school cuts story; this time it has been revealed that Oban High School is to lose 14 teachers, a result of a decision taken in 2010 to reduce teacher numbers across the board by five per cent.

One could be forgiven for asking; where is this commitment to our children our politicians have always promised? Before we dwell too long on those cuts, we consider that rural schools could soon once again face scrutiny following the publication on the report on the delivery of rural education.

And all this at a time when our elected members in Argyll and Bute are accused of arguing over which lead councillor positions they can achieve - because they want more income.

It's about time our politicians start earning their pay rather than squabble over who gets what. As an electorate, we are entitled to demand that our public servants work for us, rather than serve their own selfish interests.

If that message does not get through now, one asks if it ever will.

## GLASGOW LETTER

### 'Bright Colours Only'

The legendary Irish Wake Show, 'Bright Colours Only', will be performed in the Tramway tomorrow evening, Friday, and again on Saturday at 7.15pm each evening.

First shown at the Tramway some 10 years ago the play is being resurrected in a unique translation of both Scottish and Irish Gaelic revealing the shared connection between the two vibrant communities within the city of Glasgow. The invitation is to pull up a chair, grab a sandwich and a free dram at this hilarious and heartfelt journey to the end of oblivion. Written and directed by Pauline Goldsmith, the play will be performed by Mairead Kelly. Tickets are available from tel 0845 330 3501. Audio translations are available for non Gaelic speakers if they inform the Box Office when booking.

### West End Festival 2013

As I intimated in last week's Letter there will be an introduction to Scottish Step Dancing tonight (Thursday) at 7pm in St Peter's Church Hall.

Booking for this is essential, contact linda@anlochran.com or tel 0141 341 1025. On Monday, June 10 the workshops on the Songs of Lewis will be taken by Ceitlin Smith, from Ness in Lewis, who is currently a student of the Traditional Music Course at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

This will take place at An Leagan from 7pm to 8.30pm and then on Wednesday June 12 there will again be an opportunity at the same venue to learn some elementary useful Gaelic phrases, again between 7pm and 8.30pm.

The following Saturday there will be an evening with the group Banal, 'Waulking the Tweed' and this will take place in the Annexe on Stewartville Street, Partick. For further details on any of these events contact Linda MacLeod as shown above or tel 0141 339 2023.

Later on this month as part of the festival the Glasgow Islay Gaelic Choir will welcome the Mouth Patroed Breizh Male Voice Choir to share with them a concert, the Celtic Choral Cousins', in Hyndland Parish Church. This concert which will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday June 26 is part of the Breton Choir's visit to Scotland which will take them from Dumfries to Skye, where they will share a concert with the Strath Choir, and then Stirling where they will join the Stirling Gaelic Choir. Tickets for the Glasgow concert are available from Glasgow Islay choir members or from Hyndland Bookshop, Hyndland Road.

### Acoustic Affair Concerts

Following on from tonight's Acoustic Affair concert in Oran Mor featuring Breabach Cottiers Theatre will host some other concerts later this month.

On Wednesday June 19 singer songwriter Carol Laulo will perform and then the following evening Dick Gaughan will take to the stage. To complete a three night treat Friday June 21 will feature Rab Noakes and Allan Taylor.

### East Kilbride Mod

Over 100 youngsters will descend on Mount Cameron Primary School on June 7 and 8 for this year's East Kilbride Mod.

Commencing at 6.30pm on Friday evening the competitions will feature prose and poetry and then from 9.30am on Saturday the solo and choral competitions will take place. It is expected that there will be entrants from Glasgow, Falkirk and Cumbernauld as well as the local area. Adult competitions will commence at noon.

### Dates for Diary

Thursday June 6 Breabach-see above. Scottish Step Dancing-see above. Glasgow Islay Association AGM, Partick Burgh Hall, 7pm.

Friday June 7 'Bright Colours Only'-see above. Glasgow Skye Association End of Season Social, Redhurst Hotel, Giffnock, 7.30pm.

Saturday June 8 Bearsden and Milngavie Highland Games with a modern twist, West of Scotland Rugby Club, gates open 10am and Closing Ceremony at 5pm.

Monday June 10 Songs of Lewis-see above.

Tuesday June 11 Gaelic Quiz, Park Bar, 7.30pm. Live at the Star, Admiral Bar, 72a, Waterloo Street, 8pm-Bob Hall and Hilary Blythe.

Wednesday June 12 Blas of Gaelic-see above

Thursday June 13 Glasgow Mull and Iona Association AGM, An Leagan, Mansfield Street, 7.30pm.

Friday June 14 Tolbooth, Stirling, 8pm-McFall's Chamber.

Saturday 15 Highlander's Club Ceilidh Dance, Partick Burgh Halls, 8pm-Charlie Kirkpatrick's Band. Waulking the Tweed with Banal-see above.

### Pub Scene

This Friday will see the return of Skipinnish to play in the Park Bar with their fellow Three band, Trail West, playing there on Saturday.

On Sunday it will be Deoch'n Dorus while in the Islay Inn this weekend it will be Black Velvet on Friday and Ragaels on Saturday.

Neil Murray. Tel: 0141 954 8105. Email: neilmurray@yahoo.co.uk.

## YOUR LETTERS

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## Creagan Bridge comes down to make way for the new one

From the files of The Oban Times comes a picture from 1998 which shows Creagan Railway Bridge near Appin in the early stages of renovation to today's road bridge. The single track cast iron construction over the entrance to Loch Creran had been unused since the closure of the Oban-Ballachulish railway line in 1963. 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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### Support for Isle of Mull councillor

Sir,  
I strongly support the stand taken by Mull Community Council against the suspension of Councillor Mary Jean Devon by the SNP National Executive. I believe that Councillor Devon has done the right thing by deciding to do what she considers to be the best for her electors against the dictates of some faceless SNP committee in Edinburgh.

The majority of councillors on Argyll and Bute Council are dedicated to working for their local communities, and in this tough economic climate, difficult decisions have to be made.

The memories of Mull residents are long, and I'm sure, come the next council elections, the electors will be very wary of giving their votes to candidates with an SNP label, knowing that they are under the control of faceless apparatchicks in Edinburgh and not free to do what is best for their local residents.

**Ian Reid, Oban**

### Don't just blame the eagles

Sir,  
I am getting quite fed of hearing about some farmers blaming all their deaths during lambing on the White-tailed eagles.

This has been one of the hardest years at lambing, with the poor weather and lack of grass making it hard for sheep to hold or even put on condition resulting in lack of milk for their new born lambs.

Also, there are sheep giving birth and walking away as they don't want the lamb because they don't have the energy or strength to rear it.

I get up at 5.30am every morning during lambing time on the farm.

By the time I get into the first field it is roughly 6am.

By this point I have found lambs that have been born with their eyes or tongue pecked out by their crows, ravens and black back gulls already.

The lambs obviously cannot survive with the damage the birds have done.

Black back gulls, ravens and crows can do a lot of damage to a lamb within an hour, giving a lamb a slow death, or sometimes just pecking the tongue out and leaving them.

These lambs will never be able to chew their cud when they get older, resulting in death. These birds seem to be forgotten about.

We also get White-tailed eagles coming over to our farm too.

Never have I seen them take a lamb.

A good example of this was one evening last week when an eagle landed beside the beach. There was a dead sheep there but the eagle ate a rabbit.

I am fully aware that eagles can take the odd lamb but don't go blaming all your deaths just on eagles.

It would be interesting to take the eagles away for one lambing and see what you blame your deaths on then - nature?

There are plenty other threats to livestock out there that people need to be more concerned about.

### Name and address supplied

### Putting children first

Sir,  
During Volunteers' Week (June 1 to 7) I would like to recognise and celebrate the magnificent contribution that our volunteers make across every part of Children's Week.

Their hard work and enthusiasm enables us to directly support

is the stunning coastal scenery; an inland diversion has many charms, but doesn't provide uniqueness and the same stunning visual amenity. Thirdly, the topography of the "back road" is rather challenging for those who are not training for the Tour de France.

Oban and Argyll needs to enhance tourist attractions, especially those that are minimally intrusive on the landscape. A coastal long-distance cycle path meets all the criteria and would be a phenomenal selling-point that should not be stalled.

Locals need to put their weight behind completion of the original route, if only so that the infrastructure and services they themselves rely on can be guaranteed a future through economic prosperity built on thriving tourism.

The commitment of Children

1st's volunteers is humbling and inspirational with some of them having been with us for over 30 years.

Regardless of how long they have been involved at Children

1st we would like to say a huge thank you to them all. Working together we can keep putting Scotland's vulnerable Children

1st.

**Anne Houston, Chief executive, Children 1st**

### Nuclear power is real alternative

Sir,  
I should like to comment on the letter from David Basset in the last issue of The Oban Times.

He talks about the need to invest very heavily in infrastructure and to invest in renewables, including wind power. He seems to dismiss nuclear power as too expensive.

My last electricity bill had the statement that the total included: "20 per cent Government taxes (including Green Levies & Social Support)". (This was up 1 per cent from the previous bill).

"Taxes" presumably includes the 5 per cent VAT and the remaining 15 per cent is I assume is mainly subsidies for wind farmers.

In the winter months the whole of Britain is not infrequently under a high pressure anticyclone and then there is no wind (or rain).

According to a report the output of Britain's wind generators on one of these occasions then fell to less than 1 per cent of installed capacity. This means that essentially all the wind generator capacity has to be backed up by other generator capacity - a large investment.

Currently this is achieved mainly by running gas-fired power stations at less than full capacity, because gas turbines can usually respond fast enough to the rapid fluctuations in wind-generated electricity. (Slower changes can be compensated for by increasing coal consumption, and small rapid changes by use of open cycle gas turbines (very expensive) and by use of pumped storage hydro-electric). Far from eliminating use of fossil fuels, we are spending a significant part of our electricity bills subsidizing an industry that can only work as long as gas (and to some extent coal) supplies much of the base load.

Relying on fossil fuels for our electricity is what many including Mr Basset would wish to move away from. If we are to eliminate fossil fuels I can see no alternative to using nuclear to supply the base load. This we could eventually achieve if a similar subsidy to wind power was applied instead to nuclear power.

**Julian Overnell, Kilmore.**

### Seatbelts for all buses

Sir,  
Recently I had an accident on a service bus, when the driver made an emergency stop.

I was sitting in the front seat and was thrown out of my seat to the floor of the bus.

I had to be admitted to the Lorn and Islands Hospital with facial injuries and had to stay overnight for observation.

These buses are used mainly by elderly people and I feel strongly that using seatbelts should be made compulsory.

**Dr G G Garabet, Benderloch**

### Now you have council funding, now you don't

Sir,  
Having read with interest *The Oban Times* of May 30 regarding the securing of funding for Oban vital and valuable Atlantis Leisure Centre which was under threat from proposed council cuts.

Firstly, the councillors who made a stand against the proposed budget alterations are to be congratulated for doing what they were elected to do - to stand up for their electorate.

This issue perhaps highlights just how fragile and disorganised Argyll and Bute Council really is when 'unavoidable' cuts to the funding of community-based organisations can be sanctioned one week - and overturned the next.

Where did the extra funding suddenly come from? Or is it simply a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul?

Perhaps the key to the problem that Argyll and Bute Council faces is that the whole area under its title is far too large and diverse. Lorn and the Isles councillors are continually competing with fellow councillors from Helensburgh and Dunoon who expect a rising share of reducing capital to reflect the population volume within their wards.

Has the time come to review the council boundary lines that currently makes-up Argyll and Bute to reflect communities with similar outlook and culture rather than a sector based simply on head counts.

**John Stewart, Oban**

### Cyclists riding a thin line

Sir,  
I think it was last year I wrote to yourself expressing my frustration at the lycra-clad cyclists refusing to use the cycle path because it was 'too slippery'.

Imagine my surprise then last week to see a trio of lycra-clad cyclists using the cycle path without a problem, on the stretch between Barcaldine and Benderloch.

Rather than 'too slippery', the cyclists were able to navigate the bends and twists with ease; without causing any problem for the motorists using the road.

Not only that, they were doing it at a fair lick too. No crashes, no dramas. Just a cycle path and cyclists using it.

Let's hope the local mob of lycra-clad take note and even inspiration from these brave souls this year and make use of the excellent routes put in place for their benefit.

But if they are going to use the road, a plea. Please abide by the same rules as the rest of us.

**A Rodger, Oban.**



**Beachd Ailein**  
Ailean Caimbeul

A RÈIR NAM BEACHDAN a tha mise a' cluinntinn gach latha, tha an t-am ann barrachd soillearachaidh a chluinntinn bho gach taobh den iomairt a dh'ionnsaigh na reifreann air neo-eisimeileachd na h-Alba.

'S dòcha gu dearbh gum bheil sin air tòiseachadh bho chionn ghoirid le iomairtean bho gach taobh gan cur air bhog thall 's a-bhos. Chan eil cothrom air a bhith agam fhìn gin dhuibh sin a fhrithealadh fhathast agus cho fad 's is aithne dhomh, chan eil leithid de choinneamh poblach air àite a ghabhail ann am prìomh bhaile na Gàidhealtachd gu ruige seo.

Cha bheag an t-iongnadh mar sin nach eil, a rèir coltais, fios aig mòran cò an taobh a thaghas iad leis nach cuala iad na h-argamaidean gu soilleir fhathast. Agus saoilidh mi gum bheil iad ag iarraidh deasbad sàbaidteach mu gach taobh den cheist, chan e riochdairean poilitigeach a' slaisceadh air a chèile. Cha mhotha na sin a thathas ag iarraidh sgeulachdan faoin mu Alba a bhith a' call a h-uile seòrsa sochair seòisalta agus ceanglaichean leis a' chòrr den t-saoghal nam b' e rud 's gun taghadh an sluaigh neo-eisimeilachd. Tha e tàmailteach a bhith a' cluinntinn dhaoine comasach, rianail a' dèanamh cùis-bhùirt dhuibh fhèin a' feuchainn ri buaidh a thoirt le argamaidean den t-seòrsa seo. Cha chualas fhathast gu làn-phoblach, cho fad 's is aithne dhomhsa, duine sam bith a' toirt beachd mionaideach air dà thaobh na h-argamaid agus a' moladh co-dhùnadh. Sin an seòrsa deasbaid a thathas ag iarraidh, agus gum dèil!

Leis a h-uile faoinne eile a th' air nochdadh gu ruige seo, 's ann a chuir e tomhas de dh' iongnadh orm nach do thog taobh seach taobh ceist na seirbheis-adhair eadar Inbhir Nis is Gatwick. Gun teagamh, tha ceistean draghail ann mu dhearainteachd nan ceanglaichean sin is Flybe air aontachadh na ceadan-laighe aca aig Gatwick a reic ri Easyjet. Chan eil dòigh air an tèid aig Flybe air seirbheis a chumail a' dol mar sin agus aig an ìre seo, 's ann tron latha seach moch is annoch a tha Easyjet a' frithealadh na Gàidhealtachd.

Nach saoilidh sibh gum biodh luchd-taice an aonaidh ag argamaid airson a' cheangail seo a gheidheadh mar dhearbhadh air co-ionannachd na Rìoghachd Aonaichte? Agus nach anasach nach eil luchd-taice neo-eisimeileachd a' sabaid airson na drochaid chudromach seo a gheidheadh airson maithreas eaconamach agus chultarach Alba?

'S e mo bheachd pearsanta gum feum luchd-iomairt neo-eisimeilachd an cuid argamaid a reic ris an t-sluaigh mòran nas làidire ma tha dòchas gu bhith aca air buannachadh. Tha sinn ag eisteachd, ach 's ann iongantach sàmhach a tha cùisean fhathast!

A MAJORITY of people seem to be undecided on how they might vote in the Scottish independence referendum and they are increasingly frustrated at the absence of informed public debate from either side of the campaign.

Undecided voters may be good news for campaigners but it is surely time to start winning hearts and minds and votes for the referendum!

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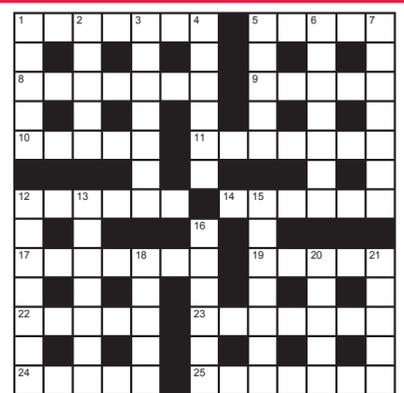
Diary was shocked to learn that it has been seven years since our favourite rugby player, ex-Oban Lorne prop Greg McGill, swallowed his medal at the club's annual rugby sevens.

Greg, 19 at the time, had downed his well-deserved pint in the clubhouse, only to gulp down a medal placed in the glass.

He was taken to hospital to remove the offending item from his airway and was told he would have to have an operation - or let the medal 'pass'.

Fortunately for the rugby lad, medical staff eventually decided the former option would be more suitable.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD



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## Last week's solution

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# Oban's twin

## Gorey, Co Wexford

Twins often share similarities, are seldom identical, and can have very differing characters. As it is with humans, so it appears to be with towns.



OBAN, known as Scotland's gateway to the islands, signed a charter of friendship with Gorey, Ireland's gateway to North Wexford, in May 1997.

This established a twinning link between two towns who share similar cultural and historical backgrounds but have developed very different identities. Many residents of Argyll's land of Lorn may be unaware that they have a twin - an Irish 'relative' that is a lot closer than one might imagine, and one that offers an ideal 'close to home' holiday option within a comfort zone of soft familiarity.

### 'Live life as it should be'

Perhaps Gorey's mission statement of 'Live life as it should be' hints towards a commitment to a more relaxed lifestyle and, despite Gorey not being able to compete with Oban's direct link to the sea, within three miles of Gorey lies Courtown, one of the most picturesque beach resorts in Ireland and hugely popular with tourists and locals.

Ireland's east coast, and County Wexford in particular, offers an eclectic mix of attractions for young and old, families and lone adventurers, all neatly packaged within a relatively small area. There are spectacular ranges of diverse scenery, huge beaches which rival any in southern Europe, umpteen sporting events,

nightlife that spills into early morning - and that relaxed atmosphere that is quintessentially 'Irish'.

And the people - don't forget the people - friendly and helpful, keen to talk if you want to, equally keen to allow you to savour the peaceful atmosphere if you don't.

The climate is similar to Argyll - but drier and warmer with Courtown claiming the lowest rainfall of any part of Ireland. Indeed, Co Wexford is known as 'Ireland's sunshine coast'. During these warm summer months Co Wexford abounds with activity from early morning to late at night and if one location doesn't have exactly what you are looking for, you are only a short journey from a complete change.

### So where and what is Gorey?

Situated an easy one hour drive south of Dublin, on a high quality road network that puts the west of Scotland to shame, Gorey is essentially an old market town that has reinvented itself to create a clever balance between traditional 'Irish' village life and the requirements of today's thriving community.

Gorey's population is comparable with Oban at around 9,000 but Gorey has benefited from considerable investment in infrastructure which has led to increasing numbers of people taking advantage of vastly improved transport

links to central Dublin. They enjoy the best of both worlds by working in the city and living in the midst of rural Ireland, bringing home with them added prosperity and opportunity.

The town's main street maintains much of its original character with numerous small independent shops - many new shops being added in recent years to line the clean, broad streets, while off-main-street there is a new modern shopping complex dominated by Irish retail giant Dunnes Stores. Five supermarkets compete for trade while there are several restaurants catering for Italian, Chinese, Indian, Thai and, of course, traditional Irish cuisine.

No Irish town would be complete without its characteristic pubs and eating houses - and Gorey is no exception, but blending in with this traditional scene are two new modern hotels complete with leisure centres, spas, swimming pools and conference facilities to rival the very best Scotland has to offer.

The town is a hub from which there are numerous transport options.

When the railway came to Gorey in 1863, one year before the first tracks rolled towards Oban from Callander, few would have anticipated that today it would be part of the busy Dublin-Rossclare Euroline - a journey from the city of Dublin takes approximately two hours.

The road network once created legendary traffic jams in Gorey that pales Oban's rush hour into insignificance but today a new by-pass to the main N11 Dublin-Wexford motorway makes for a more relaxed Gorey main street that is serviced by numerous subsidised bus operators who link the southern centres of Waterford and Wexford, via Gorey, to Dublin 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Busy Wexford, full of everything that you would expect from the county's ancient capital

town, is only 27 miles away. Wexford's winding streets, busy quayside and great shopping could prove an irresistible attraction, while within equally easy travelling distance are the towns of Enniscorthy, New Ross and, further to the south, Waterford.

Enniscorthy, a cathedral town on the River Slaney, lies at the heart of the fruit farming industry and plays host to the Co Wexford Strawberry Festival each summer. New Ross is another riverside town worth a visit. This time it is the River Barrow and moored at the riverside docks you can find the Dunbrody Famine Ship which takes you back in time to the 19th century as actors re-enact the hardships of a transatlantic crossing to a new world. New Ross is also the ancestral birthplace of John F Kennedy and five generations of the Kennedy clan are celebrated at the Kennedy Homestead Centre.

Like Oban, in Gorey you find yourself emerging from a peaceful rural setting into a busy, bustling main street which drops through the centre of the town. Unlike Oban, there is no obvious dramatic seafront but an excellent beach is only three miles away at Courtown.

Courtown harbour is also home to Pirates Cove - a host of family entertainment amid tropical gardens, a pirate ship, caves, go-karts, 10-pin bowling, plus full catering facilities - great for days with an odd shower of rain.

Wherever you are in the Gorey area there is so much to do - from water mills to visitor centres, horse racing, fishing, golf, mountains and monuments, activity centres, pet farms - the list is endless.

Or perhaps you just want to put your feet up and let the world drift by?

Co Wexford - you'll love it!



## Travel tips



### Changing your currency

Transfer your cash into Euros before you leave - the exchange rate can prove more expensive in Ireland.

Current rate is approx 1.18 Euro for £1, but shop around for the best deal.

Take the car to Ireland and explore Co Wexford at its best - or hire a car at the ferry terminal or airport.

Ireland drives on the left and fuel is a little cheaper south of the border.

There are some toll roads around the outskirts of Dublin so keep a few Euro

coins at the ready for a quick and easy exit.

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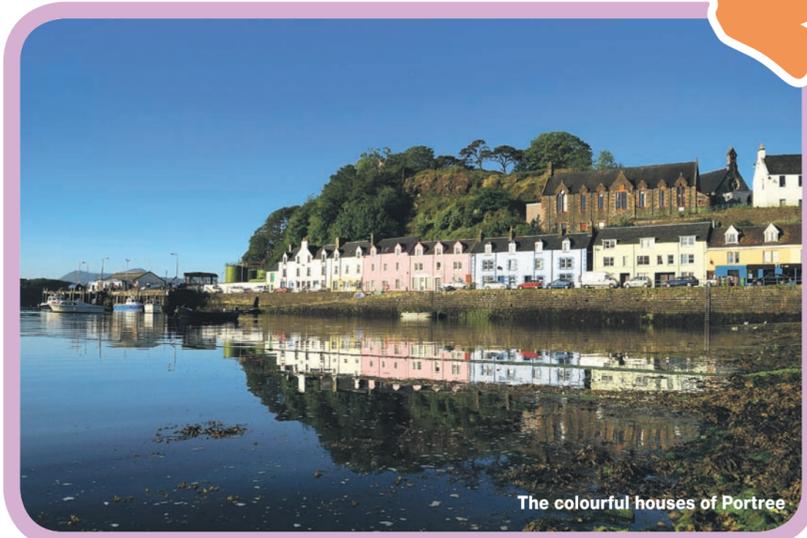
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THE ISLE of Skye has it all - breathtaking scenery, vibrant culture and heritage, and abundant wildlife. Much of the landscape is dominated by the dramatic Cuillin mountain range, home to 12 Munros and a popular destination for climbers and walkers from across the world keen to pit their wits against Scotland's most Alpine of ranges. Skye's largest population centre and unofficial capital is Portree, which has a scenic harbour and great views of surrounding hills. One event not to be missed is the annual Highland Games, traditionally held on the first Wednesday of August in a semi-natural rock amphitheatre known locally as 'The Lump'. Further south, Broadford is home to the Isle of Skye music festival and offers plenty of bed and breakfasts for visitors. The town of Dunvegan in the north west is the location of the stunning Dunvegan Castle, the seat of the Clan McLeod chief, while a short drive and walk north takes you to the golden-pink Coral Beaches. Known in Gaelic as Eilean a' Cheo (The Misty Isle), Skye, which has a population of 10,000, is steeped in history and romance, unrivalled in its offer to the modern day visitor. Bonnie Prince Charlie and Flora MacDonald are woven into the folklore of the island, Talisker Distillery produces its famous malt at Portnalong, while the Gaelic college Sabhal Mòr Ostaig stands proudly over the Sound of Sleat as testament to the bold bid to revive the ancient language, which is still widely spoken on Skye. In the far north, Uig is home to the ferry to the Outer Isles and a start point for a stunning drive past Duntulm Castle round to the spectacular rock needle, the Old Man of Storr. In the south, the mainland ferry service between Mallaig and Armadale in Sleat runs eight times a day Monday to Saturday, and six times daily on Sundays. And for those looking for a different experience going over 'over the sea to Skye', a tiny turntable ferry runs during the summer months between Glenelg in Lochalsh and Kylehe. Skye can also be reached by road over the famous Skye Bridge, a graceful arc over Loch Alsh, which is now toll-free after a long campaign from locals. And don't forget The Isle of Raasay just to the east of Skye and just a short ferry ride from Sconser, with 10 crossings daily. Raasay, among other claims to fame, is the birthplace of famed Gaelic poet Sorley MacLean and is well worth a visit.

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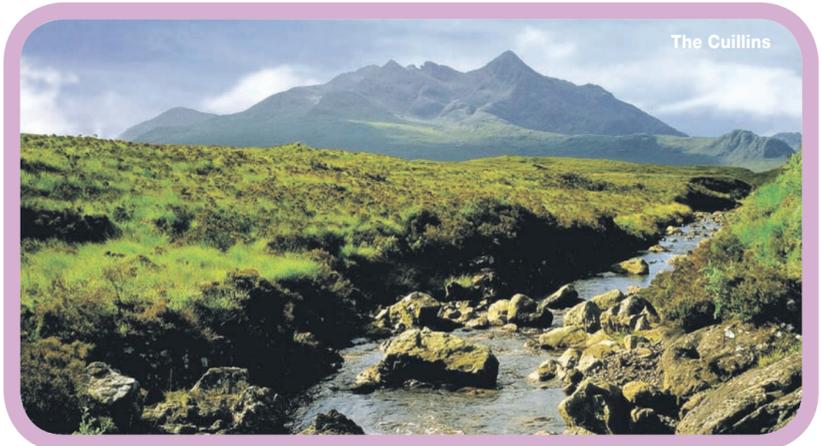
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The Cuillins

# Local business moves quickly to back Fort William FC's survival

LAST WEEK'S appeal to local businesses to support Fort William FC is already paying dividends.

**Shirt sponsorship**  
First firm to sign on the dotted line is the Crown Vets Fort William practice, who have

committed 'a four figure sum' to become shirt sponsors of the under-13 youth team, who play in the Moray Firth Youth Development League.

Darren Mackintosh, group general manager for Crown and Kessoock vets, said: 'I took a call

from the club on Friday morning and immediately thought we needed to do something to keep the local team in the Highland League.

'And as the former commercial director of premier league side Inverness Caledonian Thistle, I

will be more than happy to assist Fort William Football Club in an advisory capacity.'

**Encouraging**  
Mr Mackintosh, who was employed by Caledonian Thistle from 2007 to 2010 to raise funds for manager Terry

Butcher, his team and the club, added: 'Sponsorship of the grass roots of community football was a major part of our strategy at Caley Thistle, and with our sponsorship and my background in raising funds we hope that Fort William can

enjoy another season in the Highland League.

'I also hope this will encourage other businesses in Lochaber to step up to the mark.'

Fort William FC chairman Ronnie Maclean said: 'We are delighted that Crown Vets were the first business to step in and make their pledge and this, coupled with Darren's Caley Thistle commercial experience, we couldn't have wished for a better start to our campaign to keep Fort William in the Highland League.'

## Body recovered from Cuillins

THE BODY of a missing climber was found on a Cuillins peak by a Skye Mountain Rescue team search party on Sunday afternoon.

The family of Oliver Smith, 33, a Russian lecturer from Cupar in Fife, has been informed, police said.  
Mr Smith was last heard from eight weeks ago when he texted his wife from high on 3,045-foot Bla Bheinn on April 6.

Initial efforts involving mountain rescue teams, SARDA dogs, helicopters, police and coastguards to locate Mr Smith proved unsuccessful. Skye MRT have been carrying periodic searches since then.

## Kerbstones stolen at Fort William

KERBSTONES were stolen from a building site near Columbia Court, Lochyside, Fort William sometime between Friday May 24 and Monday May 27.

Also in the town, a vehicle was damaged while parked close to 4 Ben View, Claggan, between 4pm and 5pm on Wednesday May 29, possibly by somebody throwing a stone.

Fort William police ask the public to ensure their premises are secured following numerous thefts in remote rural areas recently.

## Coldest May day recorded in Arisaig

MAY WAS a cold month in Arisaig, amateur weatherman Randal Coyne reports.

Rainfall was an above average 136 mm (5.5ins), while average daily temperature ranged from 6.1°C - the coldest recorded this century - to an above average 16°C.

Coldest night was 2°C and the warmest day 21°C.

## Corpach man has car impounded pending trial

A CORPACH man has had his car impounded pending his trial for alleged drink driving.

John Hugh MacKenzie, of 17 Clerk Drive denies driving on the A830 at Corpach Basin while under the influence on May 18.

MacKenzie, 59, also denies racially abusing a man on the same day at Corpach Basin. Trial was fixed at Fort William Sheriff Court for July 1.

## Fort William man locked-up despite 'release' terms

A FORT WILLIAM man was locked up for two days following a row with his girlfriend - despite his mother securing his release.

Colin Logan was detained before his court appearance at Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday, where he pled guilty to behaving in a threatening and abusive manner towards his partner Lisa McPhee and punching a wall.

Logan, 34, of 15 Carn Dearg Road, lost his temper with Ms McPhee after she returned home drunk with a friend and woke him up, the court heard.

The early hours altercation in Claggan on Sunday prompted a neighbour to phone the police and Logan was detained.

Defending, Hamish Melrose said Logan's mother was told he would be freed if she could provide an address outside Claggan where he could reside.

But by midday on Sunday Logan had been transferred to Inverness, where officers had no knowledge of the release order.

Sheriff Raymond McMenamin noted 'the unfortunate situation' and admonished Logan.

## Thief spared jail

A MAN broke who broke into a caravan parked in a Fort William housing scheme has been spared jail.

At Fort William Sheriff Court on Tuesday, Raymond McPhee admitted forcing open the lock-fast van and stealing a clock, satellite system and box, a TV and 198 DVDs. Repeat offender McPhee, 21, of 735 Colquhoun Drive, Rosshead, Dumfries, stashed the goods at his aunt's home in the town, where they were later recovered.

Handing McPhee 120 hours of unpaid work and a year's supervision order, Sheriff Raymond McMenamin warned him: 'I hope this will give you some focus in trying to break away from your offending background which is taking you to places you do not want to be in your life.'

# Kinlochleven in line for £1m hydro bonanza

KINLOCHLEVEN could be in line for a £1million bonanza over 14 years from its own community hydroelectric scheme.

A new report unveiled at a public meeting in the Leven Centre suggests at least £72,000 would flow annually from a proposed 100kW plant on Allt nan Slatan, a fast-flowing burn above the village.

The cash injection would secure the future of local development agency Kinlochleven Community Trust (KCT), who are progressing the ambitious bid, and fund village projects.

In a joint presentation with consultants Locogen, local councillor and KCT chairman Andrew Baxter said the trust had suffered a sharp drop in rents from business premises and needed to find new sources of revenue to remain sustainable.

He said: 'In recent years we have lost tenants for a variety of reasons and rental income has gone down tremendously. At the same time we have had to bear the responsibility of maintaining the business units and that has meant we have had to use our reserves just to fund the day-to-day operations of the trust.'

'The biggest problem we

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** by STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk

have had has been as a result of storm damage. We have lost a lot of trees and we are having to deal with many more in poor condition, which has also cost us money.

'We are pressing this so urgently because it will mean we can deal with any economic problems when we lose rental income.'

'Our aim is to use the majority of the income for projects in the village such as environmental enhancement schemes.'

Local pensioner Betty MacInnes wondered if having a community scheme would mean cheaper bills for Kinlochleven residents - but Councillor Baxter said it was 'too small scale'.

Local minister Rev Malcolm Kinnear asked: 'I take it that it would not take much to maintain it?' 'A one a day inspection,' Councillor Baxter replied.

Locogen's Stuart Hamilton, the report's author, estimated capital costs at £632,000, including access tracks, buried pipelines, turbine house and cables. He also outlined smaller

67kW scheme costing £483,500 as an alternative should funding fall short.

Mr Hamilton warned the feed in tariff (FIT) - payments to small-scale renewable energy developers - will drop between five and 20 per cent from April 1 next year.

'Time is of the essence to get it in and get it moving,' he said.

KCT has already applied to SSE for a grid connection, while a landscape survey and detailed performance specification for the project is planned for the summer.

Surveys on potential impacts on fish, otters, water voles, bats, wildcats and trees will also be required for planning and water abstraction approvals from Highland Council and SEPA.

Once those are achieved, KCT aims to complete the structural design and procure and install the scheme in 2014.

Capital funding is likely to include a mixture of the trust's own funds, external grants and other outside investments. The KCT board will consider whether loan funding is required, whilst minimising any risk.

Councillor Baxter said after the meeting the hydro scheme was 'vital' for both KCT and the



Councillor Andrew Baxter and Locogen consultant Stuart Hamilton are planning a hydropower future for Kinlochleven 20\_123Hydro01

## Driver caught drunk twice in four days

A CLYDEBANK man has admitted to being drunk behind the wheel on Lochaber roads twice within four days.

William Stewart, of 20H Watchmeal Crescent, pled guilty to being more than twice the legal limit while driving on North Road, Fort William last

Wednesday and almost three times over the limit on Sunday when caught by police near the B863 junction with the A82 at North Ballachulish.

Fort William Sheriff Court heard police stopped Stewart, 37, on the second occasion after spotting the welder driving

'shakily' along the road.

Stewart will be sentenced on July 1 following a social work report.

Meantime, he was banned from driving and his vehicle was seized. Defence lawyer Niall MacBeath's plea for bail was granted.



Overall AVA volunteer of the year Rosie MacPherson from Islay. Picture - Kevin McGlynn

# Islay's Rosie is named AVA Volunteer of the Year 2013

A CHARITY that provides a lifeline service to support carers across Oban, Lorn and the isles has been voted the Argyll Voluntary Action (AVA) organisation of the year.

North Argyll Carers Centre, which supports carers looking after some of the most vulnerable people in the community, was named the 2013 winner at the AVA awards on Friday.

One of four organisations to be shortlisted for the award, the carers centre won the accolade after a vote from the audience and judging panel.

Morag MacLean, manager of the North Argyll Carers Centre, said the centre currently supports 500 carers but said there was still work to be done.

'The staff, carers and volunteers are all delighted and we see this as a chance to share information about what we do,' she said.

'We are absolutely delighted to win this award and hopefully it will help raise the profile of the centre. This may allow us to reach carers that we are not already supporting.'

Argyll Voluntary Action awards, which celebrate people who help others in their community, also saw Jura Development Trust named social enterprise of the year.

Made up entirely of volunteers, the trust was recognised for having secured

the island's only shop for the community and its current bid to acquire 654,000 of funding to develop the business.

Neighbouring island Islay is home to this year's overall AVA volunteer of the year Rosie MacPherson.

The Islay High School pupil, also named young volunteer of the year, was awarded the Sargus Memorial Travel Prize as overall winner and given £1,000 in travel vouchers.

The teenager was commended for volunteering with a number of groups including the Brownies and Rainbows.

Although quite shy, Rosie is a terrific support to younger children and uses her initiative to help their development by running activities such as arts and crafts groups.

A host of other awards were handed out at the ceremony held in Kilmory Castle including the NHS Health award which was presented to Aileen Finlayson for her work supporting new mothers with breastfeeding.

Oban's Andy MacDowall, who is involved in a number of community organisations, and Carol McIntyre were also named volunteer and timebank regional heroes. Carol, who is renowned for her baking skills at local coffee mornings, has been recognised for her contribution to Oban Music and Soup Group.



Oban's Carol McIntyre and Andy MacDowall receive their awards from MSP Jackie Baillie. Picture - Kevin McGlynn



NHS Health volunteers of the year David and Emily Boyd from Islay. Picture - Kevin McGlynn



Rosie MacPherson from Islay receives her award from Patrick Stewart, Lord Lieutenant of Argyll. Picture - Kevin McGlynn



John Potts from Jura receives the social enterprise award from Ailsa Clark of ABSEN. Picture - Kevin McGlynn



Left - Morag MacLean from North Argyll Carers received a cheque for £1,000 as Organisation of the Year from MSP Jackie Baillie. Picture - Kevin McGlynn



Left - Liam MacCallum from Campbeltown was runner-up in the young volunteer category. Picture - Kevin McGlynn



Wilma Campbell from Kintyre receives her award from MSP Jackie Baillie. Picture - Kevin McGlynn



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There are many things to remember before your wedding takes place and regardless of what point your preparations are at, read on for our 'to do' list.

You need to start making key decisions straight away. Things like what sort of ceremony you want to have, what sort of colour scheme you would like and how much you are going to spend on your big day all need clearly set out.

Next on the list is checking out venues – make sure you both agree on somewhere rather than one person making a big sacrifice in this area.

Once you have booked your venue, book the same date and time with your minister or registrar – also give notice at your local register office. If your reception is to be held somewhere else remember and book that too.

Wedding insurance is an increasingly popular addition and couples say they rest easier knowing if something goes wrong they won't be out of pocket.

Next up is deciding how many people you want to invite and drafting a guest list. Be prepared to compromise on this one.

Ladies, it is time to start looking for that elusive wedding dress. Try on lots of different materials and styles to get a feel for what really suits you. Don't forget to choose your bridesmaids, they can be good company when hunting for the dress.

And grooms, the time has come to choose a best man. Some men may not be too sure what that entails so go over what needs to be done and what his duties will be.

If you are planning a honeymoon after your big day now would be a good time to check your passport is valid – many countries will require you to have six months to run on your passport or you may be denied entry. Make sure and book time off work for your honeymoon.

When it comes to six months before your wedding you must order your bridesmaids dresses. There will need to be subsequent fittings. You should also have your wedding dress ordered by now, if not get choosing. Make sure you remember and get any appropriate accessories to go with your dress.

Decide on what sort of transport you would like for your big day and book it. Now is also a good time to book photographers, caterers and any musicians or DJs you might be having.

Looking good is important on your wedding day so don't forget to book a hairdresser and someone to do your makeup if you would like that. Remember to go for a trial beforehand.

You might also want to think about making a wedding gift list and ordering your wedding cake.

About three months before your wedding it is wise to start thinking about table decorations, favours and place cards.

You should also be arranging fittings for the groom and best man as well as buying the wedding rings. Don't forget to send out invitations to your guests.

You should choose and order the flowers you want on your day, also start thinking about vows, readings and ceremony music.

Decide on a first dance – and get practising if you're not keen. Confirm your ceremony details with your minister or registrar about two months beforehand.

Have final fittings about a month beforehand and confirm all of your bookings from wedding suppliers and timings with the venue.

Don't forget to find time for your stag or hen do's and also arrange a date for the wedding rehearsal if necessary.

Shortly before your big day you should confirm numbers with caterers and make sure they know of any special dietary requirements. Make sure you have paid any suppliers that require money in advance.

It is a good idea for the groom to get a haircut about a week before the wedding and you should also start packing for your honeymoon.

It is polite to write out thank you cards and buy some gifts for any helpers you have had.

The day before the wedding you should drop off any decorations, table plans, favours and a guest book if you're having one at your venue.

Make sure you take out cash for any payments you need to make on your big day and remember to hand the rings over to the best man.

The night before you should lay out your wedding outfits and make sure all accessories are there too. This will save any panic in the morning.

Head to bed early, a good night's sleep is vital and will help you be fresh for your wedding. Don't forget to set your alarm and eat breakfast the next morning. Your stomach will thank you later.

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HIGHLAND Park's 12 year old single malt is a favoured tippie with this reviewer and has often found its way into a hip flask when venturing to a ceilidh or other such gathering.

The 18 year old malt marks something of a pleasant departure. It is true that, too often, when you find a favourite you stick to it. I'm delighted to say the 18 will certainly give me pause for thought the next time I go venturing for a dram; although to say its quality was a surprise would be a lie.

From Scotland's most northern distillery, the 18 year old Highland Park is a perfect synergy between its more youthful whiskies and its more mature malts. To the nose it is fruity, with smooth notes of butter and toffee. Alluring to say the least. As with the best of temptresses, it demands you move in for closer inspection.

On first sip you're hit with fruity, citrus notes and acid, with vague reminders of sherry smoky barbecues in the background. A very delicate peat and woody taste follows, eliminating any hint that this dram will be overly fruity. The creamy texture simply wraps you up in its irresistible character.

While towards the finish the flavours tend to drift away, they do so with a thoroughly enjoyable subtle peaty woodiness.

The finish itself isn't overpowering. A warm toffee hint is cuddled by smoky wood and the occasional kiss of licorice, embracing all those sherry and buttery notes from the nose like colour to a carnival. A slightly saltiness on the lips at the end ensures that every drink is an occasion in itself.

As perfect for a summer evening nip as a welcome winter warmer, this 18 year old Highland Park is never dull. It is gentle, composed and delightful and simply enjoys showing off.

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The Scottish Series fleet in full sail.

# All types of conditions greet series sailors



The crew of B/One catch the breeze.

## Stone's Jaywalker takes Clyde Cruising Club title in Tarbert

ROBERT Stone and the crew of *Jaywalker* were the overall champions at this year's Scottish Series at Tarbert.

Clyde Cruising Club's *Jaywalker* was sailed on behalf of Iain Laidlaw by Stone and crew.

Laidlaw and Stone were quick to express their gratitude to their crew, many of whom are long-serving members.

They also paid testament to the *J97*, which performed brilliantly

and which was tested in every type of condition over the series.

It was the second time a *J97* had won the Scottish Series after *Jackaroo* won in 2011.

Winner of IRC Class 1 was Steve Cowie's *Zephyr*.

**Breezy**  
Lying third overnight, the crew pulled it out of the bag in breezy conditions with two first places on the final day to snatch victory, beating Jonathan Anderson and

Murray Findlay's *Roxstar* by just two seconds. Third was Rod Stuart's *Eos*.

IRC Class 2 was won by Team Corson with *Salamander XXI*, with Iain MacKinnon's *Tigh Solais* second and Sloop John T in third.

Overall Scottish Series winner *Jaywalker* were the winners in IRC Class 3, with *Mercenary* and Mark Bradshaw in second and *Pure Magic* with Des and Elizabeth Balmforth in third.

## what's on

THE OBAN TIMES  
FREE EVENT LISTING

### THURSDAY - June 6

9am, Ramblers Scotland Ben Nevis walk, meet Fort William Woollen 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.  
11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
9pm, John 'the box' Turnbull, The Lorne Bar, Oban.  
11.30pm, Thursday night disco, Skippish, 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.  
11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, 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, Lochawe.  
7.30pm, Trail West charity ceilidh, Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Oban.  
7.30pm, Tobermory Harbour Association AGM, Aros Hall, Tobermory, Mull.  
8pm, Glasgow Improvers Orchestra, Corran Halls, Oban.  
9pm, Oban Mic Night, O'Donnell's, Oban.  
9.30pm, Chris Suckle, Markie Dan's, Oban.  
10pm, Disco, The Lorne Bar, Oban.

### SATURDAY - June 8

10am, Oban Friends of Anthony Nolan shop, Oban Youth Cafe.  
11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
1pm, Charities' Day, Station Square, Oban.  
7pm, Costa Rice Ceilidh, Glencruitten Golf Club, Oban.  
7.30pm, 60s and 70s night, Cullival Hotel, by Oban.  
9.30pm, Finn, 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 Tearnat and Ardtornish Gardens walk, meet Corran Ferry slip for 9.45am sailing.  
11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
2pm, Open day at Treshnish 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, Lerags.  
9.30pm, Pub quiz, Markie Dan's, Oban.  
10pm, Disco, The Lorne Bar, Oban.

### MONDAY - June 10

11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.

### TUESDAY - June 11

11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
1.30pm, Musical Memories, Glencruitten Church Centre, Oban.  
2pm, Guided walk up Beinn Charsaig, Mull.

### WEDNESDAY - June 12

11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
7pm, Oban High School Pipe Band busking, Station Square, Oban.  
7.30pm, Aros Hall AGM, Tobermory, Mull.  
9pm, Pub quiz, The Lorne Bar, Oban.

## School pupils open new forestry trail

IF YOU go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise.

Children from Strath of Appin Primary School certainly got a surprise when they were invited to open a new 'all abilities' trail at Sutherland's Grove, Barcaldine.

The youngsters were met by staff members from Forestry Commission Scotland as well as the rabbit which lurks in Sutherland's Grove.

The new trail is accessible for everyone, including those who are partially sighted, frail or elderly people or wheelchair users.

But unlike other easily accessible trails, the skills of forest craftsman Peter MacArthur and forester Stuart Findlay has made this route as 'interesting as possible' for those who use it.

Stuart said: 'It was great to make this area accessible to all and keep its unique Lord of the Rings character.'

'We were determined to keep the interest of the new trail as it is an amazing experience to walk through the grove, almost cathedral like.'

'We had to be extra careful in the design and construction stages in choosing the best line for the path to enhance visitor experience while not damaging any of these trees or upsetting root plates.' The new 350 metre



Eve Lawrie, Roan MacColl and Eva MacColl from Strath of Appin Primary School officially open the new trail with the forestry's Jo Maclean, Peter MacArthur, Stuart Findlay and their rabbit. 16.1231ra01

circular trail takes around 15 minutes to complete and the flat, even surface runs around 30-metre Douglas firs. Jo Maclean, recreation ranger, added:

'Sutherland's Grove is steeped in history and is a fantastic place to go and enjoy the outdoors. There's plenty of walking and cycling routes already in

the woodland but we're really pleased with the new all-abilities trail. It will encourage a wider range of people to visit this wonderful woodland.'

The youngsters enjoyed a morning of activities in Sutherland's Grove before meeting the forest's rabbit and officially opening the new trail.

## Kerrera to host island-inspired artwork

ARTWORKS inspired by the beauty of Kerrera are to go on display on the island as part of a new exhibition.

New Zealand couple Colin Gibb and Catherine Lang have been staying with Martin Shields and Aileen Gallagher at the Kerrera Tea Garden and Bunkhouse.

**Beauty**  
Over the past few weeks Colin has used the beauty of the island to inspire his painting while Catherine has put her skills to good use helping in the kitchen and garden.

Colin's artwork will now go on display as part of an exhibition in the Byre at the

tea garden. The exhibition runs from Wednesday, June 12 until Sunday, June 16.

### Artefacts

Kerrera artefacts from the Hope MacDougall Collection, on loan from Dunollie House, will also form part of the display and will remain at the Byre throughout the summer.

The opening night runs from 5pm until 8pm on Wednesday with a special ferry arranged to take people back to the mainland.

If you would like to book a place or would like more information call 01631 566367 or email info@kerreraandbunkhouse.co.uk.



Breakish musician Doc Livingstone, above, will be providing the music on BBC Alba's pub quiz show Gun Sgot next Thursday evening. Set in the lounge of their 'local', three teams from Glasgow University, Edinburgh University and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland will compete for the Gun Sgot trophy. The programme starts at 10pm and will be repeated the following evening at 11.30pm.

## Acts line up for Kyles Music Fest

SIXTEEN acts will line up at this year's Kyles Music Festival - held over four venues in Kames and Tighnabruaich.

The bands, some of which have performed at T in the Park, will perform on Friday June 7 and Saturday June 8.

Saturday night's top three headline acts are Fatherson, who were voted best new rock band at the SAMA Awards 2012. They said: 'We're really excited to be playing Kyles Festival, we're always keen to play in new places and different new festivals so playing this one was a no-brainer really.'

They are joined by The Merrylees, who have recently finished touring with Noel Gallagher, and Scottish band The Boston Tea Party, voted NME's 'ones to watch' 2013.

## Solo show by Lochaber artist

RESIPOLE Studios near Strontian is displaying a solo show by Lochaber artist Richard Bracken.

Mr Bracken, who is the current artist in residence at Room 13 in Caol Primary School, takes inspiration for his drawings and sculptures from the natural environment.

The exhibition runs until June 14.

## Gaelic poet takes 'road trip' for musical tour

RENOWNED Gaelic poet, Aonghas MacNeacail is going all rock 'n' roll this week to celebrate the role music and musicians have had in his life of words and poetry - by taking a road-trip.

MacNeacail is heading north to Ross-shire and the Isle of Lewis with a show originally conceived for his 70th anniversary celebrations.

MacNeacail's greatest hit, the poem 'Breisleach', was set to music by Capercaillie's Donald Shaw and became the title track for the band's seminal album, 'Delirium'.

His great vocal tapestry of Scotland's history, 'Tuath gu

Deas' - a vocal tour-de-force with composer Andy Thorburn - was recently revived to critical acclaim at Celtic Connections 2013.

**Joy**  
Aonghas said: 'It's a joy to be able to tell this story with such a wide range of the music I've been involved in - I didn't write songs because I couldn't sing, but these writers have helped my poems become the songs they were meant to be.'

The Aonghas MacNeacail Songbook' takes place at Ullapool's Ceilidh House tomorrow. An Lanntair in Stornoway on Saturday and Cromarty's Old Brewery on Sunday.

# Musicians flock to Skye festival

## McFadyen band among highlights

SKYE ACCORDION and Fiddle Festival over May 23-25 proved another resounding success as musicians from across the country entertained at Portree.

The event got off to a flying start on Thursday evening with a capacity crowd in the Royal Hotel, the festival headquarters for three days.

The crowd received the usual warm welcome from chairman Jim Campbell who was to be kept busy throughout the event as M.C. for the multitude of musicians in attendance.

First group to entertain was the Skye Accordion and Fiddle Club Band, before visiting musicians including Janet Graham and her band from Cumbernauld, Northumbrian fiddler Roddy Matthews, Willie MacFarlane and Friends on his five-row accordion, and the Bon Accords Band from Dumfriesshire took the stage.

Rounding off a tremendous evening was the Pentlands Ceilidh Band, led by Colin Brown on lead accordion, Gary Sutherland on second box and Gary

Kellow on drums who treated the large audience to a fine varied programme.

On Friday morning, informal music sessions started again and entertained the many enthusiasts throughout the day. At the formal evening session, a slow air duet from Portree fiddler Caerina Campbell with Northumbrian fiddler Roddy Matthews accompanied by Inverness pianist Jacqui MacDonald was a delight - you could have heard a pin drop. Truly, it was music played from the heart by two superb fiddlers.

**Hector McFadyen** Another highlight was a fantastic performance by Hector McFadyen of Oban and his Scottish dance band.

Hector leading on accordion, son Craig on second box, Derek Hamilton on keyboard and Richard Hughes on drums had the function room bouncing with great music, interspersed with humour from Hector who has a tremendous knack of engaging with his audience.

Saturday, the final day, saw more informal sessions before a wonderful

afternoon session culminated in a superb performance from the Graeme Mitchell Scottish Dance Band, undoubtedly one of Scotland's best.

Graeme led on accordion with Gordon Duguid on second box, Brian Cruikshank on bass guitar and Duncan Christie on drums. Their eagerly awaited appearance certainly lived up to expectations and delighted the appreciative audience.

Informal sessions continued in the Royal in the evening while at a rousing festival finale a large crowd danced the night away in Skye Gathering Hall to the fine music of Nicky McMichan's band.

Other venues in Portree hosted informal sessions throughout and it was generally felt the event, the ninth of its kind, was the best yet - not just from the quality of music but from the number of musicians taking part and the packed audiences. Preparations are already under way for the 2014 festival in Portree on May 22-24.

**John Grundy.**



Ewan Robertson, Megan Henderson and James Mackenzie celebrate after winning at the Scots Trad Music Awards in Fort William. Not pictured is Calum MacCrimmon. 20. f23trad01

## Breabach to play Fort William and Skye in homecoming tour

ONE OF the most celebrated and successful Scottish folk bands of recent times, Breabach, will open its 11-date Scottish 'Homecoming' tour at Oran Mor in Glasgow tonight (Thursday).

West Highlands and Outer Isles dates are: June 12 - Ceilidh Place, Ullapool (8.30pm); June 13 - An Lanntair, Stornoway (8pm); June 14 - Aros,

Portree (7.30pm); June 15 - Isle of Eigg; June 17 - Lime Tree, Fort William (7.30pm).

**Best folk band** In December, 2012 the band was crowned 'Best Folk Band' at the Scots Trad Music Awards in Fort William. The band, which includes Lochaber's Megan Henderson, have also been

nominated for 'Best Group' at both the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and 'European Folk Group of the Year' in the German Folk Awards.

The band's 'Big Burns Night' at this year's Celtic Connections was a sellout, while the quartet has performed in Paris, Norway and Central Park in New York.



Shooglenifty, who played to a sold out Easdale Hall recently as part of its 10th anniversary celebrations.

## Musical weekend marks Easdale Hall's 10th birthday celebrations

A HOST of events at Easdale Hall helped mark the 10th anniversary of the tiny island's community hub with style.

Celebrations to mark the hall's landmark were as varied as they were popular, with guest speakers and photo-montages followed with wine, cake and music - with rousing performances from Mudslide and Shooglenifty and a disco completing a busy two-day programme.

The event was hailed as a huge success by Keren Cafferty, chairwoman of Eilean Eisdale, the social enterprise that owns the hall.

She said: 'Mudslide played to a good crowd on the Friday and we had 140 people pack in for Shooglenifty on the

Saturday night. It was a great way to celebrate what has been achieved over the past 10 years.'

The hall was renovated and reopened as a modern usable space for the island community following a grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

The path from crumbling hall to functioning facility wasn't entirely smooth though, as Keren explains. 'There have been plenty of difficulties over the 10 years,' she said. 'The builder went bust just after the actual build was finished, which meant the snagging hadn't been done.'

'It caused quite a few problems in recent years, but it's only thanks to fundraising and local builders who have, frankly, done work for pennies

that's kept it going. 'But it is nice to be able to keep it going and for people to see where the money is going.'

Meanwhile, the hall's busy year of events continues this month when Mike Maran Productions travels to the island with Platero, described as a 'puppet show for grown ups'.

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Keren said: 'We received funding from Creative Scotland at the start of the year and we try to do something a bit different and open people's eyes to new things so hopefully people will come along and enjoy themselves.'

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		Saturday 8th June	15:30 3D
	<b>Rise of the Guardians</b>	Saturday 8th June	13:00 3D
		Sunday 9th June	13:00 3D
	<b>The Hangover Part 3</b>	Friday 7th June	20:00
		Saturday 8th June	18:00, 20:30
		Sunday 9th June	19:00
		Monday 10th June	20:30
		Tuesday 11th June	20:30
		Wednesday 12th June	20:30
		Thursday 13th June	20:30
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**MUD (12A)** 14 year-old Ellis lives on a makeshift houseboat on the banks of a river in Arkansas with his parents. He sneaks out early one morning to meet his best friend, Neckbone, the two boys set out to an island on the Mississippi River, where Neckbone has discovered an unusual sight-a boat, suspended high in the trees, a remnant of an extreme flood sometime in the past. They climb the tree and into the boat only to find fresh bread and fresh footprints. Realizing that they are not the only ones who have discovered the treehouse boat, they decide to leave. When they reach the shore, they find the same footprint in their boat.

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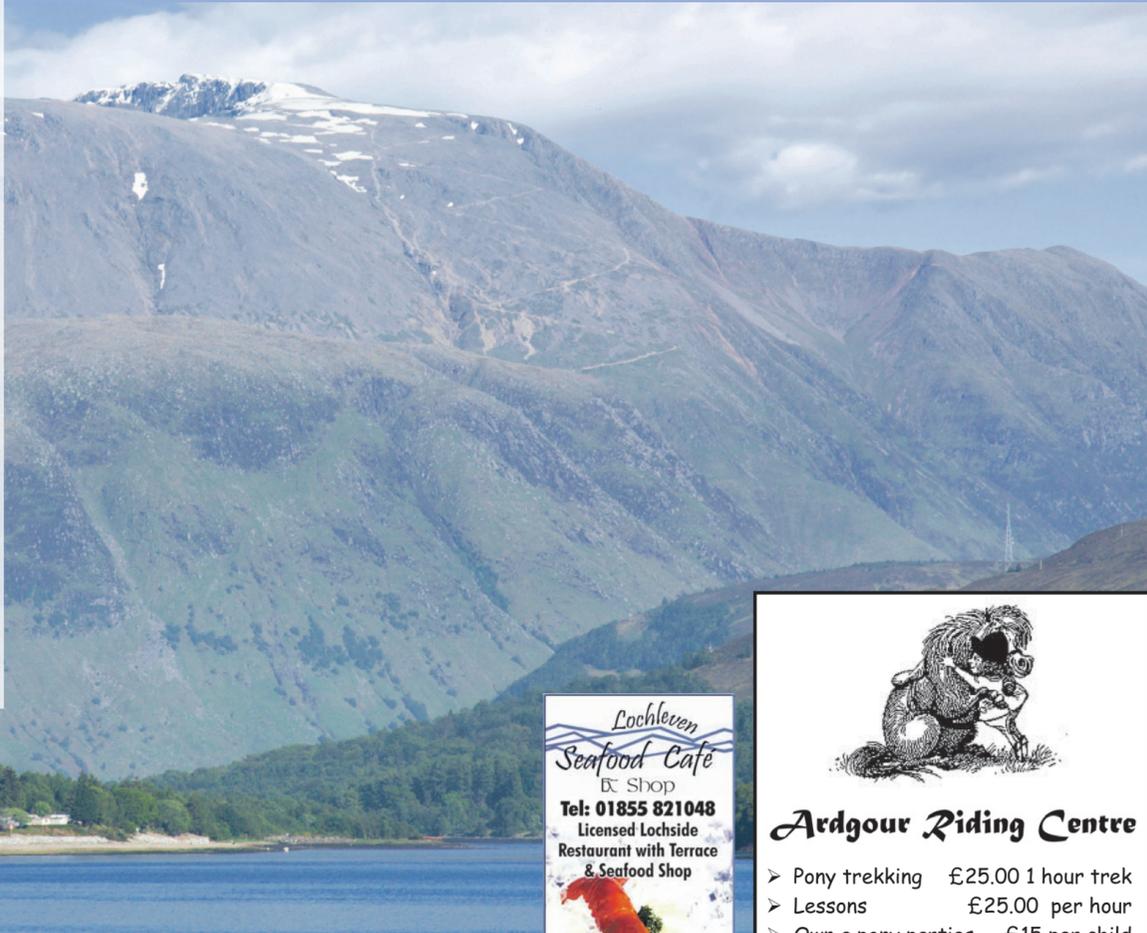
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**LOCHABER** – The Outdoor Capital of the UK - offers visitors and locals a wide variety of activities for all ages. Some of Scotland's most familiar sights and most stunning scenery is located in the area, including the highest peak on the British Isles, Ben Nevis, which towers over Fort William and Loch Linnhe. To the south, the historic Glencoe offers some of the most dramatic landscape in the country, while Glenfinnan boasts the a monument to Bonnie Prince Charlie's 18th century Jacobite revolution. the village is also home to the internationally known railway viaduct, which was crossed by the Hogwart's Express in the Harry Potter films. Glen Nevis is a popular walking destination, while further west lies the remote wilderness of Ardgour, Morvern and Ardnamurchan.

The scenic Road to the Isles leads visitors to the villages of Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig, with north Lochaber boasting some spectacular white sandy beaches. The Caledonian Canal starts at Banavie and heads to Inverness through Lochy Lochy and Loch Ness as it meanders through the Great Glen. The warm Highland hospitality, welcomes visitors to a fantastic range of accommodation from hotels to hostels, bed and breakfast to campsites, guest houses to self catering holiday cottages and houses. Outdoor activities are plentiful in Lochaber, including walking and climbing, cycling and mountain biking, riding and trekking, golf, angling and a range of water-sports. With a wide range of places to visit, stay and eat out, Lochaber truly offers something for everyone.



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## West coast agricultural show season kicks off with Road to the Isles Show

THE ROAD to the Isles Agricultural Show is being held this Saturday, at Camusdarach, Arisaig, by kind permission of the Stuart family.  
There are livestock classes for commercial cattle, Highland cattle, Blackface and non-Blackface sheep and two classes for 'undressed' cattle,

with a beautiful trophy for the winner of this section.  
Judging of the livestock classes commences at 10.30am. This section is always well supported and organisers are looking forward to a good turnout again this year.  
Entries are open to all on the Ardnamurchan and Morvern

peninsulas, all communities along the A830, and also Knoydart, the Small Isles and the Isles of Skye and Mull.  
Please telephone Audrey MacDonald on 01687 450267 if you wish to enter any of these classes.  
The judging of the baking, handicrafts and floral decora-

tion classes begins at 11am. Entries are taken on the day of the show and should be brought to the handicrafts tent between 9.30 and 11am.  
Exhibitors are asked to bring along as many entries as they can.  
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The afternoon's entertainment begins at 1.00pm, with a piping recital by some of our local young pipers. This is followed by 'Dingle Fingle' - a professional clown act featuring a comedy car slapstick stunt show.  
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are guaranteed!  
Other attractions include the catering tent and barbecue with lots of tasty local produce, a sheep dog demonstration by Mike MacNally from Invergarry, a parade of Highland cattle, demonstrations of machinery, sheep shearing, chain saw carving and a display of

wood-turning.  
It is also hoped to have some poultry on show and for sale.  
The ever-popular dog show has prizes for local and visiting dogs while 'Dingle Fingle' will round off the afternoon with 'Flower Shower', a super show featuring a fantastic flower with fun and frolics for all the

family.  
Show secretary Elizabeth Fleming: 'All in all, there should be something for everyone to enjoy so please come along and support your local show.'  
'We hope that you all enjoy a good day out.'  
'We look forward to seeing you there!'

### Cast ewes and prime sheep sell at Stirling sale

CALEDONIAN Marts (Stirling) Ltd had forward 610 cast ewes and tups at Stirling on Tuesday when export ewes averaged £55.96 and sold to a top of £76.50 from Newton of Crathie.  
Heavy ewes averaged £80.30 and sold to a top of £107.50 for Suffolks from Mr Wilson, Balhelvie Farm.  
Tups sold to a top of £116 for a Suffolk from Mr Greer, Wharlawhill Farm.  
The firm also had on offer 85 prime lambs, 1304 prime hoggets and 86 sheep.  
Prime Lambs sold to 274p for 40 kilo Beltex crosses from Meikle Seggie and to £122 for 53 kilo Suffolks from Balhelvie to average 243.47p per kilo.



All classes of sheep sold above seller's expectations at Dalmally

### Drimore Farm bullocks top Dalmally sale

UNITED Auctions held their Annual June Sale of all classes cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday when 154 head of cattle and 806 sheep were sold.  
Bullocks sold to a top of £1010 for Limousin crosses from Drimore Farm, Uist and to 271pence per kilo for a pen of four Limousin crosses from Garraron and Melfort Farms.  
Heifers sold to a top of £765 for a pen of three Limousin heifers from Drimore and to 227pence per kilo for Limousin crosses from Brackley.

### Prime cattle trade rises at Dingwall

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 56 prime cattle and 254 prime sheep at Dingwall on Tuesday when both bullocks and heifers rose on the week.  
Prime bullocks averaged 236.2p (+1.7p) and sold to a top of 252p per kg for a 655kg British Blue cross from Findon Mains, Culbokie, and £1,654.30 for a 710kg Limousin cross also from Findon Mains.  
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Limousin X: £1010 - Drimore Farm, Uist £870(2) & £840 - Garraron & Melfort Farms £830(4) - Drimore Farm £815(2) - Garraron & Melfort Farms £800(2) - Drimore Farm.  
Heifers  
Aberdeen AngusX: £610 - Braglenmore  
CharolaisX: £710 - Ardenraive £705 - Couston Farm Co.  
Limousin X: £765(3) - Drimore Farm, Uist £720, £670(3) & £660(2) - Garraron & Melfort Farms.  
Bull:  
£750 - Stronmagachan.  
Price per kilo  
Bullocks  
CharolaisX:  
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Limousin X:  
271p(4) - Garraron & Melfort Farms  
263p - Tullochcan 236p & 233p(2) - Garraron & Melfort Farms  
231p(4) & 230p - Drimore Farm, Uist 229p, 227p & 225p(2) - Gar-

raron & Melfort Farm.  
Heifers  
CharolaisX: 206p - Ardenraive Farm.  
Limousin X: 227p - Brackley Farm 224p(4) - Garraron & Melfort Farms 219p - Brackley & Garraron & Melfort (2) 216p(3) - Garraron & Melfort Farms.  
Breeding cattle  
Bulls  
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Cows with heifer calves at foot  
£1650 & £1400 - Ardsignish £1220 - Moleigh Farm & Barguillean Farm £1080 - Barguillean Farm.  
Heifers with calf at foot  
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Sheep  
Ewes with twin lamb at foot  
Texel X:  
£136 - Strathorchy £128 - 383

Garraronie, Uist £122 - Ellary Farms.  
Cheviot X: £154 - Dunans £122 - 15 Cleat, Barra £112 - 8 Kilkeneth, Tiree.  
Mule: £130 - Silvercraigs £120 - Maam Farm.  
Blackface: £132 - Ellary Farms £100 - Silvercraigs.  
Ewes with single lamb at foot  
Texel X: £80 - Strathorchy £78 - 383 Garraronie, Uist & 83 Borve, Barra £73 - Drimore Farm, Uist £70 - 83 Borve, Barra.  
Cheviot X: £105 - Dunans £80 - 15 Cleat, Barra £76 - 8 Kilkeneth, Tiree.  
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Blackface: £88 - Strathorchy £86 - Ellary Farm.  
Hoggs  
Blackface: £73 - Corrylorn  
Texel X: £72 - 383 Garraronie, Uist.  
Ewes  
Blackface: £60 - Kilchoan, Kilmelfort £55 - 2 Treslaig, Fort William.  
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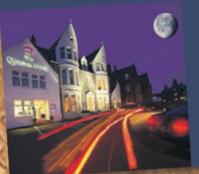
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# Business

**Business reporter:**

**Steven Flanagan**  
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## Planners approve Colintraive fish farm expansion

PLANNING permission has been granted to create a new fish farm and extend an existing farm near Colintraive, despite local opposition.

The Scottish Salmon Company was granted permission to install 16 cages, 100 metres in circumference, 3km north of Strone Point and add

an additional six cages to an existing fish farm nearby, despite locals arguing that the loch was too small to carry the additional cages.

At a public hearing in Colintraive last Tuesday, representatives from Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council said the additional 22

cages would erode the recreational amenity of the loch whilst providing no benefit for the local community.

Speaking after the planning meeting, Michael Kaufmann, chairman of Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council, said the development would not bring much-needed

jobs to Colintraive because it would be serviced by a plant in Ardyne on the other side of the loch.

'Our community gains nothing from this yet the fish farm and extension are right within our community,' he said. 'They are in fact blighting a beautiful loch that is designated an

area of panoramic beauty. Because the Scottish Salmon Company said they work with communities and provide employment Argyll and Bute Council went with them.'

At an earlier meeting of Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council, Mr Kaufmann said about 40 local

residents voted against the proposal. He added: 'All of our arguments were regarded as immaterial or ill-informed but the whole community argued against it. It is not what I call democracy.'

But planning officials said the impact of the additional cages was 'not

at a point that would warrant refusal'. Of the six councillors that attended the public hearing two rejected the proposal including Colintraive councillor Alex McNaughton.

Scottish Salmon Company said the farms will safeguard jobs and create at least three new jobs at Sgian Dubh.

### Lochaber High School project to include local contractors

THE FIRM awarded the contract to undertake Lochaber High School phase three is looking to involve local contractors as part of their supply chain.

Infrastructure, support services and construction group Robertson is holding a meet the buyers event on Thursday, 13 June and is encouraging local companies who would like to find out more about this major capital project to come along and meet their staff.

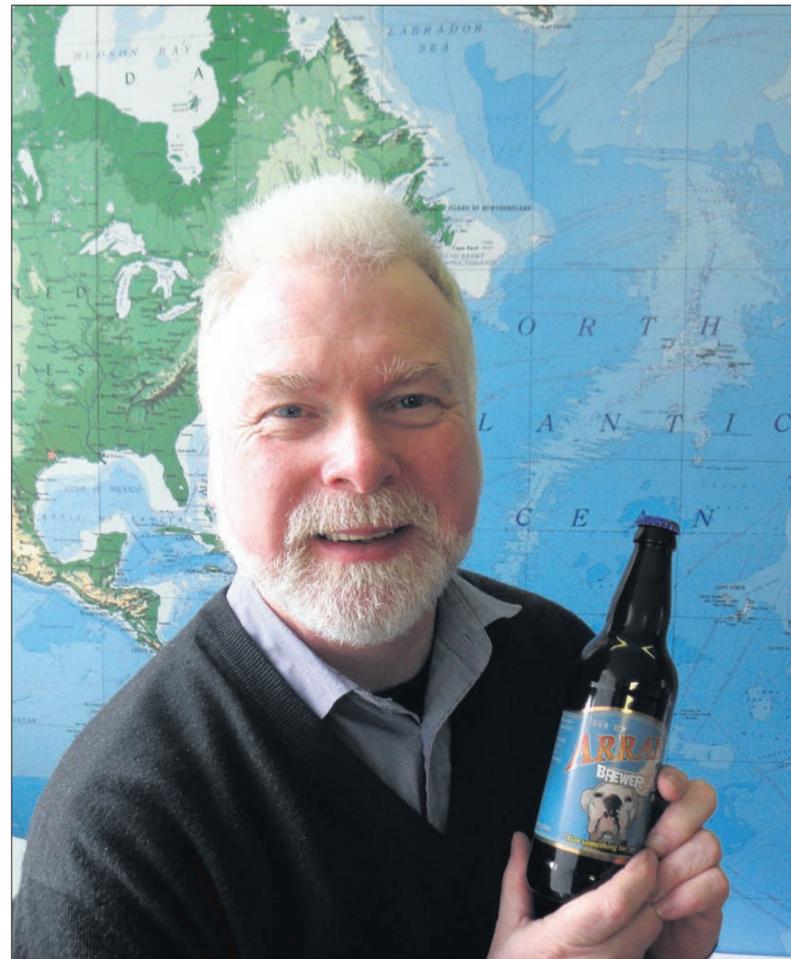
Work on the school, which involves extending and refurbishing the current facility, is set to begin later this month with completion in 2015.

Robertson has a local office at Hillside House, Belford Road. Projects director Allan Macleod said: 'We always like to involve other local businesses and we hope they will come along to meet us.'

The event runs from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 13 June in Room G5 at Lochaber High School. Anyone would like to register an interest but is unable to attend the event should email [emps.reception@robertson.co.uk](mailto:emps.reception@robertson.co.uk).



### Beer is good for your health claims island brewery



Gerald Michaluk, managing director of Arran Brewery.

Scottish Government should do research says Arran managing director

AN ISLAND brewery believes that drinking moderate levels of beer could reduce the risk of heart attacks and diabetes, among other serious conditions.

Gerald Michaluk, managing director of Arran Brewery in Brodick, is calling on the Scottish Government to fund an independent research programme into the health benefits of beer.

Mr Michaluk said that he wants 'to get to the truth behind the health benefit claims of moderate beer consumption'.

'I have heard both sides of the argument from those with a vested interest in the anti-drink lobby and the drinks industry who clearly I tend to believe more,' explained Mr Michaluk.

'But the truth is out there and it needs to be uncovered by independent professionals not associated with either the drink or anti-drink lobby.'

A recent article in *Beers of the World* titled 'Can Guinness be Good for You' outlined how in the past stouts and ales were promoted as giving health benefits to the moderate drinker, while books such as *The Science of Healthy Drinking* by Gene Ford document numerous scientific studies supporting the health benefits of a glass or two a day.

Mr Michaluk added: 'If moderate beer drinking improves your health then it is in the government's interest to stop all this anti-moderate drinking legislation it is contemplating and if on the other hand it is not beneficial it is imperative we know and take steps to modify production, ingredients etc to make it a safe beverage.'

'We need to know what the facts are and separate them from all the faith and fiction surrounding the health benefits of beer consumption, hence my call for research that gets to the truth.'

### Campbeltown gallery hosts St Columba anniversary exhibition by local artist

AN EXHIBITION of paintings celebrating the 1,450th anniversary of St Columba is to take place in Campbeltown from tomorrow (Friday).

Coastal Design Gallery will be hosting the solo art exhibition, entitled, *Columba Connects - Southend and Iona*, by local artist Christine Russell.

This exhibition is part of a range of activities taking place in June to celebrate the year St Columba left Irish shores to spread Christianity throughout Scotland.

'The timelessness of our land and the feeling that it was always thus combined with the history of Saint

Columba was the inspiration behind this exhibition collection,' said Christine, for whom this solo exhibition is a first.

Jane Logan of Coastal Design Gallery said: 'Coastal Design Gallery enthusiastically supports local artists and the small independent crafts-person so is very excited to be hosting this collection of Christine Russell's original oil paintings.'

The exhibition runs until June 28 and commences with an open evening tomorrow from 6pm until 9pm.

The artwork will also be visible on the Coastal Design website from June 3 at [coastal-design.co.uk](http://coastal-design.co.uk).



Jane Logan (left) with artist Christine Russell and one of her pieces from the exhibition.

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### DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (KILMELFORD VILLAGE)(30MPH SPEED LIMIT)(EXTENSION) ORDER 201...

Argyll and Bute Council proposes to make an Order that will extend the existing 30mph speed limit on the A816 Lochgilphead to Oban Road through the village of Kilmelford. A 30mph restriction will also be introduced on the Kilmelford to Auchnasaul Road (U10), which will extend from its junction with the A816 to a point just beyond Kilmelford Village Hall.

Full details of the proposals together with a Plan, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing to make this Traffic Regulation Order, are available for inspection during normal office hours Monday to Friday inclusive at the offices of:

- (i) Kilmelford Post Office, The Village Store, Kilmelford;
- (ii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban;
- (iii) Argyll and Bute Council Offices, Kilmory, Lochgilphead.

Any person wishing to object to the proposals should send details of the grounds for objection in writing to the Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT, by 28th June 2013.

Sandy MacTaggart, Executive Director, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead PA31 8RD

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/00854/PP	Change of use of four self catering flats previously used as part of the Soroba House Hotel complex to permanent residential use	Soroba House Hotel Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4SB	Oban Area Office
13/00897/PP	Erection of garage (retrospective)	Airfield Bungalow Glenforsa Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA72 6JN	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull
13/01111/PP	Change of use of pavement to form outdoor cafe	Pavement North Of 17 George Street Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 5RU	Oban Area Office

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/00511/LIB	Alterations and installation of replacement upvc windows	Dalmally Railway Station Dalmally Argyll And Bute PA33 1AA	Sub Post Office Dalmally

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13/01047/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land South Of Portantruan Port Ellen Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA42 7DS	Sub Post Office Port Ellen
13/01098/PP	Erection of extension to dwellinghouse	An Carn Lotts Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA42 7AS	Sub Post Office Port Ellen

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Ref No	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01045/PP	Change of use of first floor level from retail (class 1) to coffee bar (class 3) with ancillary sales area (retrospective)	The Celtic House Shore Street Bowmore Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Islay
13/01099/PP	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse	16 Shore Street Portnahaven Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA47 7SH	Sub Post Office Portnahaven

Argyll and Bute council encourages planning applications to be made on-line through The Scottish Government website: <https://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, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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.

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Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
13/01712/PIP	Clachmhor, North Ballachulish, Onich, Fort William	Erection of single storey house
13/01841/FUL	Land 220M South of Moy Farm, Banavie, Fort William	Construct 327kW run of river Micro Hydro Scheme
13/01893/FUL	Land 59M North of Benview, Lochside Fort William	Erection of house
13/01897/S42,	Camus Mhor, Mallaig Bheag, Mallaig	Section 42 application for removal of condition 2 of planning permission 98/00208/FULLO
13/01942/FUL	31 Abrach Road Inverlochy, Fort William	Extension to house

Time period for comments is 14 days.  
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**Proposed assignment of A Croft**

Robert Mackenzie is applying to the Crofting Commission for consent to assign the tenancy of three crofts at No 2 Lorgbaw, Port Charlotte, Isle Of Islay to Miss Eileen Mackenzie of Anfield Cottage, Shore Street, Bowmore, Isle Of Islay.

If you have an interest in this application, you may submit comments on the proposal in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness, IV3 8NW (e-mail [info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk](mailto:info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk)) within 28 days from the date of the publication of the advert.

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An aerial view of The European Marine Science Park, Dunstaffnage, near Oban, with a view to hills beyond, Argyll. Picture by Tony Gorzkowski/HIE.

## Dunbeg to host global conference on natural products

'Argyll is the perfect location to hold an event to support the various strands of this emerging industry' - Morag Goodfellow, HIE

A CUTTING edge life science research facility in Dunbeg is to be the venue for an international conference focusing on the importance of natural products.

Hosted by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), the Natural Products Conference will bring together experts, businesses and academic researchers on the September 25-26 at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) and European Marine Science Park, Dunstaffnage.

The conference will feature presentations from global leaders across the sector and will explore opportunities for businesses and researchers working in natural products.

Figures indicate that over the next four years the global markets for health related food and drink will rise to £132 billion and natural cosmetics to £17.6 billion.

Morag Goodfellow, senior development manager at HIE, said: 'The Natural Products Conference is an opportunity to showcase the leading expertise and facilities in this part of the world.'

'The Highlands and Islands is home to outstanding natural assets, global experts, innovative businesses and

ground breaking research. This combined with the region's natural assets provide significant commercial and business opportunities.

'With the recent addition of the European Marine Science Park, which HIE has developed to ensure we are ready for further growth, Argyll is the perfect location to hold an event to support the various strands of this emerging industry.'

'The conference will be an important event for anyone interested in the upcoming opportunities in developing natural products.'

The two day programme will feature presentations, discussions and breakout sessions on products derived from our region's natural environment such as seaweed, crops and microalgae extracts and their application in drug discovery, bio-energy, nutraceuticals, cosmetics and functional foods.

More specialist sessions will cover how to commercialise ideas and research, how to scale up production, access to finance, and regulatory and intellectual property issues.

To register your interest in attending, visit [hie.co.uk/NPC13](http://hie.co.uk/NPC13) or phone the booking helpline on 0800 032 8080.



Iain Burnett, who has become arguably the most decorated chocolatier in the UK after winning two titles at the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards.

### Skills projects gain Heritage Lottery cash

FIVE major skills projects in Scotland's heritage sector have won backing from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

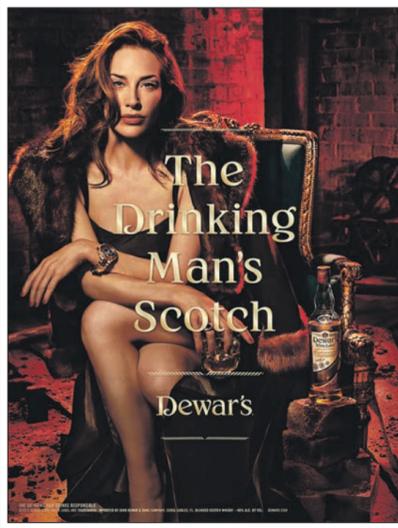
The fund has earmarked more than £3m for a range of projects, which will create 118 paid training placements. Initial support is being made through its Skills for the Future programme.

The projects are being led by Museums Galleries Scotland, Scottish Council on Archives, National Galleries Scotland, Natural Networks and the Prince's Foundation for Building Community.

Those picked for training will learn contemporary skills, such as developing digital material, as well as more traditional conservation skills.

Colin McLean, head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Scotland, said: 'We have been overwhelmed by the demand for our Skills for the Future programme. The heritage sector is becoming more and more popular as a career option, with demand for places far exceeding supply.'

'There is also great demand from the organisations that run these programmes. Skills for the Future has enabled them develop their training capacity and plug heritage skills gaps.'



### Hollywood actress comes to Aberfeldy

HOLLYWOOD actress Claire Forlani, famous for roles in Meet Joe Black and CSI: NY travelled to Aberfeldy for the filming of Dewar's latest TV advert - complete with her 'Scottish' accent.

The English actress was filming the advert for the new Dewar's Highlander Honey whisky. It runs under the tagline, 'The Drinking Man's whisky'.

It's not the first time Forlani has featured in an advert for Dewar's. Last year, she launched the Drinking Man's whisky advert, complete with her unique 'Scottish' accent. The advert can be found on YouTube.

Left - Claire Forlani features in to television adverts for whisky firm, Dewar's, based in Aberfeldy.

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# Aberfeldy chocolatier tastes sweet success

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ABERFELDY-based chocolatier Iain Burnett has become arguably the most decorated in the UK after winning two prestigious awards at the Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards.

The prestigious awards ceremony saw Iain Burnett Highland Chocolatier win Product of the Year - the most prestigious accolade offered at the event regarded as Scotland's food Oscars - for his Velvet Truffles and Spiced Pralines, which were also named winner of the new confectionery and snacking category.

Run in partnership with the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society

of Scotland, the awards have been recognising and rewarding the very best in Scottish food and drink for many years and this year's glittering event took place in The Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh.

All the stars of the Scottish food and drink industry were present to see the Highland Chocolatier brand receive two awards.

Julie Collier, commercial director

for Iain Burnett Highland Chocolatier, collected the awards and said: 'We have worked so very hard building this brand over its short six year life. The team are extremely proud and honoured to be recognised at the very highest level by such an elite group.'

'Scotland is renowned for its amazing provenance and to take the honour of Product of the Year is

something really special.'

The award will join the company's many others in going on display at The Scottish Chocolate Centre in Grandtully, between Aberfeldy and Pitlochry. Iain and his team can be seen creating the award-winning truffles and pralines in the bespoke kitchen between Monday and Friday from their newly installed viewing window.

Hebridean Sea Salt, based on Lewis, won the Soups, Preserves and Accompaniments award in what was another successful awards show for the west coast, while A Taste of Arran won the Dairy category for the Arran Cheese Shop Mustard Cheddar.

The 17 awards up for grabs were contested by more than 300 companies, this year, with judges describ-

ing the standard of entries this year as 'exceptionally high'.

James Withers, chief executive of Scotland food and drink, said: 'The winners of this year's Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards ... illustrate the skill, innovation and premium quality of the country's producers, which is driving our reputation as a land of food and drink.'



# Tiree mains water project completed

AN £850,000 project to upgrade six miles of water mains on Tiree has been completed.

Scottish Water say the near 700 customers supplied by the pipes - in the Crossapol, Silversands, Balephuil and Caoles - should be able to rely on a more robust service, having been hit with several bursts in the past.

The project involved the replacement of stretches of pipe, which were made of concrete, cast-iron or plastic, with new pipe made from tough plastic, which is less susceptible to

bursts or leakage.

Paul Morley, Scottish Water's water operations team manager, said: 'Scottish Water is delighted to have completed this important improvement work on Tiree.'

'We are committed to improving our network of water mains and our services throughout Scotland, in heavily-populated urban areas and in the most remote rural communities. This project on Tiree is a very good example of that.'

Jane McKenzie, Scottish Water's

regional community manager, said: 'We are certain all affected customers will welcome the completion of this important project.'

'The investment follows the completion in 2011 of an upgrade by Scottish Water at the Tiree Water Treatment Works, which improved the operability of the WTW by updating the process of filtering raw water.'

The work was carried out for Scottish Water by contractors George Leslie.

# Legal action to follow after ship runs aground on Isle of Bute

LEGAL action is to be taken against employees of the Panamanian Maritime Authority (PMA) after a boat ran aground off the coast of Bute last year.

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MIAB) has said the 89m feeder container vessel *Coastal Isle* ran aground on July 2 after an easterly wind set it off course, with nobody on the bridge to reset the course.

Its investigation found none of the watch alarms were active and the Turkish chief officer's claims to have been unconscious for one hour and 45 minutes having had stomach cramps were unlikely, adding he was likely to have fallen asleep in his bed.

It adds that the PMA's own investigation had uncovered collusion in amongst its own staff and fraudulent organisations in Turkey to issue seafarers' certificates.



It further criticised staff for taking one hour before informing the master of the grounding, describing that as 'wholly irresponsible'.

The PMA has revoked the chief officer's seafaring certificates and revised its auditing processes, as

well as taking legal action against its own employees. The *Coastal Isle* suffered extensive damage as a result of the grounding, with 12 to 13 tonnes of steel having to be replaced. The ship's master was German and the rest of the crew were Turkish.

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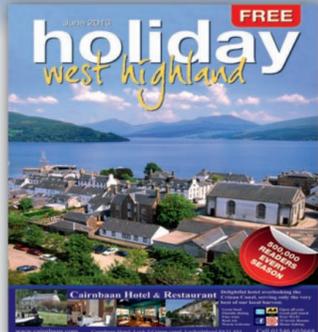
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**REFFIN** - Edward James (Teddy) and Dorothy MacCallum, married June 1, 1973 in Perth by the late Rev. Donald Cameron.

**DEATHS**

**BUCHANAN** - Duncan. Formerly of Fort William. Passed away in Johannesburg, South Africa on June 4, 2013. Beloved father of Karen.

**BURBERRY** - Thomas Ralph Newman, 81 years, died peacefully on May 30 in Comrie, Perthshire, late of Drumavac, Argyll, beloved husband of Lillian, loving father of Alyson, David and Murray and proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at Perth Crematorium, Thursday, June 6 at 4pm. Family flowers only, donations, if wished to Cancer Research or Alzheimer's Society.

**DAVIES** - Margaret Joan (née Owen) aged 97, peacefully at home on Wednesday, May 29. Beloved wife of the late James, mum to Pete and Steve, Granny to Owen, Serena, Rowena and Gwynn. Great-granny to Benjamin, Eliza, Genevieve. Lived in Hessel, Kenya and the Isle of Mull. Much loved by all who knew her and will be sorely missed.

**DUNCAN** - On May 8, 2013 Robert (Bob) Duncan, after an illness borne bravely. Beloved husband of Sylvia, dear father of Robert, Jane, Andrew and Gary. Grandfather of Duncan, Siobhan, Kirsty, Jack, Josie, Scott, Ben, Iona, Bonnie and Laura. Sadly missed. Thanks to all who attended the funeral at Craignure Church, and to everyone who sent a card.

**HAMMON** - Christine (née Hughes), Berwick-upon-Tweed, (formerly Furnace and Fort William), peacefully at home on May 28 after a short illness.

**HOPE** - Peacefully at Inverness House on May 26, 2013, Williamina, much loved mother of Samuel, Nat, Hammy, Betty, Sarah, grandmother to twenty one, great-grandmother to twenty five and great-great-grandmother to nine children. The service was held by Rev David White in the Duncansburgh Church, assisted by Praise Band and Soloist Heather Major. Collection raised for Inverness House Staff amounted to £423.

**McKERRELL** - Suddenly at home in Bowmore, Islay on Wednesday May 29, 2013. Donald aged 77 years, beloved husband of late Mary and much loved father of Nigel and brother of Sarah, Isobel and late Neil. Interred in Bowmore, Islay on Saturday June 1. Sadly missed by all the family.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**LIVINGSTON** - The family of David Livingston, would like to thank all relatives and friends for their support at this sad time. Special thanks to the staff at Quarrier's Village, for looking after David over the years. Thanks to Rev John Paton, Park Lodge and all who attended the funeral.

**MACKENZIE** - Sandy, Christine and family wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy following the loss of our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother Murlina. Thanks to Dr Tangney and Glen Mor Medical Practice, home carers, Crossroads and Marie Curie nurses. Thanks also to Rev. Gordon Mair for his comforting and thoughtful services in Fort William and Borne, and to Mike MacFall, Undertaker, Fort William, and Alistair MacRae, Undertaker, Stornoway for their efficient arrangements. Donations totalling £225.40 will go to Crossroads Lochaber and Marie Curie.

**MACLAREN** - Hazel, Nigel, David, Gareth and Kaitlyn would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for their kind expressions of sympathy shown to us following the sad loss of our loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Annabella.

**MORRISON** - The family of the late Janet Morrison, Kingsmills Road, Inverness would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy and the support extended to them following their recent sad loss. Our sincere thanks to all at Crown Medical Practice and Medical and Nursing Staff at Raigmore Hospital for their care, also thanks to Rev Peter Nimmo and all at St Stephen's Church for the comforting funeral service. Finally thank you to all at William T. Fraser and Son, Funeral Directors for their sensitivity and guidance with the funeral arrangements.

**MUIR** - (Corpach) - Elizabeth, Donald, Alastair, Sheila and families would like to express their gratitude to all relatives and sympathy cards on their sad loss of Hugh. Special thanks to Dr Craig MacMillan and all medical staff. Also thanks to Rev Corbett and John McLellan Funeral Directors. The magnificent sum of £930 was raised for Lochaber Action on Disability - a charity of Hugh's choice.

**MEMORIALS**

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**LAIDLER** - Love from family Caol and Fort William.

**Couple celebrate 60th wedding anniversary**

'You have to work as a team'

A FORMER shepherd and his wife, whose wedding was somewhat overshadowed by the Queen's Coronation were celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends from the Glenorchy area.

Dalmally couple Raymond and Gladys Pearl Oldale marked their diamond anniversary at Brander Lodge Hotel, Bridge of Awe, on May 23.

The couple were married at St John's Methodist Church, Arbroath, where Gladys hails from.

They met while Yorkshireman Raymond was working as a shepherd in Glen Isla in Angus.

The couple moved to Argyll in the late 1960s, when Raymond became farm manager at Glandsanda, before the quarry was formed.

He also worked at Barbreck Farm, Kilchrenan before retiring to Dalmally.

The couple have a son, William, and a daughter, Jane Pearl, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Raymond laughed off the old wives' tale of 'Marry in May, rue the day', adding: 'The secret to a lasting marriage is you have to be compatible from the beginning and you have to work as a team.'



Dalmally couple Raymond and Gladys Pearl Oldale cut their diamond wedding anniversary cake made by Linda Mason, wife of village pharmacist Lawrence. 16\_t22diamond01



Amanda MacPhail handed out cheques to local groups in Oban last week.

**Local groups gain from Ryan MacPhail fund**

OVER £11,000 has been handed out to local groups in the Oban area from the Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund.

A total of 13 groups benefited from the cash - most of which is raised at the annual Sportsman's Dinner held in the Argyllshire Gathering Halls.

Amanda MacPhail said: 'It is always really difficult to choose where the money goes but I want to thank everyone that has contributed - the cash really makes a difference to local clubs.'

'Without the fantastic support we receive at the dinner each year we wouldn't be able to do this.'

Oban Brownies, Schools Out, Oban 3rd Guides and Soroba Young Family Group all received £500 while Spartak football and Sunday league were

handed £600.

Ten youngsters from Oban Saints Youth received a total of £1,000 from the fund for as sponsorship for running the Argyll Beats Cardiovascular Disease 10k.

Oban Celtic Shinty Club, Oban Saints Kids, Lochnell Parent Council and Oban Air Cadets also received £1,000 as did Appin lad Cameron Allan, whose cash will go toward the cost of a new wheelchair.

The Lorne Highland Games received £2,000 toward the cost of kids activities at the event.

Next year's dinner will be held on March 15, 2014 and confirmed speakers so far are Rangers and Scotland legend Willie Henderson and John Rowbotham, former top-flight referee.

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**CHAMBAUD - MARTIN**  
Cinnie Chambaud and Russell Martin were married at Achnaba Church, Achnaba, Bonawe on March 16th 2013. They celebrated their marriage with family and friends at the Victory Hall, Benderloch. Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



**FAIRBAIRN - DAVIDSON**  
Nicola Fairbairn and Peter Davidson were married at St Paul's Church, Kinlochleven on May 18th 2013. The happy couple and their guests celebrated at the MacDonald Hotel, Kinlochleven. Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



**McCAHEY-MUNRO**  
On May 18, 2013, James McCahey and Claire Munro, at Christ Church, Corran Esplanade, Oban, married by the Rev. Bill Gray. The reception was held at the Royal Hotel and the couple spent their honeymoon in Rome. Photograph by Cameron Harris of Highland Photos.



**THOMSON - MACLEAN**  
On May 4, 2013 at the Manor House Hotel, Billy Thomson and Tina Maclean both of Ganavan, Oban, married by the Rev. Dugald Cameron. Reception meal at the Manor House followed by an evening reception at the Royal Hotel. The couple spent their honeymoon in Portugal. Photograph by Cameron Harris of Highland Photos.

**Thoughts for the Week**

I am just back from a spiritual walk in Falkland Estate.

There is a memorial chapel called "A place apart." It reminded me when being in the "place apart" how much we need in our society today to have that place apart.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus needed time to reflect in a place apart with his Father in heaven - Mark 1: 35 "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

Mark 6:46 "After leaving them (Jesus), he went up on the mountainside to pray." Jesus always gives us good guidance.

Many of us have places where we can come to a place apart to be alone with God and bring our thoughts and prayers to Him in Jesus name.

My place is the hill and wood above Dunbeg. In the stress and strains of modern life we need that place to come and listen to God and unburden our weary souls to Him and Jesus.

I am always heartened when I read in the Bible about what Jesus says.

Matthew 11: 28 to 30 (Jesus says) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take your yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**Bill Harvey, Scottish Churches Rural Group**

EVENING of third June 2013 and I am looking from the windows of the manse, over Ardtur and the Firth of Lorne, to the hills of Kingairloch. High pressure, a few clouds and the still water reflecting the glory of calmness.

Even as I enjoy the beauty of the created order I am reminded of the pain and pressures of life and living. The murder of an innocent soldier and the charging of his alleged assailants; the uncertainty of the markets; the alleged dishonesty of a Member of Parliament and three of the House of Lords. Riots in Turkey, the tragedy of Syria, and the list goes on. One wonders where our little world is going, what is the point of doctrinal dogmatism, why do some force their views on others? The questions keep coming, but not so the answers! Still I look out over a deepening sky, dusk turns to darkness, not a breath of wind in the trees and the still calm of an Appin evening. Behind all things the Creative power, in all things the loving power shown in Jesus Christ, and for all that is positive and creative the power of their Spirit: In us, for us and through us for the well being of everyone.

'Peace I leave with you' said Jesus, 'my peace I give to you, not as the world gives give I'

In the midst of the storms and uncertainties of life that peace is there, in the beauty of nature, in the kindness of people, in the hope given to us in Christ.

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# Isle of Skye marathon anticipates record field

## Local favourite runner returns after injury

SATURDAY'S Isle of Skye Half Marathon could mark its 30th anniversary with a record field, say organisers.

Over 270 entries have been received online so far and the traditional last-minute rush to register at Portree High school tomorrow (Friday) evening and on race day morning could see over 400 athletes line up at the Fingal Centre for the 10.30am start.

Local athlete Hugh Campbell, who became the first Skye runner to win the men's race in

2010 and successfully defended his title in 2011, was out through injury in 2012 but returns for this year's race.

Campbell will be among the favourites along with last year's winner Paul Arcari of Kilbarchan AAC and previous runner-up Keith Hood. The trio have similar best times so the scene is set for a fiercely contested race.

Event co-organiser Scott Milne told *The Oban Times*: 'We have had 270 entries on line while in 2012 we had 139 so we are way ahead this year. It's looking

good - we could end up breaking through the 400 mark.

'The half marathon is the next biggest thing to the Highland games and it is a big deal for Portree. A lot of these entries are people from outside, from other parts of the Highlands and much further afield. We even have runners coming from the United States and Germany.'

'Hugh Campbell, Keith Hood and Paul Arcari are all capable of doing one hour ten minutes as long as the weather conditions are pretty good. I would expect these three to have a good battle.'

The course records were set in 1986 and are held by Simon Axon and Karen MacLeod. Axon still competes in the race to this day, 27 years on from his record breaking exploits in the eighties.

The late Dr Julian Toms, who completed the race himself on many occasions, put up a £600 prize fund for anyone breaking the records.

Arcari won last year's race in a time of 1 hour 12.29. Sheenagh MacLulich of Edinburgh AC won the women's event in 1 hour 37.58 and Portree High School Pupil Josephine MacDonald took the first Skye female trophy in her first ever half marathon.

A fun run for adults and children will start approximately 10 minutes after the main race gets underway at 10.30am. Local charity Lucky 2B Here will provide every runner with a race t-shirt as they did for last year's race.

Runners can enter in person the night before the race from 7.30pm-10pm or on the race day from 8.30am-10am. Fun Run entries on the day 8.30am-10am. More information at [www.skyehalfmarathon.org.uk](http://www.skyehalfmarathon.org.uk).



Hugh Campbell will be among the favourites for the Isle of Skye Half Marathon

## Lochaber youth football set for major shake up

YOUTH football in Lochaber could be set for a major shake-up to encourage more youngsters to take part in the sport.

Fort William FC is considering pulling its youth teams out of the Highland divisions and creating a new Lochaber-wide league structure in an effort to allow more local children to play.

Fort manager Danny Conlon said: 'At the moment we are probably working with about 20 players per team, so we're only providing football for 20

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players in each age group. We would hope that we could look to concentrate on a local football policy, which means we'd have leagues at all the different age groups, probably getting teams from outlying districts too - Mallaig, Strontian, Kinlochleven, as well as Caol, Plantation, and Claggan teams.

'We could provide football for 70 or 80 players in each age group.'

Conlon said the new format could provide more players for the senior team in future.

He said: 'The aim eventually is that if we have that many players kicking a ball, Fort William FC will have a bigger choice of players coming through. The most important thing for football in this area is youth football.'

'Fort has always been looked at as a community club.

'We try and do something in the community, that's why we exist.'

## Dalmally golfer wins regional trophy

A DALMALLY golfer recently returned home with a regional trophy.

Ann Colthart, competing in the final of the Scottish Veteran Ladies' Golf Association (SVLGA) Bronze Division, was the victor against Pat Robertson

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of Caldwell, in a tie played at Renfrew Golf Club. The competitions are played at various venues throughout the year, with bronze and silver division cham-

pionships, both scratch knockout matchplay competitions.

Ann's trophy win is a fantastic feat considering the West Region competition includes players from several counties, such as Argyll, Dumfries, Renfrew, Ayr and Lanark.



Fort William's Duncan Rodger challenges Glasgow Mid Argyll's Jonathon Oates in mid-air 20\_f23shinty02

## Fort William ease into Camanachd Cup draw

### SHINTY

FORT William eased into the quarter finals of the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup with a 4-1 win over Glasgow Mid Argyll at An Aird on Saturday.

The home side started off with a strong wind behind them, and took early advantage to score what is likely to be the quickest goal in this year's competition.

Barely 15 seconds were on the

clock by the time Daniel Stewart poked the ball past the Glasgow keeper after some slack defending by the visiting side.

Fort then had a succession of corners and shots which were repelled by GMA, who were slowly finding their feet in the tie. GMA launched some attacks of their own but were hit by a sucker punch from Gary Innes just after the half hour.

After the ball bobbed around

the GMA goal area, Innes was on hand to prod home from close range to double the lead.

But Fort's first half scoring wasn't finished, and after good work down the left from youngster Arran MacPhee, Duncan Rodger hit a blistering shot from 20 yards straight into the top corner, giving the keeper no chance.

GMA pulled a goal back through Ryan Harrison after

43 minutes to give themselves hope heading into the half time break.

After the interval break Fort found themselves playing into the stiff breeze and were unable to create the same number of chances. But the win was sealed with 11 minutes to play when the influential Stewart hit his second goal of the game to secure his side's passage to the next round of the cup.

## Ten pin bowling league winners at Nevis

THE TEN pin bowling singles scratch league at the Nevis Centre has been won by Pam Weller, with David Cameron finishing top of the handicap league.

Weller took first place with 81 points, four ahead of Colin Pinkett in second place. Tommy

McKnight took third with 71 points. Cameron picked up the Robert Cairns Trophy after a close finish in the handicap league. Cameron and Chris McCaig were tied on 63 points, with Cameron having knocked over 35 more pins during the competition.

Colin Pinkett was third on 58 points.

Weller also won the Nevis Radio high pin trophy for most scratch pins scored with 2,663 pins closely followed by Colin Pinkett in second place with 2,656. John Weller was third with 2,490.

The final week's top performers were Pam Weller with 475 scratch and Chris McCaig with 614 handicap.

The top individual scratch games of the week were 177 from both Pam Weller and Colin Pinkett and a 173 from Tony Whitelocke.

### BOWLING

## Railway club play host to Falkirk

THE Railway Bowling Club in Fort William hosted Falkirk Bowling Club on their visit to Lochaber on Saturday.

Falkirk president Douglas Forsyth, who worked at Arisaig Railway Station, was given the choice where to have their annual outing - and straightaway chose Lochaber. The clubs have had close ties ever since they played competitions under the then British Aluminium, which operated aluminium factories in both towns. On Sunday Falkirk visited Kinlochleven as part of the latter's centenary celebrations, with members bringing along pictures of games past.



Ten pin bowling league winners Pam Weller and David Cameron with their trophies 20\_f23bowling01

## Killin Golf Club hosts ladies open competition

Ladies Open:  
Saturday 1 June  
Scratch : Winner gets Dochart Trophy.  
1st : Laura Aitken (Killin) 78  
2nd : Caroline Henderson (Aberfeldy) 79  
3rd : Suzanne Graham (Pumpherton) 82  
Handicap : Winner gets Killin

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Cup.  
1st : Jean Faichney (Killin) 59  
2nd : Liz Stevens (Killin) 65  
3rd : Marion McRae (Killin) 65  
Bridge of Lochay Salver (Best Local Handicap) : Jean Faichney

59  
Nearest the Pin : Carol Church (Dalmally)  
Longest Drive Silver : Laura Aitken (Killin)  
Longest Drive Bronze : Sandra Johnson (Kilbirnie Place)  
Magic Twos  
Jo Miller (Killin)  
Kay Dowling (Killin) CSS : 67

### SAILING

## Yacht club to run 'One Peak Race'

LOCHABER Yacht Club is staging its annual regatta from June 17 to 23 with a full programme of events lined up on Loch Linne.

On the Monday and Wednesday evenings keelboat and dinghy racing form part of the regatta events, with racing also taking place on the Saturday and Sunday. A treasure hunt will be part of the Wednesday activities.

Lochaber Athletic Club joins the fun on Tuesday evening for the 'One Peak Race', along with dinghy crews, while on Thursday evening the canoe club and Sea Cadets are scheduled to attend.

Friday evening will provide a chance to sail a different type of boat or, for novices, an opportunity to get on the water in a dinghy or keelboat.

The regatta dinner will take place on Saturday evening and the prizegiving on Sunday after the last race. More details at [www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk](http://www.lochaber-yacht-club.co.uk).

Meanwhile, for club members wishing to put in some power boat practice, informal training takes place on most Thursday evenings.

New members are always welcome at the clubhouse at Achintore Road, Fort William.

### ARCHERY

## Archery test at Ballachulish

SOUTH Lochaber Bowmen (SLB) hosted a Scottish Target And Field Archery Association (STAFAA) tournament at Ballachulish on Sunday.

Over 30 archers from all over Scotland took part in the competition at SLB's new 28-target field archery course, which proved to be extremely challenging for all who attended.

The local club will host a hunter round at the course on Sunday, June 23.

Winners (SLB unless otherwise stated):

Cubs - gold, Morgan Nicolson, Connor McLean, Ellis Nicolson; silver, Caitlin Irbhinn; bronze, Lorna McCorqudale.

Juniors - gold, Connor Fraser (West Lothian Archers); Andrew Gibson.

Seniors - gold, Andrea Koster; Dubh Irbhinn; Ewan Gibb (Garrison Bowmen); Lesley Lodge (WLA); Philip Sutherland (WLA); Allan Davidson (WLA); Graeme Fallows (GB).

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## Fort William

June medal,  
Saturday June 1 - 1, Alan Overend 84 (17) 67; 2, Paul Brian 84 (16) 68; 3, Davie MacPherson 75 (7) 68.

Eric Wallace scored a hole-in-one on the 156-yard 16th with an eight iron.

Senior medal,  
Sunday June 2 - 1, Paul Brian 82 (16) 66; 2, Peter Stewart 79 (12) 67; 3, Toby Richardson 78 (11) 67.

## Isle of Skye

Wednesday 29th May: Strath Cup Round 2 - 1 S Johnston 39pts; 2 J Beaton 37pts (bih); 3 J Marshall 37pts (bih); 4 K MacPherson 37pts.  
Saturday/Sunday 1st/2nd June: Pairs Bogey - 1 C MacKinnon and K MacPherson 9 up; 2 A Munro and J Finlayson 2 down (bih); 3 I Lewis and J Fenwick 2 down.

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## Islay Golf Club

Guy Quaich played Friday 31st May and Sunday 2nd Jun  
1st Norman MacDonald Net 72+ Net 68 Total 140  
2nd Lachie Cairns Net 67+Net 73 Total 140  
3rd Charles Holyoake Net 75+Net 67 Total 142

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**LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...**



Gary Innes, Fergie MacDonald and Hugh Dan MacLennan at Monday's Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup draw at Spean Bridge

# Camanachd Cup draw marks war-time link

**CAMANACHD** Association President Archie Robertson and historian Hugh Dan MacLennan drew the names for the quarter finals of the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup on Monday at the Commando Memorial in Spean Bridge.

The line-up for the quarter finals, which will be played on July 6, is as follows - Newtonmore v Caberfeidh or Glenorchy; Lochaber/Glenurquhart v Fort William; Kyles Athletic v Beaulieu; Kingussie v Kinlochshiel.

Kyles player Roddy MacDonald, whose four goals helped Kyles lift last year's trophy, was delighted to secure a home tie with Beaulieu, who shocked premiership Oban Camanachd in the previous round.

In terms of the draw, it is probably one of the ties we would have wanted although we know Beaulieu are doing well in their league and beat Oban Camanachd, which was a very good result for them.

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- Newtonmore v Caberfeidh or Glenorchy
- Lochaber/Glenurquhart v Fort William
- Kyles Athletic v Beaulieu
- Kingussie v Kinlochshiel

'In saying that, we would have taken anyone at Tighbrauich. A home tie was the key for us.'

As well as announcing the quarter final pairings, Monday's gathering doubled up as the official launch of a new BLAS festival 2013 show entitled 'Shinty's Heroes'.

The special history, set to music and photography, will bring together for the first time the story of the sacrifice and toll endured by Scotland's Shinty playing communities during the Great War.

As Britain gets ready to mark

the centenary of the outbreak of World War One, the event will narrate the untold story of the impact Highland shinty players had on the most destructive conflict ever fought, and vice versa.

The event has been brought together by historian and broadcaster Hugh Dan MacLennan, with Fort William and Scotland player Gary Innes as musical director.

Musician Fergie MacDonald, present at the quarter final draw, will also be amongst the performers on the night.

'Shinty's Heroes' will take place at the Nevis Centre in Fort William at 7.30pm on September 13, the eve of the televised Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup final.

Camanachd Association President Archie Robertson said: 'The Association is delighted to again partner with the BLAS Festival. It is a great event which celebrates many aspects

of Highland culture and it seems very appropriate that the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final should be part of it.

'The content and array of performers included in Hugh Dan and Gary's show, 'Shinty's Heroes', leaves me in no doubt that it will be an excellent evening and a perfect start to the cup final weekend as those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Great War are remembered in this way.'

Commenting on the full Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup quarter final draw, Archie Robertson added: 'We have a potential Lochaber derby and the 'big four' of Kingussie, Newtonmore, Kyles and Fort William are still apart, so there are a lot of excellent ties to come.

'The last couple of years have thrown up special finals and that could still happen here, the way the draw has worked. It will be very interesting to see what transpires.'

# Rotary Club of Oban raise more than £6,000 at Glencruitten Golf Club

MORE than £6,000 was raised at this year's Rotary Club of Oban Am-Am, hosted by Glencruitten Golf Club.

The team of Neilly 3+3 - Neil MacDougall, Andrew Henderson Snr, Angus MacEachen and Graeme MacEachen, won the competition and the Bank of Scotland Trophy, held at the weekend, with a score of 94 Stableford points.

Second place went to the China Restaurant - Kwong Loi Yip, Cameron Milne, Willie McAdam and David Finlayson with a score of 91 points.

Munchkin Plumbers were third with 89 points - Lee Askew, Stephen Davidson, Stephen Lockhart and Angus John MacNeil.

Scottish Provident - Ronnie Terras, Jon Pankhurst, Calum MacKnight and Jordan Gray were fourth with 88 points.

The leading visiting team were Maple Joiners - Richard Bergant, Calum Munro, Cameron Munro and Paul Walton with 86 points.

David Devine aced the 10th hole and was awarded a bottle of malt whisky.

The weather was excellent for the event and the course was in superb condition.

Dalmlally-based charity Mary's Meals raised £450 from the raffle on the day.



The winning team, Neilly 3+3, was Neil MacDougall, Andrew Henderson Snr, Graeme MacEachen and Angus MacEachen.

# Fort William hosts area inter-schools sports day

SCHOOLCHILDREN from across Lochaber enjoyed a day of glorious sunshine for the annual inter-school sports day last Thursday.

Youngsters from as far afield as Mallaig, Invergarry, Strontian and Glencoe travelled to Fort William and took part in the swimming competitions at Lochaber Leisure Centre in the morning.

## Swimming

Arisaig Primary won the small schools swimming

Right - Invergarry fought off tough competition to be named best small school in the athletics events 20\_f23sports01



Inverloch's Mhairi Bell (left) and Regan Porter of Roy Bridge fighting for the win in the 200 metre final 20\_f23sports04



Caol's swimming team took top spot in the large schools category 20\_f23sports03

competitions from Glencoe and Ardgour, with Lochside RC taking the honours for middle schools from Mallaig in second and Spean Bridge third.

Caol topped in the large schools category, with Banvie second and Upper Achintore third.

## Athletics

After lunch the children made their way to Claggan Park for the athletics events, and despite the baking heat some impressive performances were recorded.

Overall, Caol Primary picked up the top award for large schools from Inverloch and Fort William RC, extending a winning run which has seen them win the trophy for the last six years.

Lochside RC repeated their win from the morning sessions, with Mallaig in second and Acharacle and Spean Bridge in third equal.

Invergarry were named top small school in athletics, pipping St Bride's and Roy Bridge.



Lochside RC's athletics team celebrate the school's second trophy of the day 20\_f23sports02



Neck and neck: Caol Primary finished clear of Inverloch and St Bride's to take the win in the 4x100 metres relay 20\_f23sports06



John MacCrone and co-driver Phil Pugh in their Culina Palletforce Racing Citroen DS3 R3 during the spectator special stage in Duns.

# MacCrone forced to retire from Jim Clark Rally

## Overheating brakes end challenge

MULL rally driver John MacCrone's brakes were more red hot than his form after an unfortunate end to his Jim Clark Rally, an event in which he was tipped to do well.

The 23-year-old Citroen DS3 R3 driver's brakes overheated, triggering a series of problems that ultimately wrecked his ambition.

MacCrone had strengthened his grip on second place in the latest round of the British Rally Championship; he was quickest through the second run of the 1.2-mile spectator special stage in the heart of Duns, deep in the Scottish Borders.

Entering the second run through the rally's longest stage, the 16-miler at Abbey St Bathans, the Muileach had closed to within 7.8 seconds of leader Jukka Korhonen.

But such was MacCrone's blistering pace through the

ultra-fast, but tight and twisty section of the tarmac stage that his brakes began to overheat and their performance fade.

Eventually, with his stopping power all but drained, MacCrone ran wide at a right-hander and an impact with a high kerb damaged the rear suspension.

The damage cost MacCrone 38.3 seconds on that stage alone and subsequent stages became a battle just to get the car over the finishing lines and retirement was inevitable.

MacCrone said: 'Obviously I'm really disappointed not to have been able to continue the fight at the top of the leaderboard, and ultimately retire. But at least I know the problems had nothing to do with my driving.'

MacCrone returns to action in the third round of the British Rally Championship, the Dumfries-based Scottish Rally on June 28/29.

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# Camanachd Cup holders progress to next round

## Glenurquhart and Lochaber do it all again while Glenochy set sights on tie with Newtonmore

### Fixtures

**Fixtures 1st June**  
**Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup 2nd Round**  
 Caberfeidh v Glenochy  
 John Angus Gillies  
**Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup 2nd Round Replay**  
 Glenurquhart v Lochaber  
 Graham Cameron 3pm

**Artemis Macaulay Cup Quarter Finals**  
 Kinlochshiel v Lovat  
 Innes Wood

**Baliemore Cup Quarter Final**  
 Beaulieu v GMA  
 Neil Ferguson 3pm  
 Bute v Strachur  
 Daniel MacRae

**Orion Group Premier Division**  
 Newtonmore v Inveraray  
 David Mitchell

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
 Kilmallie v Strathglass  
 Ewan MacRae

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
 Beaulieu v Aberdeen Uni  
 Calum Girvan 12 noon  
 Fort William v Kinlochshiel  
 Duncan Kerr  
 Glenurquhart v Glangarry  
 John Matheson 12 noon  
 Lovat v Newtonmore  
 John Sloggie

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
 Aberdour v Lochside Rovers  
 Lachie Wood  
 Taynuilt v Kilmory  
 Deek Cameron

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
 Glasgow MA v Bute  
 Ewan MacDonald  
 Kyles Athletic v Colglen  
 Douglas Ferguson  
 Tayforth v Inveraray  
 Neil MacDonald

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
 Inverness v Strathspay  
 Archie Ritchie  
 Lochcarron v Caberfeidh  
 Robert MacAskill  
 Lochaber v Lewis  
 Duncan Freshwater 2pm

(All throw ups 2.30 unless stated)

**Youth Fixtures Friday June 7**  
**Marine Harvest Under 14**  
 Kingussie v caberfeidh  
 Kilmallie v Glenurquhart  
 Skye v Skye B  
 Beaulieu v Lovat

**Marine Harvest Under 14 9-a-side league**  
 Inveraray v Oban Celtic  
 Milngarvie v Kyles at Dalmally  
 Oban Caman v Ballachulish

### Results

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 Kingussie 3 Lovat 0  
 Kyles Athletic 1 Inveraray 0  
 Newtonmore 9 Strachur 0  
 Fort William 4 Glasgow MA 1  
 Skye 2 Kinlochshiel  
 Lochaber 3 Glenurquhart 3  
 Beaulieu 2 Oban Camanachd

**Artemis Macaulay Cup 1st Round**  
 Oban Celtic 4 Taynuilt 1

**Strathdearn Cup 2nd Round**  
 Fort William 2 Lochcarron 3

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
 Inverness 0 Kilmallie 5

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 Aberdeen Uni 2 Glangarry 1  
 Kinlochshiel 4 Kingussie 2  
 Newtonmore 4 Glenurquhart 3  
 Skye 2 Lovat 3

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
 Glenochy 1 Lochside Rovers  
 Bute 8 Kilmory 3

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
 Ballachulish 15 Glasgow MA 0  
 Inveraray 1 Col Glen 1  
 Kyles Athletic 6 Bute 2

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
 Kilmallie 2 Lochbroom 1  
 Lewis 0 Boleskine 2  
 Lochaber 9 Strathspay 0  
 Strathglass 5 Inverness 0

**KYLES ATHLETIC** progressed into the quarter finals of this season's Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup with a narrow 1-0 win over Argyll rivals Inveraray.

Roberto Zavaroni, who was signed at the beginning of this season, got the crucial goal in a match that was dominated by the performance of the two goalkeepers.

Kyles fans saw the return of full backs Donald Irvine and Calum Miller, who have been missing for much of the league season. Their presence alone on Saturday demonstrated the desire Kyles have to retain the Scottish Cup this season, with the league title now all but outwith their grasp.

Trainer James Perlich said: 'Roberto is a good player and, after a slow start to the season, he is really starting to gel with the forward line. 'Having Donald and Calum back allowed us to push other players forward, so we were close to having the team that we would have liked all season.'

The draw for the next round of the competition, made on Monday, has been kind to the Tighnabruich men, who will play Beaulieu at home.

Perlich said: 'It is a good draw but I will be giving Beaulieu the respect they deserve.'

'GMA took us to a replay last season because they got their tactics right on the day.'

'If Beaulieu do the same, it could put us in a very awkward position.'

**FORT WILLIAM** will meet local rivals Lochaber in the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup quarter-final - if the Spean Bridge men can dispose of Glenurquhart at the second time of asking.

Fort booked their slot with a 4-1 home win over Glasgow Mid Argyll - but the scoreline does tell the true story of a match in which the visitors made things distinctly uncomfortable for their much-fancied hosts.

Daniel Stewart put the An Aird men one up almost from the throw-up but GMA made a real game of it. Gary Innes and Duncan Rodger goals made it 3-0 but Ryan Harrison cut the deficit just before the break and a late Stewart goal was all Fort had to show for their second half efforts.

Co-manager Victor Smith told *The Oban Times* GMA were a very good side and would grace the new National Division 1 next season.

'We did just enough and myself and Adi [Robertson] will be looking for improvement all over the park,' he said.

**LOCHABER** and **GLENURQUHART** have it all to do again in the Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup after the sides could not be separated in last weekend's enthralling 3-3 draw at Spean Bridge.

At stake is a plum quarter-final tie against Fort William and the prospect of a local derby is an exciting one for Lochaber, who were deprived of a 3-2 win by Ewan Brady's strike deep into injury time.

Brady opened the scoring 10 minutes before the break in the end-to-end encounter before Zandz Ferguson levelled on 53 minutes.

Neale Reid edged the Glen back in front 11 minutes later but urged on by a vocal home support Lochaber redoubled their efforts and Stuart Callison scored a deserved equaliser on 72 minutes.

When Ferguson notched his second on 83 minutes Lochaber looked to have done enough, but to the great perplexity of the Spean contingent added time never seemed to end and Brady broke home hearts with the last hit of the game.

Former Lochaber manager Michael Delaney said: 'I don't know where all the extra time came from. There weren't even any injuries.'

Lochaber forward Ben Delaney

will return from a one-match suspension for Saturday's clash at Blairbeg.

**OBAN CAMANACHD** manager Gussie Campbell admitted Beaulieu were the hungrier side in their Camanachd Cup tie last Saturday, which the visitors lost 2-0.

Campbell denied his side were complacent going into the fixture against the North Division One side but admitted their performance was among the poorest he had seen this season.

'I knew it would be a hard game but what is more disappointing than the defeat is the way we went out of the competition,' said Campbell.

'This season we have set a level of performance that is expected every week and that just wasn't there on Saturday.'

'We have matched everyone in the premier league but to play so poorly in a cup tie is really disappointing.'

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'We are almost back to full strength and we hope to have Chris Sellar and Rory Kennedy back in a couple of weeks.'

Against Strachur, Calum Stewart opened the scoring on 10 minutes before a Danny MacRae double and a Scott Chisholm strike put the Badenoch men on easy street.

Further goals from Stewart and Fraser MacKintosh put More 6-0 up at the break and a second half Glen MacKintosh hat-trick was just the icing on the cake as More cruised through.

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mistake about it. Skye did not deserve to get anything out of the game and it was frustrating for the manager when the supporters get on your back.

'Take nothing away from Kinlochshiel but in terms of shinty skills there was nothing between the teams. It's just that they were fitter towards the end - and if you're fitter, you're sharper. If you have not got the fitness you can't compete in a premier league.'

Jordie Murchison had Skye ahead after 10 minutes and the islanders should have added to their lead, but Gordie MacDonald suckered them with a double before the break.

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Neil Carmichael celebrates his goal for Oban Celtic. Picture Kev McGlynn

the scoresheet soon after and Neil Carmichael added a fourth against 11-man Taynuilt.

Club president David Hamilton said: 'The sending off didn't do us any harm but Ally scored two spectacular goals and when Gary scored before half time it was game over. It was good to get back to scoring goals.'

Oban Celtic have no game this weekend.

**TAYNUILT** manager Willie Gillies says this weekend's home tie against Kilmory is a must win if his side are to avoid finishing bottom of Marine Harvest South Division One.

Gillies has made a new signing in Sean Kelly and is attempting to coax Duncan Gillies from self-enforced absence. Meanwhile, Gillies hopes to have fullback Iain MacDonald in the squad following a knee injury.

The timely additions to the squad come as Marc Beaton faces a two-game suspension after being sent off in the 4-0 defeat to Oban Celtic, the same game in which James MacLaren suffered a knee injury.

On the defeat last weekend, Gillies said: 'The sending off changed the game but I got a lot more effort from the players than I have seen in recent weeks, so I was pleased with that.'

Gillies singled out goalkeeper Gary Cameron, who had a penalty stop among his list of saves.

**LOCHSIDE ROVERS** take on top-of-the-table Aberdour this weekend, hoping to reverse their fortunes from the past two

weeks, which have seen a drop in form.

The Oban side lost 1-0 at Dalmally last Saturday but could replace the Fifers at the top of South Division One with a big win.

**BUTE** will expect to progress in the Balliemore Cup when they host Strachur at The Meadows on Saturday.

The islanders have found some form in recent weeks, last week hammering Kilmory 8-3 in the league with Robert Walker bagging six goals and Gordon MacMillan and John MacCallum adding one each.

**GLENGARRY** travel up the A82 to take on Glenurquhart in Marine Harvest North

## Heartbreak as penalty hoodoo hits Saints again

Three players taken to hospital

THERE was more penalty shoot-out agony for Oban Saints on Sunday in the final of the Jimmy Marshall Cup - but the team suffered more than just broken hearts this time around. The Oban side lost 5-4 on penalties for the second successive cup final, having suffered the same fate against Alba Thistle in the Centenary Cup final in April.

Sunday's match at Somervell Park, Cambuslang, also finished goalless but by the time the players lined up for the penalty shoot-out Saints had already lost goalkeeper Daniel Cassells to a shoulder injury and Asen Gaydardzhiev and Dene Cassells with nasty head wounds.

The match began fairly evenly in the early stages with the first half-chance falling to Donald Campbell who came close with a good effort in the 14th minute. But Hillington were the more physical side in the opening exchanges and Saints were hit by a double blow in the 33rd minute when firstly Asen Gaydardzhiev had to leave the field, quickly followed by Dene Cassells, both with blood gushing from serious head wounds.

Just on the half time whistle Craig MacEwan had a good

**Jimmy Marshall Trophy - Final Hillington 0, Oban Saints 0 (Hillington win 5-4 on penalties)**



Daniel Cassells

chance but he headed over the bar and seconds from the whistle Mattie Rippon thundered a shot from 30 yards which came back off the post.

Saints started the second half well but were dealt a major blow when keeper Cassells collided with Kyle Young and had to leave the field. Central defender Alex Craik took over between the posts.

Although losing three key players to injury it was the Oban side who started to dominate and Donald Campbell had a great chance in the 77th minute when he was through on goal but his shot was saved. This was the last

clear-cut scoring chance of the game and when referee Darren Murray, who had a good game, blew for full time it was down to the dreaded penalty shoot-out.

With both teams scoring their first four penalties, it was the unfortunate Donald Campbell - so often the Saints' saviour - who saw his crucial spot kick saved. Disappointed Saints manager Iain Jackson said: 'That was another game we should have won. 'We were the better team, created a few good scoring chances, but failed to take them. The injuries didn't help our cause, but the boys who came on played well. 'We've had a great season, but no silverware to show for it. I'm gutted for the players because they've worked really hard all season - football can be a very cruel game.'

Saints will soon begin preparations for the Keyline Cup Tournament on July 13 but first have to play their last game of a very long season when they travel to take on Thorn Athletic on Saturday. The match will take place at the MacMaster Centre, Johnstone with a noon kick-off. The club said Daniel Cassells may need to have to have an operation on his shoulder.

## McKerracher signs for Dumbarton

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A YOUNG footballer from Oban has signed senior forms with Dumbarton Football Club after four years in the club's Pro Youth set-up.

On Monday Sons boss Ian Murray confirmed 16-year-old Ally McKerracher as a new addition to his first-team squad for season 2013/14.

The former Park Primary School and Oban High School pupil impressed the manager during last season with the under-17 and the reserve teams.

After signing for the part-time team Ally, who last season was sponsored by *The Oban Times*, said: 'I was delighted to sign for Dumbarton, who gave me a chance four years ago and have helped my development as a player. 'I see this as the next step in achieving my ambition to become a professional footballer.'



Ally McKerracher has signed a senior contract with Dumbarton Football Club.

Manager Murray, a former Scotland international, described the Pro Youth graduate as 'one for the future'. He added: 'Ally has been

getting positive reviews from all the coaches during his time with us and we are happy that he has committed himself to Dumbarton.'



Taynuilt road racer Robert Wilson has been competing at this year's Isle of Man TT, finishing a creditable 14th position in the Supersport class race on Monday, during which he maintained an average speed of 119.2mph round the 37-mile circuit. His next race was scheduled for yesterday (Wednesday). Picture - John MacFavish

## Argyll regain Paterson trophy

ARGYLL Select won the Joe Paterson Memorial Trophy for the first time since 2006 after a penalty shoot-out against the Scottish Amateur League Select.

The match was played at Cil Andres, Tarbert, the venue of Argyll's last triumph in the annual tie.

With no Oban Saints players available because of their participation in the Jimmy Marshall Cup Final, the squad was made up of players from

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**Joe Paterson Trophy Argyll Select 2 SAFL Select 2 (Argyll win 4-1 on penalties)**

Tarbert, Campbeltown Pupils and Lochgilphead Red Star.

Tarbert goalkeeper John Martin saved a first half penalty before James Prentice scored two superb goals to give Argyll a 2-0 half time lead. The visitors got themselves

back into the match after an hour when a free kick was fired into the box and a Scottish forward reacted first to head the ball past Martin. The Scottish were soon level as they equalised in spectacular fashion as the central defender shot into the roof of the net from 30 yards.

After the match the players and officials from both sides retired to the Tarbert Hotel where a delighted Craig Martin took delivery of the Joe Paterson trophy on behalf of the Argyll team.

## Hall wins Atlantis Loch Creran 10k

LOCH Creran was the setting for the second event of the Atlantis 2013 race series. Held last Wednesday, the race followed a 10k route around the old road.

The course ran in an anti-clockwise direction around the loch, making it fairly flat for the first seven kilometres but with a significant climb up to the nine-kilometre mark and then a steep downhill run to the finish.

First male to cross the line was Alastair Hall in a time of 42.30.

Finlay Walton was second in 43.48 and Ian Milarvie finished in third place in 45.08. A sprint for the line by David Love gave him a share of fourth spot with DJ Barr - both finishing in a

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time of 46.05. Jo Smith was first woman home in a time of 49.30. Shaking off recent injuries Deirdre MacAulay managed a creditable second place in 53.47. Kathryn Campbell was third female to finish in at time of 56.19.

There is another chance for runners to tackle the Loch Creran 10k route on Wednesday, July 31, but on this occasion the race will follow a clockwise direction. In the meantime the next race in the Atlantis 2013 series will be a 5k on June 26.

### SAILING

#### Oban Sailing Club keelboat regatta

ERIC and Irena Chapman's *Amber Haze* took the overall prize at the Oban Town Keelboat Regatta, which took place over last weekend.

Amber Haze took first place in the Sunday race for the Bulloch Lade Rosebowl, which was enough to give the Chapmans the overall prize of the Norman Morrison Plate.

Billy Forteith's *Shadowfax* had come first in the Saturday race for the Hugh Cameron Trophy, giving him second place overall.

Alison Chadwick's *Hot Toddy* was third overall.

Competitors thanked race officers Joey and Verna Gough for their assistance over the course of the competition, which was raced in good conditions.



John McPhee was in confident mood on the starting grid.

Photo: Bonnie Lane

## Bike problems mar McPhee's race

A PROMISING opening lap by Connel racer John McPhee in the Moto3 race at Mugello, Italy on Sunday was scuppered by bike handling problems as he dropped down the order.

Handling

The Caretta Technology RTG rider finished down in 16th place following pre-race suspension changes which upset the

handling on his FTR Honda.

The teenager had made strong start to climb from 14th on the grid to ninth by the end of the opening lap but slipped gradually back down the order as the bike's handling woes hampered his race pace.

Round six of the Moto3 championship takes place at Catalunya in two weeks' time.

## Weather

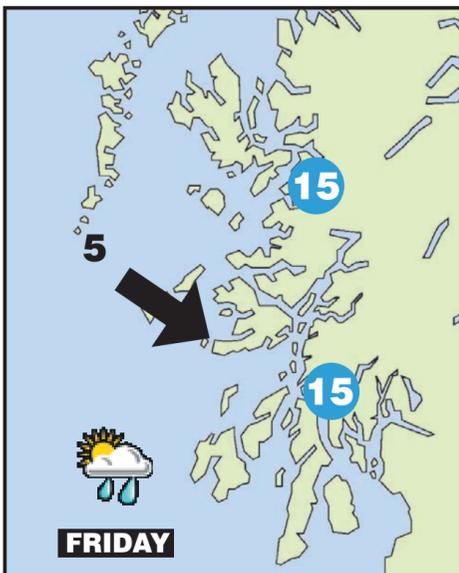
**Thursday** Sunny  
Winds light, south westerly  
Temperatures 8°C to 15°C

**Friday** Cloudy with light showers  
Winds light, west north westerly  
Temperatures 7°C to 15°C.

**Weekend** Sunny intervals and showers  
**Outlook** Winds moderate, southerly  
Temperatures 6°C to 16°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, June 6, 2013 are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur 04.09	3.4 10.12 1.2 16.19 3.4 22.56 1.3	
Fri 04.46	3.5 10.59 1.1 16.56 3.6 23.39 1.2	
Sat 05.23	3.6 11.35 1.1 17.32 3.7 ** ** *	
Sun 00.11	1.2 05.59 3.7 12.13 1.0 18.08 3.8	
Mon 04.47	1.3 06.36 3.7 12.50 1.0 18.43 3.8	
Tues 01.23	1.3 07.12 3.6 13.27 1.1 19.18 3.8	
Wed 02.00	1.4 07.47 3.6 14.02 1.2 19.52 3.7	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrihaig	-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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