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Community launches bid to move into Argyll and Bute

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AT A TIME when major political decisions are about to be made, Strathfillan Community Council is facing one of its own. Its members are considering asking the Scottish Government to allow them to transfer from Stirling Council to Argyll and Bute.

Councillor Roddy McCuish (Oban South and the Isles) has described this as 'fantastic news' and said: 'We'd welcome them with open arms.'

The move has been suggested as a solution to problems the community currently faces in relation to public transport.

David Gallant, transport spokesman for Oban Community Council, was recorded in the draft minutes from the Strathfillan meeting in May as telling those present he had met Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Joint Scheme Committee, and it had come to his attention that elderly and disabled people in Tyndrum and Crianlarich do not benefit from the same cheaper travel as those in Bridge of Orchy. SPT told Mr Gallant that residents of the two villages would only be able to access the same benefits if the Scottish Government transferred the area from Stirling to Argyll and Bute Council.

Aside from travel costs, there could also be health and education benefits to the switch.

As part of Argyll and Bute, residents would be referred to Oban's Lorn and the Isles Hospital or the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley for treatment, both of which are far easier to access by train than the

Forth Valley Royal Hospital at Larbert, which they use now, and would utilise concessionary fares.

Vice-chairman Alan Smailes said: 'We have been pushing NHS Forth Valley for the option to travel to Oban hospital. If we could have better access to services in the west, it would be much easier for our community.'

Also, if Strathfillan children were able to attend Oban High School as opposed to McLaren High in Callander, not only would this make it easier for them to attend after-school activities, it would bring about changes to the train schedule between Oban and Glasgow, whereby trains bringing pupils back to Dalmally would continue onto Glasgow, stopping in Tyndrum and Crianlarich. This would mean an extra daily service in each direction, which would benefit the community.

Mr Gallant told *The Oban Times* that Strathfillan Community Councillors are 'quite keen on change. It's dissatisfaction that's grown over a number of years.'

To make this transfer, the community council would first have to carry out a public consultation within the community. If the public were behind the idea, Stirling and Argyll and Bute Councils would have to agree to the transfer but the Scottish Government would make the decision.

Stirling Councillor Alycia Hayes (Trossachs and Teith) was not in favour of moving to Argyll and Bute, saying: 'I don't believe we would have to redraw the boundaries, though I can understand why this option has been given by SPT. The Boundary Commission would then have to redraw all other boundaries as it is based on population numbers. I don't

think this will happen.'

Community councillor Isla Craig raised concerns over educational differences between the council areas, highlighting the case of Killin Primary, where there is a shared headship.

Ms Hayes suggested a cross boundary agreement, whereby there could be an exchange of subsidy to permit SPT to extend that subsidy to two stations in the Strathfillan area.

As there is already some sort of system like this in place, whereby Bridge of Orchy pupils, from Argyll and Bute, go to McLaren High, it was suggested such a cross-boundary agreement would be better than a fixed-boundary change.

The community council agreed to approach Stirling Council and to contact the local transport authority regarding the concessionary agreement.

Speaking about this at an Oban Community Council meeting on May 30, Mr Gallant said: 'Stirling councillors were not in favour. Seemingly, they didn't want to lose Tyndrum and Crianlarich, but Strathfillan Community Councillors were in favour.'

At time of going to press Mr Smailes, told *The Oban Times* there had been no further developments, saying: 'We have discussed this in the past but always came back to the same conclusion - better the devil you know. No matter which council area we are in, we'd always be at the limit of their boundaries.'

'David certainly put forward a compelling argument regarding transport, health and education issues. We need more time to discuss all the issues in greater depth before we could put forward an argument for or against such a proposal.'

Bikers are in the pink for cancer



Dozens of bikers resplendent in pink roared into Oban on Friday as part of an annual charity effort for Macmillan Cancer Support. And among the motorcyclists was Carol Barker, left, who painted a poignant picture which was presented to nurse Donna MacKenzie at Oban hospital. Full story - page two.

TIMESLINE

Passengers left high and dry as cruise is called off

PASSENGERS on the Hebridean Princess ship were left disappointed last month after their cruise was cut short.

The vessel had left Oban for a week-long cruise on Tuesday, May 17, but passengers were forced to leave the ship on the Friday at Stornoway following a 'technical issue'.

One woman on board, who asked not to be named, claimed paying customers were asked to leave hurriedly and unexpectedly with no explanation from the vessel's owner, Hebridean Island Cruises.

However, a spokesman for the company said: 'Hebridean Island Cruises can confirm that its cruise with Hebridean Princess that departed Oban on May 17 had to be curtailed on May 20 due to a technical issue. All of the customers were disembarked in Stornoway where arrangements were made for their onward journeys.'

'The technical issue has been addressed and the Hebridean Princess departed Oban on Tuesday evening (May 24) for the seven-night St Kilda, Islands on the Edge cruise.'

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Meeting set to address unsafe road

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A DATE has been set by the 'joint owners' of Dunbeg's 'dangerous' Kirk Road to agree their share of the repair costs, following a public meeting on Tuesday.

The single-track Kirk Road runs for 900m from Jane Road to Dunstaffnage Castle car park and is used by hundreds of villagers, workers and tourists each day. It gives access to the European Marine Science Park, owned by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), used by commuters to the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), and by staff, parents and toddlers at Argyll College UHI's nursery.

West Highland Housing Association (WHHA) has also built 50 new flats and houses in Marine Court near Dun-

staffnage Mains, with 25 more dwellings due to be finished this year. And around 18,000 tourists visit Dunstaffnage Castle.

But parts of Kirk Road have degraded badly, with potholes and deep ruts, leaving pedestrians and drivers few options to avoid oncoming traffic. 'The road wasn't built for what's on it,' one resident told *The Oban Times*. 'There are more cars down there than ever. There is no pavement.'

One commuter added: 'There are a number of dangers and it's unlit. It's only a matter of time before someone gets knocked down. Walkers are almost invisible at night.'

Another Kirk Road resident said she sees cars 'racing all the time' through chicanes, installed by Argyll and Bute Council (A&BC) to reduce speed.

Dunbeg Community Council convenor

Gwyneth Neal chaired the meeting, and began by recounting residents' near misses. She said: 'A lady almost lost her baby. It's a disgrace. Kirk Road is not safe.'

SAMS deputy director Axel Miller added: 'There are different views on who is responsible for different portions. To bring everyone round the table, it should be straightforward: it's not rocket science. We'll pursue the footpath idea.'

Councillor Roddy McCuish said responsibility for the road between the church and old cattle grid belonged to the council, and beyond to the castle was jointly owned by Dunstaffnage Estates, SAMS, HES and HIE. He added WHHA also has a 'moral responsibility because their houses in Marine Court have increased the traffic.'

The stakeholder meeting is at 10am on June 28 at SAMS.

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Castle reopens after major repair and renovation project



Oban High volunteers Harry Johnston, Toby MacFarlane-Barrow, Lorn MacFarlane, Katrina Pick, Alan Kerr, Nicola MacCallum and Caitlin Cook and, above, Melanie Davies, community engagement officer, gets a bird's eye view of the work.

DUNOLLIE Castle has re-opened after renovations costing £260,000. Collapsing masonry had necessitated urgent repairs to the 13th-century MacDougall clan seat. The social enterprise Dunollie Projects, to whom the castle was gifted by the MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust in 2013, had to raise the cash to make the

ancient vantage point of the Kings of Dalriada safe for visitors. The team behind Dunollie Museum, Castle and Grounds closed the building while they found funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, visitor donations and the Clan MacDougall Society of North America. The work to remove ivy, stabilise walls

and build three new interpretive cairns was completed last week. Staff and donors celebrated as Oban High School volunteers at Dunollie cut the ribbon into the castle vault on Friday, to the tune of Rosalie MacDougall's *Welcome to Brisbane*, played by clan piper's son Donald MacDougall. 'Look at it: it's fabulous,' said Jane

Isaacson, Dunollie's sustainability development manager. 'It's the heart of Dunollie. It's been difficult while it was closed. It's been a huge job to get the funding.' Robin MacDougall Morley, son of the current chief, Morag MacDougall of MacDougall, added: 'We're impressed. This is the biggest change I've known.'

Seil group is ready to take on Scottish Water bosses

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THE first meeting of a community stakeholder group to discuss Scottish Water's solutions to its failing sewage plant on Seil is set to spar over the appointment of an independent expert. Since 2012, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has recorded Balvicar's eight-year-old, £11 million Clachan Seil Waste Water Works discharging untreated sewage into Seil Sound. Scottish Water's (SW) £1.8 million proposal to pump sewage over the hill into a septic tank at Seaview Terrace near Ellenabeich and then into a marine conservation area has been deemed by residents 'the cheapest and nastiest solution' and 'breath-taking in its ineptitude'. In an April letter, waste water services strategy general man-

ager Rob Mustard reinforced Scottish Water's 'commitment to look at a number of options to find a viable long-term solution for Seil Island'. Noting residents' requests for evidence, Mr Mustard replied: 'I believe our activities over the coming months will provide the community with the reassurance that we will fully assess a range of options.' The options will be outlined at the first meeting of a community stakeholder group on June 6, regional communities manager Ruairidh MacGregor wrote to inform the community council, which had argued: 'It is absolutely essential the community has full confidence in the efficacy of the stakeholder group to voice concerns and, more importantly, to influence the outcome.' The meeting will be attended by Scottish Water's chief executive Douglas Millican, and

chaired by Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell. The group will also comprise three ward councillors, four SW officers, a SEPA official, and four community representatives nominated by Seil and Easdale Community Council, whom SW is keen will be 'a fair representation of the wider community's views and opinions'. Scottish Water also introduced 'external expert' Ian Clifforde 'to help guide thinking and provide additional reassurance', and distributed his CV. It says Mr Clifforde, a technical director of water engineers Black & Veatch from 2002 to 2013, now works as an independent consultant providing 'assurance review and audit roles for the waste water sectors of Scottish Water and DWR Cymru Welsh Water business plans'. But local trust in Scottish Water is low. Community councillor Anne Marie Robin summed

up feelings at Seil and Easdale Community Council on Tuesday May 26 when she said: 'We don't trust them one bit after the last fiasco. We need everything transparent from the start.' One member of the public reacted: 'European legislation requires stakeholder groups to have an independent expert. They need to be seen to be independent, and they've already appointed an independent expert.' Another said: 'Scottish Water have made such a cock-up so far, and they've imposed an independent expert on us. It should have been down to us to appoint one.' A third added: 'We are in no position to dictate a new expert because we don't pay for them - Scottish Water does.' Chairman Seumas Anderson said: 'They made a mess of the last system but they've been open with us on this issue.' Another resident agreed:

'Scottish Water are well aware of the damage they have done in this community. They are in a different place now: they are listening - and the stakeholder group is part of that.' Councillor Elaine Robertson appealed: 'The stakeholder group will report to the community council and SW plans a public information event later in June. At the end, the meeting applauded the 'humour, patience, and many hours of unpaid work' of Mr Anderson, who stepped down as the Seil and Easdale Community Council convener after a dozen years in the chair. Secretary Julie Ferris paid tribute to his 'great efforts to take a balanced view and to represent everyone's views. You will be a hard act to follow.'

Whale trust opens new visitor centre on Mull

THE HEBRIDEAN Whale and Dolphin Trust (HWDT) has opened the doors to its new visitor centre on Tobermory's Main Street. The newly renovated premises, funded by a grant from the Coastal Communities Fund, have become an informative hub, highlighting the different species of cetaceans - whales, dolphins and porpoises - found in the Hebrides, as well as the conservation work of the trust. Visitor centre manager Pauline Massey said: 'The centre is generating a lot of interest and visitors are complimenting us on our new and improved look. The 'underwater' room is proving to be especially popular

with our younger visitors.' Ella Potts, visitor centre assistant, added: 'This is such a fantastic space in which to learn about our local cetaceans - I think people will be amazed to learn about the diversity of species we have here through our free talks and workshops. We even have real bone, teeth and baleen samples to play with.' There will be a large touchscreen facility allowing people to interact with data collected by the trust aboard its research yacht, Silurian, and understand its applications. There is also a dedicated children's room, with games and puzzles. Throughout the season,

HWDT staff and volunteers will run a series of programmes and events from the centre, including daily porpoise spotting tours, teaching participants how to scan and survey from land. There will also be daily talks at 3.30pm and workshops running throughout the day in the centre or on the beach, as well as special events with guest speakers on Thursday evenings throughout the summer. The centre is open seven days a week during the season from 10.30am-4.30pm and entry is free, with donations welcome. Some specific events may have admission charges. To find out more email visitorcentre@hwdt.org.



The new whale and dolphin centre is a hit with younger visitors.

POLICE FILES

SEVEN people were caught speeding on the A85 near Arrivain farm over the past week. Oban police carried out a number of speed checks on this stretch of road and found seven motorists who were travelling more than 80mph, with three recorded at more than 100mph.

TWO MOTORISTS have been reported for careless driving after four cars were involved in a crash on the A85 near the Wide Mouthed Frog last Saturday. Two women were taken to Oban hospital following the incident at 2.10pm, but were released after being treated for minor injuries. The road was closed for several hours.

A 37-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with careless driving after an accident involving five cars near Achnacloch bridge on Monday.

POLICE are appealing for

witnesses after an act of vandalism at the Rockport Hotel in Oban. Two windows were smashed in the early hours of Sunday morning.

A 45-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested for assault and being in possession of a knife on Saturday May 24. The alleged incident took place at 2pm at Queens Park Place in Oban. The man appeared at Oban Sheriff Court on May 26 and was remanded in custody.

A 32-YEAR-OLD man was arrested for obstructing a drug search in Colonsay Terrace, Oban, last Sunday. He appeared at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday and was remanded in custody.

A 49-YEAR-OLD man was arrested for breach of the peace at the weekend. He appeared at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday from custody. He was released on bail.



Pupils bid a fond farewell to library van
PUPILS at Bunesan Primary School made and presented a card to Ian at the mobile library during the van's final visit to the school on Tuesday. They thanked him for bringing all the books to them every month and said they were sorry they won't see the van again.

Bikers are in the pink for charity ride into Oban

A MOTORCYCLE gang boasting Mohawk-styled helmets made their way to Oban last Friday - dressed in bright pink. The friendly bunch were Breast Way Round, which is made up of mostly female members, with the few men in the group having to wear pink bras over their motorcycle gear. They travel round Scotland one weekend a year to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Paul Barker, one of the founding members, said: 'It came about when my friend, Ali, got ill and she couldn't ride any more, so we built her a trike - but she never got to do the ride.' The bikers have raised £301,000 since they started in 2008 and next year will mark the 10th time the annual Breast Way Round bike ride has taken

place. The bikers donated a colourful picture of a rainbow rose created by Carol Barker, one of the members, to Lorn & Island District General Hospital. Paul said that the rose had become a symbol for the group. He continued: 'We do all sorts of collections and put on various events to raise money for charity. It's a privilege to be a part of it.' Donna MacKenzie, a Macmillan specialist nurse, added: 'It's a fantastic event that raises a lot of money and it's lovely to have them here. I think there's more of them this year, but there's a lot of familiar faces.' 'The picture they donated is beautiful and colourful and we will definitely find a space on the wall for it as it will brighten up the place.' For more information, visit www.breastwayround.com.

Tiree video project aims attract new teaching staff

TIREE High School's Parent Council is releasing a video designed to promote the island and attract new teaching staff. The initiative comes at a time when there are a number of posts to be filled in the school, including the head teacher vacancy. The Parent Council has worked with the school and local authority to help make this recruitment process easier.

Will Wright, chairman of the Parent Council, said: 'The film has been made to promote Tiree as a place to work, live and be part of the community, and the high school is a big part of that. We wanted to show Tiree for the beautiful place that it is.' Pupils from the school were involved with the making of the video, which can be found on the Teach in Tiree website at <http://teachintiree.co.uk>.

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Drug dealer had thousands of pills hidden at partner's home

AN OBAN drug dealer was jailed for 10 months last week after police found nearly 3,000 diazepam-style tablets hidden in his girlfriend's home.

During the case at Oban Sheriff Court, a police witness said the west coast of Scotland 'was awash' with the drug and its variants.

Stephen Kelly initially denied being concerned in the supply of the tablets, which he believed to contain diazepam, and attempting to supply them to others. Part way through his trial at Oban Sheriff Court last week he changed his plea to guilty. The 52-year-old also admitted possession of heroin.

The court was told that four officers went to raid the address at Sinclair Drive, Oban, on April 23 last year. They arrived with a search warrant but did not have to break the door down as it was unlocked and they just walked in and found Kelly, his girlfriend and another man and woman.

A total of 2,915 blue tablets were found in different locations in the property and procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty

Court is told: 'West of Scotland is awash with drugs'

DETECTIVE Constable Greig Baxter said that the drug etizolam is coming into Scotland mainly from India and China, and is one of a number of different compounds similar to diazepam.

The tablets have a street value of between 50 pence and £1 each and are frequently used alongside heroin. Other variations are phenazepam and disclazepam

Detective Constable Baxter said: 'No-one knows what they are buying; sometimes the tablets contain nothing; others just caffeine.'

'The west coast of Scotland is awash with them. 'Etizolam causes major issues.'

The tablets are used by heroin addicts to lessen the after effects of heroin. It has been prevalent since 2013.

said there were other signs of drug dealing paraphernalia: a small set of scales, bags and cling film, and a quantity of white envelopes. Used, burned, tin foil with heroin residue on it was also found. The officer leading the raid said that earlier they had come across a known drug user in the town with blue tablets in a similar white envelope.

Another officer said that Kelly's girlfriend had been upset and shouted during the search: 'You can do a test on me - I didn't do any of it.'

Kelly told the officers: 'All the drugs

are mine.'

But the tablets were not what they appeared to be. Test revealed they were etizolam, Detective Constable Greig Baxter a Police Scotland expert on drugs told the court.

'It is similar to diazepam; a similar compound. It was not a controlled substance in the UK.'

Kelly's defence agent said that he had that large amount of tablets for his own personal use but the detective discounted this.

'Three thousand tablets is way, way in

excess of anything I have ever heard of for personal use,' he said. 'This is someone buying for onward sales and supply.'

When Kelly changed his plea to guilty, Sheriff Anderson said there were two alternatives: custody or a drug treatment-and-testing order (DTTO), a strict regime which is an alternative to prison. The order is supervised by a medical consultant, nursing staff, a resource worker and a social worker. There is a monthly report back to the court and if an addict does not comply, they are sent to prison.

Jane McLaren, Kelly's defence agent argued that he should be allowed to take part in treatment and not prison as he had been on remand for a month and during that time in prison he had come off heroin.

'He had become a very chronic and heavy user,' she said, adding that at times he needed five 'tenner bags' a day and was drinking two bottles of vodka. 'This is not a well man. He was taken into hospital - his addiction got control of him and he was in a downward spiral,' she said.

But Sheriff Anderson sentenced him to a total of 10 months in prison. She said: 'I am not persuaded at this juncture that a DTTO is the right road to go down.'

'Perhaps when you come out you will be that bit stronger and able to deal with the matter within the community.'

His partner is being considered for the order and the sheriff felt that at this stage they would stand a better chance of success separately and then be able to support each other.

Directory is set by postcodes

FOLLOWING last week's report in *The Oban Times* about BT splitting Oban into two different phone books and two different regions, the telecommunications company has issued a statement.

A spokesperson for the company has said: 'BT delivers 168 separate geographical editions of the phone book across the UK.'

'These editions are split geographically based on groups of postcode listings sourced from Royal Mail.'

'Lismore, part of Ardnarmurchan and some parts of Oban share the PA34 5XX postcode ranges. Historically, these postcodes have been included in the Highlands and Islands phone book rather than the Lomond and Argyll edition.'

'Where, inevitably, homes or businesses sit on the boundary of two phone book editions, our teams will help.'

'Subject to stock availability, customers can request the neighbouring phone book to their own area. The customer service team can be contacted on 0800 833 400.'

'The phone book is also available to search for free online at thephonebook.bt.com.'

Caroline, 100, is guest of honour at bank opening

CENTENARIAN Caroline Jamieson from Taynuilt, the oldest customer at the Oban branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland, officially reopened the George Street bank on Friday after its first makeover in 20 years.

The branch now has a new look: the 'traditional' bank counter has been replaced by an open plan counter, and it has been fitted with modern technology, such as upgraded ATMs and cash and deposit machines and free Wi-Fi and iPads so customers can register with online banking.

The refurbishment is part of RBS's £450m investment into upgrading UK branches.



Caroline Jamieson, aged 100, was presented with flowers after she cut the tape to open the RBS branch in Oban.

Cannabis discovery is costly

AN OBAN man must forfeit £210 and do 250 hours of unpaid community work after cannabis was found at his home.

Garry Norman Higgins, 41, of Coruisk, Corran Brae, admitted being concerned in the supply of cannabis at his home on January 6 this year.

The town's sheriff court heard last week that Higgins co-operated fully with the police when they searched his home and found 34g of herbal cannabis, along with drug-dealing paraphernalia and the cash. He said this was rent money.

'It is the provenance, not the purpose, of the court is interested in,' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC.

His defence agent said that Higgins, 'a hard-working family man', had begun to use the drug after a back injury. Sheriff Anderson said that was a standard excuse.

REFERENDUM SPECIAL: Beginning today, The Oban Times brings views from community leaders

Rt Rev Brian McGee, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles



REFLECTING on the forthcoming vote, we should recognise the historic nature of this referendum and its implications for future generations. The outcome will have consequences for the future of our country, Europe and for the world.

I believe three things are essential as we prepare to make this historic decision:

1. that we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
2. that we all inform ourselves of the arguments on both sides of the debate;
3. that we each exercise our vote with a view to the common good of all.

Our focus needs to be, above all, on the human person. We need to build a Europe "which revolves not around the economy but around the sacredness of the human person, around inalienable values", in the Pope's

words. We all have a responsibility to keep the dignity of the human person at the forefront of the debate.

We must ask ourselves, in the face of every issue, what will best serve the dignity of all people both within Europe and beyond.

This referendum, therefore, is about much more than economics and personalities. We should never forget the profoundly religious roots of European nations; that Europe has a 2000-year-old Christian culture that has shaped the continent and is a dynamic spiritual, moral and intellectual resource as we address the future.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we need continually to ask ourselves: who is my neighbour? In response to grave challenges, we are called to be generous and welcoming to all others, especially the most vulnerable.

Each person will have their own views about the best political framework in which to realise these ideals. There is no definitive framework which is more Catholic or Christian than any other.

This referendum is an opportunity to reflect on those values we cherish as a nation. High among these values are mutual respect and civility, vital in this national conversation about the very future of our nation within the world.

Before voting, we might ask ourselves the following question: How, in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?

As you prepare to vote, you may wish to offer this prayer: "Lord, grant us wisdom that we may walk with integrity, guarding the path of justice, and knowing the protection of your loving care for all."

Brendan O'Hara, MP for Argyll and Bute



JUST weeks after Scotland went to the polls to elect the new government, we are being asked to vote again on June 23 when we decide whether we should remain part of the European Union.

While everyone understands how important those Scottish Parliament elections were for the future of our schools, our hospitals and our public services, I worry that the importance of the European Union to our everyday lives gets overlooked.

For the past 70 years, the EU has delivered peace and prosperity to a continent traditionally at loggerheads, and all too frequently at war with itself.

I believe that membership of the EU has made us wealthier, healthier and greener. Our society is fairer and our economy stronger.

The EU benefits business, large and small, giving them access to shared markets and flows of trade, investment and labour. Exports to the EU make up around 44 per cent of total exports.

It's good for the food and drink sector and important for Scotland and Argyll and Bute. We can access cheaper and better-quality goods.

Membership of the EU has made us safer. We have established close relationships with our EU partners working and adapting to the threats faced by the modern world. If the UK chooses to leave the EU, we risk losing access to European arrest warrants, the European criminal records system and EU-Interpol co-operation, vital for fighting terrorism and other crimes.

Membership of the EU has made us greener. Tackling climate change is bigger than one member state so we have to see the wider picture of our environment.

Membership of the European Union has made us fairer. Improved working conditions via shared regulations such as the Working Time Directive preventing employers obliging their workforce to work excessively long

hours, with implications for health and safety. EU legislation has also helped with non-discrimination and parental rights which have benefited so many families.

In terms of Scotland's role in the EU, we want to grow our influence to benefit Scottish jobs, businesses, our economy and our society. Tourism is vital to Scotland with overseas visitors spending £1.8 billion in 2014 - around £900 million of which was from visitors from within Europe.

I would never argue that the EU is perfect - far from it. Reforms are needed but we stand to lose far more by exiting now than we'd gain by cutting us off from the rest of the continent. Ultimately, on June 23 you will have to decide where we go from here.

I will be voting to remain because I'm convinced that, despite its faults, the EU is the best way to ensure we are wealthier, healthier, greener, fairer and safer.

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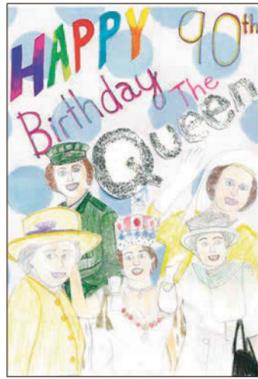
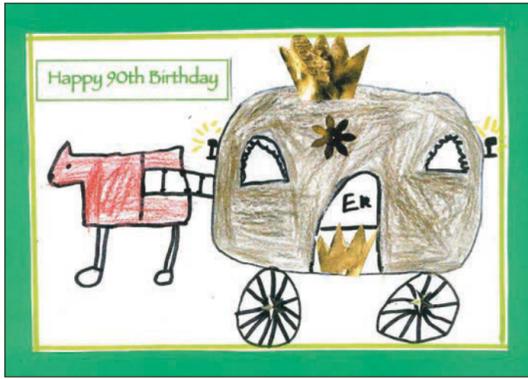
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NEXT weekend will see a street party held in Oban town centre to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

And part of the run-up to the big day has been an Argyll and Bute primary schools competition to design a birthday card for her majesty.

The competition has been in two categories – P1-P3 and P4-P7 – for which we can today reveal the winners.

The triumphant youngsters and schools who got busy showing their creative talents for the competition are Eoin Quinn, a primary two pupil at Castlehill in Campbelltown, and Charlotte Johnson, who is in primary seven at Rhu Primary. The winning cards will be sent to the Queen.



The winning cards came from Eoin Quinn, left, and Charlotte Johnson.

The street party in Station Square is only one of the big events next weekend, as it is being held in conjunction with

Oban and Lorn Lions Club's Charities Day.

That begins on Saturday, June 11, with the judging of the

charity stalls at 12.30pm before the big parade sets off from the Corran Halls at 1pm.

The winners of the best stalls

and best in parade titles will be presented with their prizes at 2.15pm, after which there will be the cutting of a whopping birthday cake courtesy of The Oban Times.

Entertainment will be provided during the afternoon by the HMS Neptune Babcock Band, the Sequence Choir, Oban FM, Oban Pipe Band, Boogies Choir and Laura Munro School of Dance. Fishermen's lunches and teas will be provided by MacGillivray's Tartan Shack, Oban's branch of Costa will be laying on coffee with cakes and biscuits, and shortbread will be laid on by McCaig's Warehouse.

Residents and visitors should be aware that no vehicles will be allowed into Station Square and there is likely to be other traffic disruption as a result of the festivities.



Charity effort is up and running

OBAN half-marathon runner Nathalie Porter has thanked sponsors for donating £363 in aid of Parkinson's UK, a charity which is helping to find a cure for and support sufferers of the degenerative nervous disorder.

Nathalie, who works at Eleanor's hair salon in the town, raised the money from the Inverness half-marathon.

She said: 'My granny had Parkinson's, so it's a charity close to my heart.'

Nathalie's sister, Marsaili, also ran the 13-mile course alongside her, with friends and family cheering them en route.

Voluntary group wins top award

A VOLUNTARY group from Oban which works in the community to organise a 10-day winter festival each November has been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in their communities.

The committee works closely with local business, charities and schools to put together a programme of events with something for people of all ages to enjoy, showcasing local crafts and skills to visitors and locals alike, inviting them to join in the celebrations while stimulating cultural activities, and boosting the local economy at a traditionally quiet time of year.

David Finlayson, from the Oban Winter Festival Committee, will attend a garden party at Holyrood on July 5 where he will meet the Queen and other winners of this year's award.

The Oban Winter Festival Committee is one of 193 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. The number of awards given to groups this year is slightly higher than last year, showing that the voluntary sector is thriving

and full of innovative ideas to tackle community challenges.

The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's golden jubilee and winners are announced each year on June 2 – the anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

The Oban Winter Festival Committee will receive the award from the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute later this summer.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Committee chairman, former broadcast journalist Sir Martyn Lewis said: 'I warmly congratulate all of the inspirational voluntary groups who have been rewarded for their community work with a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.'

'The judging panel for this year's awards were struck by the quality and breadth of all the successful groups.'

'The thousands of volunteers who give up spare time to help others in their community and to help solve problems demonstrate the very best of democracy in action.'

The Oban Winter Festival Committee said it is delighted and honoured to receive this award on behalf of all the volunteers, businesses, charities and groups who contribute to the event in many different ways.



The intrepid team aiming to be the first people to kayak around Loch Ness – and raise money for a very good cause.

Magnificent seven aim to notch up a kayaking first

SEVEN kayakers will each paddle 50 miles around Loch Ness in less than a day to raise money for the MS Therapy Centre in Oban.

The RNLI told the team this is the first time Scotland's iconic loch has been circumnavigated by kayak in under 24 hours.

The challenge starts on July 2, and the kayakers are hoping to raise £6,000 to buy state-of-the-art equipment to help MS patients, of whom there are 200 in Oban alone.

Helen Forteith, director of Oban's MS Therapy Centre, said: 'I'm delighted to be taking part in this challenge along with my husband John Forteith. Our son was diagnosed with MS aged 16, and this equipment will help MS patients build their arm and leg muscles regardless of how disabled they had become.'

John, who last year raised £6,500 for the centre by riding his motorbike 6,500 miles across 14 countries, added: 'In the Oban area there are reported to be over 200 MS sufferers. The equipment

will also be used by the local general hospital to treat severely physically affected patients suffering from a variant of conditions, not just MS.'

Loch Ness is 23 miles long, 900ft deep and contains more water than all the lakes in England and Wales combined. The challenge is expected to take at least 12 to 14 hours of non-stop paddling, and, if the weather is against them, it could take up to 16 hours. 'We're going to have arms like Popeye,' John said.

They will have the local Coastguard

and RNLI on hand should they encounter any monster-like creatures on their way. For fuel, local businesses have donated tablet and ginger biscuits baked to combat sea-sickness. 'We're not going to go hungry,' John added. 'We'll probably have gout.'

The team have raised £3,000 to date and are looking for people to get behind them and help them reach their £6,000 target. The team have a mydonate page, with a link via their Facebook page 50-4-ms Loch Ness Challenge.

Charity Hope funding bid is cooking with gas

JEWSON in Oban has nominated local charity Hope Kitchen for a chance to win funding as part of its Building Better Communities project.

Hope Kitchen has now been shortlisted for a public vote, the regional winner of which can receive financial support of between £500 and £10,000 with a £150,000 'my comfort' multi-comfort building refurbishment available for the overall winner.

The voting will close on June 19 and the winners will be announced on July 4, following the decision of a judging panel based on both the entry information and the voting results.

Hope Kitchen provides a range of services to vulnerable and marginalised people in the community.

Set up in 2009, the project was initially intended to provide hot food and a safe and warm envi-

ronment for homeless people in the area. Since then, it has expanded to help a wider range of people, including those with mental health issues or learning difficulties, as well as lonely and isolated individuals.

It now offers a laundry service, computer access and assistance with job searches and training to get back to work. It also provides homeless people with tents and sleeping bags.

They currently have 100 people coming through the doors every week, which works out at approximately two to three per cent of Oban's population. The charity also has two part-time staff and a team of 15 volunteers to run the organisation.

Funding through the Building Better Communities project would mean Hope Kitchen could move into bigger premises, therefore allowing them to help even

more people in the community.

Speaking about what the funding could do for the charity, service manager Lorraine King said: 'It would be amazing. We are currently third out of five charities across Scotland.'

'It would transform what we could do and would make such a difference to the service we can provide.'

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Petition demands action to stop accidents on A85

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A PETITION demanding improvements to the A85 Oban to Dunbeg road has been launched by Dunbeg Community Council.

Community councillor Sean MacIntyre revealed the demands earlier this week. The community council is asking for double white lines to be painted along the length of the road [between Oban and Dunbeg] and for the speed limit to be addressed in order to reduce the number of accidents taking place.

Mr MacIntyre said: 'The reason we started this petition is because Colin Baxter [who was injured in a car accident between Oban and Dunbeg] came to the Dunbeg community council meeting and asked what we were doing to address the amount of accidents.'

Over the past week alone, two accidents have taken place on

the road involving nine cars. Mr MacIntyre continued: 'I have personally been overtaken on the road and, after speaking to many residents in Dunbeg, they think it needs to be addressed.'

'As far as I am led to believe, it is just down to money to upgrade the road. Safety should be paramount, especially if it would save lives. A lot of people walk that road on a Sunday, especially when the weather is nice, and there's a large number of people who walk to the cemetery.'

'Since the cycle track has been opened, it has been used as a ring - people walk over the track and head back into Oban along the road.'

However, Oban police think the number of incidents on this stretch of road is down to a lack of concentration.

Constable Andy Barron, of the divisional road policing unit, told *The Oban Times*: 'A lot of it is down to tourists coming



Sean MacIntyre stands with the petition, which demands improvements to the A85.

that there's only one road into Oban - the A85.

'The majority of visitors will be coming in on that road, so short of doing some major roadworks along there, which could cost a huge amount of money, I don't think signs will make a big difference.'

'You have to expect the unexpected at this time of year. It's a case of driving with a bit more caution. I stopped someone last week who was doing 35mph at Taynuilt. He thought he was on a single-track road. A lot of people are not aware of their surroundings.'

Constable Colin May added: 'They have carried out improvements over the years on the A85 such as the shell grip, which has definitely made a difference to crash statistics.'

'A few more signs about concealed entrances would be good going in to Poppies, for example. At this time of year there are people on the road who don't know it. Therefore people should allocate more time for their journey as it [the road] is going to be busier. If people see bad driving, they should report it to us and we can investigate it.'

A Transport Scotland spokesman said: 'Safety is a priority for us and managing speed is an important part of our strategy. We constantly monitor the safety of our trunk road network. This includes screening all locations where three or more accidents have occurred in the preceding three-year period on an annual basis. We undertake further investigation and, where appropriate, mitigation measures are prioritised and implemented.'

'We are currently considering a request for pedestrian signage at Pennyfuir Cemetery and will be discussing the recent accidents with Police Scotland. 'We are not aware of the A85 petition.'

Hotel guest hurled racial and homophobic abuse

A MILD-MANNERED 54-year-old man, who had never been in trouble with the police, lost his temper over a parking ticket, racially insulted a hotel manager, punched a guest and hurled homophobic abuse at police.

James McKie, of 19 Northwood Road, Tullibody, Alloa, was fined a total of £800 and ordered to pay £250 compensation to the guest who stepped in and tried to calm things down in the foyer of the Columba Hotel on March 27 and got a cut lip in return.

McKie had been spending the weekend in Oban with his wife when he was given a ticket in the council-run car park outside the hotel.

McKie's defence agent Jane McLaren told Oban Sheriff Court last week: 'This behaviour was completely out of character. He is usually someone who stays away from confrontation and walks away from it.'

'He comes before the court

with no previous convictions. He wants to apologise to the court for his behaviour, to the staff at the hotel and the man he assaulted. He feels very embarrassed.'

At an earlier court hearing he had admitted aggressive and intimidating behaviour, spitting, racially aggravated comments to the hotel's manager and assaulting a fellow guest, along with homophobic remarks made at the town's police station.

The sentence had been deferred until last week for a report to be prepared.

Mrs McLaren said that McKie takes an anti-alcohol medication which should never be consumed along with drink.

If he intended to take a drink he would stop a week before but this time he stopped only four days before his holiday; he believed this to be the cause of his actions.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC described McKie's behaviour as 'absolutely appalling'.

Tiree man drove without insurance

AILIG Eachann MacDonald, 27, of 1 Upper Square, Hynish, Tiree, was fined a total of £750 and disqualified from driving for six months, when he appeared before Oban Sheriff Court last week.

MacDonald had admitted two charges of driving without due care and attention, and not having insurance on December 7 last year on the island.

Grants are now available for charity organisations

COMMUNITY groups are being encouraged to apply for the second round of funding from Argyll and Bute Council's third sector grants for 2016/17.

A total of £5,000 is available and the closing date for applications is Monday June 13. A decision will be made at the area committee in August.

The third sector grants programme is aimed at supporting communities and vulnerable people, and helping to kick start new projects and events.

Councillor Robin Currie said: 'The council is particularly keen to encourage new groups

with fresh ideas. Advice and support on funding is available from the council's community development and social enterprise teams. I would encourage people to make the most of this funding opportunity and get their application forms returned as soon as possible.'

Applications are available from local area community learning offices or can be accessed using the following link: <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>. For information call 01631 567944 or email communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Esplanade art aims to give a hand to charity fundraising



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FOLLOWING the success of fundraising for the playpark at Atlantis Leisure, Friends of Oban Community Playpark have turned their attention to generating money for a similar facility for pre-school children.

The group has a target of £100,000 for the park, with more than £40,000 already raised. Their latest fundraising initiative has seen more than 800 wooden handprints, created by local children, being hung along the railings on Oban's esplanade since the start of May.

The Helping Hands community art installation, funded by BID4Oban,

Voluntary Arts Week micro fund and Argyll and Bute Council's third sector grants, will be on display throughout the summer months, with people viewing the artworks being asked to text OBAN16 £5 to 70070 to donate £5 to the cause, or place cash donations in green tubs stationed in many of the town's businesses.

Children from Lochnell, Dalmally, Rockfield, St Columba's, Park, Easdale and Luig primary schools, along with youngsters from Little Learners and Atlantis Easter Camp, have all taken part, with 200 more handprints from Appin and Dunbeg schools still to be hung.

Jewson in Oban donated 1,600 cable ties to fasten the prints to the railings

after string proved too noisy as the wooden boards clattered together in the wind.

So far the Helping Hands project has raised more than £250 in donations.

An inter-generational sponsored walk is planned from Corran Halls to Dunollie House and back today (Thursday) to help raise funds for the project.

The walk leaves from the Corran Halls at 10am and will make its way along the footpath to Dunollie Castle before heading back to the halls.

The sponsorship money gathered from this event will go towards the £60,000 still needed to cover the £100,000 expected cost of the under-fives playpark.

The organiser say they are anticipating

about 270 pre-school children from a number of nurseries, Park primary one pupils, and children and parents not attached to any nursery. They will be walking alongside members of Oban Seniors' Forum and Oban Health Walks.

Altogether, there could be about 400 people taking part in the short circular walk, with different generations coming together to raise money for a much-needed and wanted under-fives playpark.

There will be an Oban High School student signalling the start with bagpipes, the Lions Club is supporting the event and will be marshalling at key points, while Dunollie Castle Museum is donating soft drinks and water.

Sentence deferred

A MAN drove at dangerous speeds down a single-track road near Taynuilt, hit a car and a van and kept going.

When police tracked him down at Crianlarich, they found his badly damaged vehicle had been running with the tyre completely gone from one wheel.

'I've got to get a report here. What on earth has been going on?' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

In the dock was William Reid, 28, of 18 Lora View, North Connel, who pleaded guilty to dangerous driving on the unclassified road between the B845 and the A85 near Taynuilt, at speeds excessive for the prevailing conditions and colliding with a car and van, and also to drink driving.

Sentence was deferred until June 21 for a report.

Man is fined £300

BANGING on his girlfriend's door and threatening to break it down if she didn't let him in cost an Oban fisherman a £300 fine at the town's sheriff court.

Daniel Rudd Guy, 41, of Anandale, Longsdale Road, Oban, admitted behaving aggressively, and shouting and swearing outside her home on George Street on May 14.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC was told last week that the couple had a disagreement earlier in the evening, but were still together. Guy had been drinking, his defence agent said.

Officer did 109mph

A DETECTIVE from Scotland's serious crime unit fell foul of traffic police at the infamous speed trap at Arrivain Farm on the A85.

Peter David McMillan, who lives in Argyll, was clocked at 109mph in his Jaguar on November 4 last year when off-duty.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC, at Oban Sheriff Court, fined the 35-year-old £250 and added nine penalty points to his licence.



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Furnace

RESIDENTS of Queen Elizabeth Cottages at Furnace have been protected from coastal erosion thanks to a major engineering project.

The £95,000 scheme, paid for by Argyll and Bute Council and Scottish Water, saw the installation of 2,000 tonnes of rock 'armour' along a 140-metre stretch of coastline by the Anderson Group of Inverness.

Rock armour is rock or other material used to protect shorelines, stream beds, bridge abutments, pilings and other shoreline structures against scour and water or ice erosion.

Originally forecast to last 10 weeks, the scheme began in early April and has been completed four weeks early and within budget.

Councillor Ellen Morton said: 'Something had to be done to protect these houses from coastal erosion and we were pleased to be able to work in partnership with Scottish Water to complete the work.'

'The project was quite complex and involved carrying out strengthening works to a coastal embankment while working next to the Scottish Water plant. We would like to thank people for their patience and co-operation during this work.'

Ruaridh MacGregor, Scottish Water's community team manager for Argyll and Bute, said: 'The work involved was challenging. We were pleased to play our part in this effective partnership working between Scottish Water and Argyll and Bute Council, and to help deliver a solution.'

Loch Awe

THE SECOND round of funding for the Carraig Gheal Community Wind Farm Benefit Fund is open until July 31 for new applications.

The fund is divided between two schemes – a micro grant scheme with awards of grants up to £250 available to individuals, constituted and non-constituted groups and the main grant scheme with awards of up to £7,000 available to constituted groups only.

Twenty-one projects were awarded grants in the last round of funding, including grants of £250 for projects, such as the Dalavich's OAP Christmas lunch and the Kilmore Community ceilidh dance to main grants of up to £7,000 to enable solar panels to be fitted on to the Kilmelford and Kilniver Village Hall and maintenance works to Bridge of Orchy Village Hall.

The fund is open to the areas bordering the wind farm, including Avich and Kilhrenan, Taynult, Glenorchy and Innishail, Kilniver and Kilmelford and Kilmore community councils.

Groups that have projects or causes and would like to enquire about funding can contact Carraig Gheal's community fund officer Averil Wilson at Averil@green-powerinternational.com. Further information is also available at the website carraigghaewindfarm.co.uk.



Bridge of Orchy Village Hall is to be repaired thanks to a grant from the Carraig Gheal Community Wind Farm Benefit Fund.

Fort William

ENJOY a night of music, fun and a little bit of horror courtesy of Lochaber Showstoppers.

'Little Shop of Horrors' will be on stage at The Nevis Centre, Fort William, on June 2, 3 and 4, with curtains up at 7.30pm each night and a Saturday matinee performance at 2pm.

Tickets are on sale now at the Nevis Centre box office. For further information visit www.lochabershowstoppers.co.uk or the Showstoppers Facebook page.



The grass-cutting partnership is celebrating six years of service.

Partnership cuts it for six years

A PARTNERSHIP which helps keep Lochaber tidy and provides jobs is celebrating six years of operation.

ISS Landscaping, The Highland Council and social enterprise Wise Group have been working together to cut grass in a contract which covers more than 6.5 million square metres and includes cemeteries,

pitches, bowling greens and open spaces in mid and west Ross, Lochaber, Badenoch and Strathspey and Inverness and Nairn. One of the key accomplishments of the partnership has been the recruitment of staff, many second and third generation unemployed. Tom Wood, head of Skills and Employability, The Wise Group, said: 'The partnership

between ISS and the Wise Group is a great example of a third sector organisation working with a large private sector employer to support local people into sustainable employment. It provides real benefits and long-term improvements to Highland communities, creating jobs and helping people realise their potential.'

Primary school sports day fun

ST COLUMBA'S Primary School enjoyed the sunshine for their annual school sports day on Friday.

The children were piped in to Mossfield Stadium by Oban High School Pipe Band for a parade in their clan groups before the games began.

They started with a fantastic performance from their team in the inter-schools mile race and won first place. Callie Campbell, Charlie MacKenzie, Daniel Beaton and Jessica Graham were very pleased to be bringing the shield back to the St Columba's trophy cabinet. The rest of the day also had many victories and lot of fun and laughter from all the children who enjoyed a variety of events from the sack race to the more adventurous hopper and three-legged race. Much to everyone's delight, the mothers and fathers races were both very busy and provided great entertainment for the cheering spectators. Well done to all the pre-schoolers and toddlers who took part in the little races and who joined in on enjoying an ice-lolly after all the excitement. The school would like to



The winning St Columba's inter-schools mile race team with their shield.

thank all the wonderful people who helped make it such a fun event: Oban High School Pipe Band,

Oban High School volunteer staff and students, the Parent Council and all the families who came to watch

and enjoy the day. And well done to all the children who showed great sportsmanship.

Young Islay gardeners top national contest

PORT Ellen Primary School on Islay will have an exhibit on display at this year's Gardening Scotland event after winning a national competition.

They were one of the lucky winners in this year's Keep Scotland Beautiful Design a One Planet Picnic Pocket Garden competition.

Eco-Schools from across Scotland were invited to enter the competition, asking pupils to design a colourful and exciting pallet-sized garden using plants that can be eaten and attract biodiversity. The children also had to reuse materials, which would otherwise have been thrown away.

Port Ellen was chosen as one of 18 winners out of over 80 entries received by Garden for Life Forum.

The pupils will now go on to plant and grow their winning designs at Gardening Scotland – the national outdoor living event which will take place at the Royal Highland Showground, Edinburgh, from 3rd to 5th June.

Councillor Rory Colville, Argyll and Bute's Policy lead for Education, said: 'This is an extremely popular competition, which attracted entries from more

than 40 schools and nurseries across Scotland. The pupils of Port Ellen have done exceptionally well to be chosen as one of the winners and they should be very proud of all their hard work. To have their garden on display at a national event such as Gardening Life is a great privilege and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the pupils and staff who made this possible.'

Gardening Scotland's Food and Environment Officer, Eve Keepax, said: 'The Design a One Planet Picnic Pocket Garden Competition is a practical and fun way for young people to test their skills and utilise their knowledge in growing food sustainably. This expertise will be useful for life, work and leisure, as well as central to a low carbon future.'

Deborah Long, Chair of the Garden for Life Forum, added: 'We are delighted that so many schools got involved and have submitted such a wide range of innovative and thought-provoking designs. It is gratifying to see how future generations are getting to grips with environmental issues and how we can all help nature in our gardens and school grounds.'

Highlands

THE HIGHLANDS of Scotland has renewed its status as a Fairtrade zone.

Hamish Wood, Highland councillor and Fairtrade champion, said: 'Highland has now renewed its Fairtrade status - a process which takes place every two years - which is very good for the region. Highland Council supports this good work as

it has a social responsibility not just for those within its own boundaries but also those less fortunate than us.'

The councillor added: 'Congratulations to everyone who has helped for their great work. It is all done by volunteers in their own time for the benefit of their communities.'

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lines

Corran Ferry crossing is the number one wildlife hotspot

A BUSY ferry crossing is not a place normally associated with seeing nature at its best but the fast-flowing Corran Narrows, separating Ardgorr from Nether Lochaber, is rapidly becoming the number one wildlife hotspot in the area.

In the past few weeks, George Maitland, captain of the *MV Corran*, and his sharp-eyed crew have witnessed a number of deer, including a roe buck, swimming across Loch Linnhe from Ardgorr to the opposite shore.

Roe deer are strong swimmers and, despite their size, will often tackle stretches of open sea and busy inter-island shipping lanes but manage to avoid being run down. A farming friend tells me he once watched a roe cross a river in full spate and it was impressive. Even more eye-catching was the cloud of 'mist' when the animal shook itself once it reached dry land – an amazing show of energy for an animal weighing, on average, only 35lbs. Deer have probably been swimming the 550-yard wide Corran Narrows from time immemorial but sightings are rare and have largely gone unrecorded.



A roe deer buck swimming.

Adjacent to the Ardgorr slipway, there is a steamer pier on which several pairs of black guillemot are nesting. Bored, perhaps, of waiting for their eggs to hatch, one or other of the parents regularly flies onto the upper decks of the ferry where, unperturbed by the constant noise, fumes and the flow of traffic below, they enjoy crossing to and fro for hours at a time.

Swallows are another species which have formed an attachment with the ferry. In calm weather, especially in the early morning, dozens of them accompany the vessel about half way over the narrows, flitting and weaving amongst each other near the bow-loader. Presumably they are feeding on small flies which are being pushed ahead en masse by the massive vertical ramp. Herons frequently land on the slipways between ferries to feed on fry driven ashore by mackerel and other predators. Later in the year once the water temperature rises, porpoises, dolphins and the occasional minke whale and basking shark are seen passing through. Red deer also are noted swimmers and I have already given some examples of their prowess in these columns. Pity the poor hind who, a few years ago, swam two-and-a-half miles across Loch Linnhe from Morvern to the island of Lismore and was met by a hail of lead as soon as she landed.

Spotted on the way over, the Liosaich were waiting for her with rifles and felled her on the beach before she could draw breath. One hopes the culprits who feasted on the unlucky beast had sore stomachs for weeks afterwards.

What motivates animals to take to the water of their own volition? Clearly many do so to escape man but there must be other reasons why the grass is greener on the other side.



Ian Mackinnon, who probably knows more about the history of Jura than any man alive.

Ian Mackinnon, who was born and brought up on Jura and now lives in Kilmelford, has a colossal knowledge, which he willingly shares, of the island's history and its surrounding waters.

He has watched stags in October brave the tempestuous 12-knot currents in the Gulf of Corryvreckan to reach the island of Scarba. Coinciding as it does with the rut, this suggests they had scented hinds in the wind and were going over to breed.

Some, he feels, get the tide wrong and are washed out on the Great Race to the Garvellach Islands, seven miles away. I would suggest, far from misjudging the tide, they were taking advantage of it to carry them along to pastures new. There is no doubt animals have a sort of in-built clock – something I have witnessed among the wild goats on Jura.

From the great sea caves around Loch Tarbert, which have been my home for many a night, I have watched them migrate in single-file from the high ground to the shore on the turn of the tide to feast on succulent kelp stems. How, otherwise, would they know when the water was receding? Ian Mackinnon tells me that during the Second World War German U-Boats were regularly seen lying off the sparsely-populated north west coast of Jura to allow their crews to go ashore for fresh meat. On one occasion an armed party landed by rubber dinghy at Shian Bay where they managed to kill some deer and goats. They were spotted from the hill by Donald McColl, the Tarbert Estate stalker, and his ghillie. After watching them for a while the ghillie suggested that as they had a rifle with them they should take the opportunity of trying to shoot a few of the enemy. Donald would have none of it, saying that as the U-Boat's deck gun was covering the shore party, it wouldn't be long before it was turned on them if they revealed their position. He also thought the crew were probably starving and not doing a lot of harm.

Later the same submarine was photographed near Ardmore Point on Islay with deer carcasses hanging round its conning tower to dry.

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Oban & Lorn Health & Care Forum



NHS Highland Argyll and Bute and Argyll and Bute Council have integrated health and social care services in the form of a **Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)**. This went live on 1st April 2016. **Locality Planning Groups (LPGs)** have been established to govern and account for the delivery of local services. The **Oban & Lorn LPG** is responsible for planning the delivery and development of your services, engaging and communicating with staff and local communities and overseeing the implementation of the three year Strategic Plan.

"We will listen to you, learn from your experiences, & use this insight to guide what we do"

The people who live here **must** have a meaningful role in the LPG. LPG membership will include representation from **your** local **Health Care Forum (HCF)** as well as the Third Sector, Independent Sector and Community Councils. Each play a valuable role as communities of interest. Listening to and learning from those who use our services **will** guide what we do.

We are looking to enlarge and enhance the Health & Care Forum (HCF) in Oban & Lorn. Your local HCF is an important forum for people living in the Oban & Lorn area to be **actively involved in how local services are planned** and an **important partner** representing the community within the **Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership**.

If you are interested and wish to find out more, please contact Caroline Champion, Planning & Public Involvement Manager on 01546 605680 or email caroline.champion1@nhs.net

NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th June 2016, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Nelson Ward, Lorn & Islands Hospital, Oban

This is your local HCF, come & find out more, get involved!
Everyone is welcome! You don't have to be a member.

TIMESLINE

Highlands gears up for busy season

TOURISM businesses in the Highlands are gearing up for a busy season ahead.

There are events for visitors of every age and interest including Isle of Skye Half Marathon in June, a charity garden opening at Dunvegan Castle and Gardens on Skye on various dates until October, 10 Under the Ben in Fort William – a 10-hour mountain bike endurance race, The Glencoe Skyline ultra marathon in September, and Highland games and shows, including Helmsdale Highland Games in August.

Scott Armstrong, VisitScotland regional partnerships director, said: 'I like to try to get along to the many different and varied events that visitors can enjoy when visiting the Highlands through the summer months, as there is always something interesting to experience.'

UHI's new course in film making

THE UNIVERSITY of the Highlands and Islands has launched a new course in contemporary film making.

The BA (Hons) course will be available from September 2016 at Orkney College UHI, Shetland College UHI and North Highland College UHI.

It will provide students with the skills needed to produce creative films in their local communities and encourage them into careers in a variety of roles, including camera operation, TV or film production, editing, location management or programme researching.



Sea of pink as Ballachulish youngsters get racing for cancer research

BALLACHULISH was a sea of pink as pupils and parents from the local school raced for life in support of cancer sufferers.

Around 90 people took part in the event which saw upper school pupils compete in a 5k race with youngsters from the lower school running shorter distances.

Proceedings kicked off with a warm-up, lead by Lorna from Highland Hustle. The pupils

showed their youth as Morag Milne, who helped marshal the race, said the winner finished so quickly she had a tough time getting round to the finish line on time.

The principal teacher added: 'It was a huge success. The pupils absolutely loved taking part in the race. Leon Lawrie, who is in primary six, won it for the boys and Molly McLachlan, primary four, won it for the girls.

'The older pupils were really good at looking after the younger ones, making sure they got round the village safely and kept the spirits up, so we were delighted for them and everyone who took part.'

More than £200 has been donated so far on the school's just giving page with cash still being collected by the children from their sponsors. The final amount

will be donated to cancer research. Ms Milne said: 'People turned up in fancy dress which always adds to the enjoyment and we were raising money for cancer research so pink was the dominant colour.'

'We're really grateful for the generosity from the local community in their donations and also to the businesses who helped make the event possible.'

Confusion prompts call for more time to consider Caol road plans

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CAOL Community Council has called on the Highland Council to extend the Caol link road public consultation period.

The deadline for comments on the proposed road is June 10, but after a meeting organised by Caol community council on Monday (May 30) showed a lot of public confusion over the issue, the community council has asked for more information to be made available.

Councillor Allan Henderson

said: 'The public consultation period should be extended to get a better representation of what the community wants.'

The meeting, in Caol Community centre, was attended by around 25 people.

Community Council chairwoman Jane Young said: 'We are doing this to get feedback, so we can say to the council this is what we want as a community.'

But on Tuesday (May 31) principal planner with the Highland Council, Tim Stott, told *The Oban Times*: 'By law the public consultation period

only had to be six weeks. We have already extended this to 10 weeks. It's not fair on other projects in the WestPlan who have had the same amount of time. If we extended the consultation period for the Caol link road, we would have to do the same with every other project.'

Currently there are two plans outlined – an A82 bypass and the Caol link road. However, the community council has suggested plans for the bypass should be taken off the table and no longer safeguarded.

If the A82 bypass is taken off

the table the community will be left with just the Caol link road option, which many are not happy with.

As a result, the community council is calling for Lochaber residents to put forward new suggestions for the link road.

One attendee at the meeting said: 'We need to stop arguing with each other and make a decision about what we want.'

One suggestion from Caol Community Council is a walk and cycle bridge linking Inverloch, Caol and Corpach to the town centre. Mrs Young said: 'The bridge would encourage

people to walk or cycle to work, instead of taking their cars, which could reduce congestion.'

It was thought there would be more funding available for this as it would encourage healthy living.

Currently there is no funding for the link road.

Mr Thompson commented: 'Councillors asked for funding for such a route appraisal to be discussed at the next regular meeting between Highland Council and Transport Scotland. The scale of works required for the Caol link road,

plus the fact it links two trunk roads, means funding ought to come from Transport Scotland, perhaps with a contribution from Highland Council.'

Other potential improvements suggested in the West-Plan is a signalled controlled junction at the A82 Belford hospital junction to the town centre. The council says this would reduce the number of people make U-turns at the Belford road roundabout, but Transport Scotland has yet to commit to funding this.

Head to www.highland.gov.uk to have your say.

Maritime Skills course

OBAN'S Argyll College, part of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), is recruiting students for Maritime Skills courses which aim to tap into job opportunities on Argyll's coastline.

There is a 'sleeping giant' of employment on the waves explains Don Mitchell, who has spent three years designing the seamanship courses to tap into that potential. Argyll and Bute boasts 23 inhabited islands - more than any other Scottish local authority - and 96.5 per cent of its population living within 10km of the coast.

Mr Mitchell, Head of Curriculum for Maritime, Sport and Creative Industries at Argyll College UHI, said: 'Argyll has a rich and diverse sea based heritage, and a thriving community of businesses afloat. We have a growing sector locally that requires suitably qualified workers to support development in the marine tourism, fish farming and aquaculture industries, and supply a workforce with the skill-set and knowledge to work safely out on the water.'

'We also recognize that the maritime sector is a global market that is growing with seaborne trade predicted to double by 2030. Students on our new Maritime Skills and RYA courses will gain a set of industry recognized qualifications which will assist them in following the seafaring route as a vocational journey, or simply learn how to be safe on the water for leisure boating pursuits.'

'Marine Tourism contributes £360m to per year to the Scottish Economy,' added Daniel Steel, Chief Executive of Sail Scotland, 'and in an area like Argyll where an estimated 80 per cent of the population live within 1km of the sea, it's obviously of enormous importance. So it's wonderful to see Argyll College UHI expanding their range of Maritime Education opportunities to meet the needs of



Left Don Mitchell Right Derek Grier

the region's young people, and in support of the national marine tourism strategy.'

Argyll College is currently recruiting students for its 20 week Short Full Time Maritime Skills course, which combines SQA and RYA/MCA certification to give a comprehensive introduction to the maritime industries, including commercial sea fishing, the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy, Maritime Search and Rescue, marine leisure and sailing, commercial sea fishing, aquaculture, ports and harbour industries.

The course, with possible fee assistance for eligible students, combines practical and theory based activity including small-boat based activities on the water using the college's new 6.5m Humber Ocean Pro RIB, giving access for up to 30 students to practical water based activities.

Don and one of the courses' five tutors, powerboat instructor Derek Grier, demonstrated the college's new black RIB in the Firth of Lorn, and even gave the Oban Times an exhilarating shot in the driver's seat, riding the waves around Oban, Kererra and Dunbeg, and across the Falls of Lora tidal race below Connel Bridge.

Argyll College UHI has already delivered Skills for Work Maritime Skills Course for senior pupils in Lochgilphead High School and Dunoon Grammar in 2015-16, and it has 15 Oban High School pupils ready to start the same course in June for the academic year 2016-17.

It thanked the maritime community in Argyll for being hugely supportive, and providing expertise and facilities to get the courses underway, in particular thanking Tarbert Harbour Association and Holy Loch Marina, Ardfern Marina, Oban Yacht Club, Craignish Boat Club, Oban Bay Community Berthing Ltd and Swordfish Marine at Holyloch who fitted out the RIB.

Fraser Durie, Principal of Argyll College, added: 'We would like to congratulate Caledonian MacBrayne on successfully winning the Clyde and Hebridean Ferries contract. We very much look forward to working with them as we strive to expand our curriculum in line with the area's maritime economy in support of our coastal communities.'



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We offer community services based at the Argyll Carer's Centre. The day hospice in Lynnside Day Centre is open on Mondays. Our services include the use of two patient beds and a separate relatives room at Lorn and Islands Hospital.

For further information please contact chairman, **David Entwistle on 01631 711 823 or 07582220648.** www.obanhospice.org.uk; Facebook; @ObanHospice

Enhancing the quality of life

Oban Hospice - Angus' story

Angus was referred to Oban Hospice Community Services via the cardiac nurse specialist in November 2014.

He had a diagnosis of end stage heart failure and lung failure. He was struggling with isolation. We applied to the life changes trust and secured £1,000 for Angus to pay for taxi fares to travel to see his wife, who had dementia, weekly. What a difference this made to Angus as he said he was keeping to his marriage vows of being able to, as much as possible, care for his wife.

We arranged for volunteers to pick Angus up and take him to the weekly lunch club and here he made new friends and met people he knew from his past. Volunteers took him to the Gaelic singing group and he made friends with these volunteers.

One of the many wonderful things about Oban Hospice Community Services volunteers is they are helping because of their willingness to help people.

BBC Alba were filming for Oban Hospice and came along to interview Angus, speaking in Gaelic. Angus loved talking in Gaelic and thought himself very important to be on TV, telling anyone who would listen to tune in.

Volunteer Lisa visited Angus at home weekly, giving emotional support and talked about everything and anything - Angus' past, present and worries about his failing health and what his wishes for his death were. His wife's dementia was progressing and when Angus visited and she didn't know who he was this was

distressing for him. Lisa visited him every week after these visits so he could talk through these feelings. Angus looked forward to Lisa's visits very much and appreciated the opportunity to be able to share meaningful time. We held a party for him at the Carers' Centre for his 79th birthday and Angus knew this would be his last.

Further ways in which we supported Angus were getting help with his finances from the Welfare Rights Officer, ensuring he got a £3,000 refund on overpayments. In the summer we also gave him the loan of a mobility scooter which had been donated to the Carers Centre. This enabled him to go to Tesco and he was able to do his own shopping, something he had not been able to do in a while. For a short time it gave him back his independence.

Angus' health was deteriorating and after a number of falls and being in and out of hospital, he was moved to Lynn of Lorne care home. We helped with his move and organised the uplift of occupational therapy equipment, telecare enabling others to access his home. We supported him emotionally through this difficult transition into a care home and visited him weekly to help him settle in. Less than a month after his move to Lynn of Lorne Angus passed away. We supported Angus for less than a year in the last months of his life, giving all the emotional, practical and social support that he needed and he was grateful for the intervention from Oban Hospice community services, as were his family.

JUNE 6-12 is Carers Week, an annual awareness campaign to celebrate and recognise the vital contribution made by the 6.5 million people in the UK who care, unpaid, for a disabled, older or ill family member or friend.

A carer is someone who provides unpaid care and support to a family member or friend who has a disability, illness, mental health problem or who needs extra help as they grow older. For some, taking on a caring role can be sudden: someone in your family has an accident or your child is born with a disability. For others, caring creeps up unnoticed: your parents can't manage on their own any longer or your partner's health gradually worsens.

The amount and type of support that carers provide varies considerably. It can range from a few hours a week, such as picking up prescriptions and preparing meals, to providing care day and night. Caring will touch each and every one of us in our lifetime, whether we become a carer or need care ourselves. Whilst caring can be a rewarding experience, it can also have a damaging impact on a person's health, finances and relationships. Asking for help is the first step and it's easy to do with a wide selection of products and services available locally.

Seniors often need assistance with day-to-day chores, medications, home maintenance or routines.

Dementia is especially troubling to deal with. Even when adult children are nearby to provide assistance, busy lives make it nearly impossible to keep up. Trained professional services and home carers are available to do this, allowing the elderly to stay in their own homes and adult children to get the professional assistance they need in caring for their loved ones.

Physically or mentally disabled children and adults can also benefit from professional home care. Experienced carers cannot only assist at home; they can take clients on outings and help them pursue their interests, whether it's bird watching or music sessions.

Successful relationships are hard work. But sometimes even hard work isn't enough, when there are changes within the family, addiction issues, death or financial crisis. Counselling allows family members or couples to talk about their feelings and problems with a trained, neutral professional in a confidential environment. The statistics on domestic violence are sobering. A domestic violence incident is recorded every 10 minutes in Scotland.

At least one in five women in Scotland will experience domestic abuse and one in three teenage girls suffers an unwanted sexual act.

Local organisations are there to listen and provide solutions, whether a victim needs to get safely out of a situation immediately or counselling for emotional trauma.

There doesn't have to be an emergency situation for a person to reach out. Clinical depression is a medical condition, not just feeling blue, and can be treated as such. Or sometimes life gets overwhelming and people just need someone to talk with. Whatever the case, suffering in silence is not the answer. One phone call can be the first step to a happy, healthy life.

Carer's Week is being celebrated with a coffee morning and information session on 'Reablement' at the North Argyll Carers Centre on Albany Street on Tuesday June 7 from 11am. Also on June 7, Carers Mid Argyll and the Isles will hold a day out at Portavadie Marina. Booking is required with the Dochas Centre.

To find out more about Carers Week events Argyll, visit www.carersweek.org.

North Argyll Carers Centre

Supporting Carers in North Argyll and the Islands



Do you provide unpaid help and support to a family member, child, partner, relative or friend, who could not manage without you?

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We have an outreach service supporting carers in rural and remote areas with regular visits and activities organised for carers across the area.

For further information please call us on 01631 564422 or e-mail on info@northargyllcarers.org.uk

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Do you care? We can help Carers Week 2016 runs from June 6 to 12

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities.

Come and visit us at North Argyll Carers Centre this week and find out more of what we do to support carers across Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

During Carers Week we will have our regular weekly coffee morning on Tuesday June 7 from 11am with a talk on reablement. On Thursday we will have Heather Noller from Carers Trust talking about the new Carers Act and what it will mean for carers.

We currently offer ongoing one to one support, weekly coffee morning, therapies, counselling, support groups, social outings,

respite opportunities, training and activities, a young carers service, an outreach support worker for carers on islands and rural mainland carers.

We also offer Oban Hospice Community Services where there is a service supporting those with life limiting conditions and their families.

We can also offer Carer Support Plans to support you in your caring role.

If you or someone you know cares for someone, do get in contact and see how we can help you.

Everyone is welcome and our service is confidential.

Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service

Do you care for or have you cared for someone with a cancer diagnosis or other long term health condition? Are you supporting someone going through treatments?

For anyone affected by cancer or other long term health conditions, Oban Library offers a one to one drop-in Macmillan Cancer information and support service on Wednesdays from 2.15pm to 4.15pm. Come and meet the team for a chat over a friendly cuppa.

There are always booklets on all aspects of being affected by cancer, as well as resources for other long term health conditions in the dedicated area of the library.

These are available to take whenever the library is open. The team can help guide you through the resources available. If you need information not on display we can help source this for you. There is also a private room for more personal discussions.

If you would like to volunteer with this service contact macmillan@argyll-bute.gov.uk or 01586 555932 for more information.

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Fort/Oban bus link better but more still needs done

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LOCHABER residents travelling to Oban for work can now make the journey by bus and arrive in time to start the working day.

But they still can't get a bus home if they work a full day.

The good news about the morning service comes after a south Lochaber resident contacted bus companies and

campaigning for a link to be put in place, not just for workers but for people using Oban hospital.

After about 15 months, West Coast Motors extended its number 405 school service between Appin and Oban to reach Duror, where it meets the Stagecoach number 144 school service to Kinlochleven, which also goes to Duror.

This means passengers can switch between the two buses, creating an indirect link arriv-

ing at Oban's station square at 8.49am and Glegallan Road near Oban hospital at 8.56am.

The Citylink service doesn't leave Fort William until 11am. But there is still no link in place for workers returning to Lochaber at the end of a working day, with the Citylink bus leaving Oban at 4.40pm.

However, on arrival in Fort William, this bus sits in the station for around 30 minutes before continuing on its journey to Invergarry.

One suggestion is that instead of this waiting time in Fort William, the bus could leave Oban later, therefore making it more convenient for workers.

Furthermore, as the morning buses are school services, there is an issue for people wanting to use this service outwith term times.

The south Lochaber resident also raised concerns about the lack of bike racks on the West Coast Motors

buses, which he suggests may be off-putting to tourists wishing to use the service, and a lack of accessibility for wheelchair users.

He stresses that when the railway branch from the Oban line to Ballachulish was closed in the 1960s, South Lochaber residents were promised the alternative public transport links would be 'as good as or better than' this rail link, a promise which he feels has not been lived up to.

Cash boost for village groups

TWO BALLACHULISH community groups will enjoy a range of summer fetes and festivals, thanks to Lottery grants.

Ballachulish Community Association received a £8,592 Awards for All Scotland grant from the Big Lottery Fund. The group will use the money to replace tables and chairs and for new signs to advertise events. Friends of Abbeyfield Fundraising Committee, a group which supports residents of Abbeyfield House Care Home, received £10,000 from the fund. The committee will use the funding for a range of recreational activities to promote mental and physical well-being amongst residents.

A spokesman for The Friends of Abbeyfield Fundraising Committee said: 'This grant has allowed us to design an activities package for residents and members of the community, especially those who have dementia. We have been able to bring practitioners to Abbeyfield specialising in sensory and physical activity allowing

our clients the opportunity to reminisce and to become fully interactive with these fun activities.'

Ian Blackford, MP for Ross, Skye and Lochaber, said: 'I am delighted with the news that a small community such as Ballachulish is being so proactive in seeking and gaining funding to the benefit of those living in the area.'

'My congratulations also go to Ballachulish Community Association which is active in promoting the village and encouraging local people to get involved through various events.'

An Awards for All spokesperson told *The Oban Times*: 'It's easy to see what a difference Awards for All can make to communities the length and breadth of Scotland.'

'The programme exists to help groups do things they would otherwise be unable to do, and for relatively small amounts of money. This latest batch of grants showcases the range of applications we get, all of which are putting something back into their communities.'

Curtain up on Lochaber Canine Society companion dog show in Fort William

THE COUNTDOWN is on for the Lochaber and District Canine Society companion dog show.

In aid of Canine Concern Scotland, the event will take place on Tuesday July 5 at the Nevis Centre, An Aird.

Puppies aged four to six months can participate in the puppy walk at 7pm.

There will also be various pedigree classes, novelty classes and a best trick competition.

Classes cost £1.50 each and can be entered on the night.

Doors open at 6.45pm with judging from 7pm. For more info call Sarah on 01855 821277 or visit www.lochaber-and-district-canine-society.com

Crown pursues former Lochaber hotel owner under proceeds of crime act

A FORMER Lochaber hotel owner who failed to have his three-year jail sentence for human trafficking overturned is now being pursued by the Crown for confiscation of money.

Shamsul Arefin from Bangladesh was convicted of bringing four victims to the Stewart Hotel in Duror, which he then owned, with the intent to exploit them. Arefin was found guilty by a majority verdict following a five-day trial in Fort William Sheriff Court in July 2015.

The 47-year-old appealed but failed to have his conviction overturned earlier this year. It is now understood the Crown is pursuing a confiscation order under the Proceeds of Crime Act but as the case is still ongoing exact details of the order cannot be disclosed.

Iain Campbell, Senior Communications Officer with the Crown office and Procurator Fiscal Service, told *The Oban Times*: 'We're not in a position to provide any information on the case at present as it is still live and the figures remain under debate.'

Arefin's case is next due to be heard on August 16.



Gala queen Laurin MacDonald, right, with attendants Millie Nixon, left, and Sara Carmichael. Photograph: John Paul Peebles, Abrightside Photography.

Fun and games at Caol Gala

CAOL Gala will return on Saturday 25 June, taking place at the Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig, Loch Abar.

This will be the area's second gala after a lapse of around 10 years and the first at the Gaelic school, which has allowed more space for activities.

Organisers are hoping for good weather but there will be fun and festivities for all ages come rain or shine, including funfare attractions, live music from the Lochaber wind band and a dance platform.

The Gala Queen and attendants will also be present after being picked in a ballot which took place in various locations in the village.



Sleat Transport Forum has renewed calls for the return of the MV Coruisk, which now serves the Mull route.

Urgent call to meet MSP over ferry row

SLEAT Transport Forum are calling for an urgent meeting with the new Scottish Transport minister.

The forum is hoping to sit down with Humza Yousaf MSP, the new minister for Transport and Islands, to bring together the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and CalMac to resolve the continuing issues on the Mallaig-Armadale ferry service.

While the group welcomed last week's announcement that CalMac Ferries Ltd won the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract, they expressed concern that disruptions with the ferry service are

now not only affecting CalMac's own customers, but the economic prosperity of the communities that are dependent on the popular service.

The deployment of vessels which the group says are not fit for purpose and are a downgraded customer experience has resulted in a ferry service that the forum has described as a 'shambles'.

The consequence of this is now the publication of an emergency timetable of revised services effective from May 24 until August 31, where more than 50 operating days out of 99 are planned to have

changes to times and scheduled vessels.

The group has said: 'This is causing a major loss of confidence in the route and at times a reduction in available vehicle capacity.'

'Coach travel has been severely affected by the disruption and uncertainty of service.'

Despite extensive discussions with CalMac to seek an urgent resolution on the matter, Sleat Forum says no serious alternative plan has yet been presented by the company.

An online petition calling for the immediate return of the MV

Coruisk now has 1,658 signatures.

Sleat Transport Forum said: 'This further emphasises the public concern for service currently being operated by CalMac.'

From the company's published statistics online there was a total of 904 scheduled sailings in April and May last year with just 14 cancellations for that 61 day period.'

The group added: 'This is clear evidence that the deployment of vessels not fit for purpose has been the principal reason for the disruption caused by tidal conditions and is widely viewed in the local communities as a disgrace.'

Life-changing trip for Acharacle youngsters



The children wore kilts to the cultural exchange evening.

ACHARACLE Primary School pupils have been on a life-changing trip to learn the power of negotiation.

Sean MacLennan, Jonathan Ewers and Fabienne Manasseh, all aged 11, travelled to Rome to debate in the Montessori Model United Nations conference, a programme designed to teach youngsters the importance of accepting differences at a young age.

The pupils spent three days in the Italian capital representing Ghana, their chosen country, listening to their peers and putting forward their arguments.

Lindsay Bradley, associated schools head teacher of Acharacle, Ardgour and Kilchoan primaries, explained: 'As part of the programme, you cannot debate on behalf of your own country but studying Ghana was really interesting for them. They worked for weeks doing their research, finding out the main problems affecting Ghana such as forced labour, child labour, food waste - really hard hitting topics.'

'Then they devised plans on how these problems could be best tackled and put together their arguments.'

'At the conference there were children from Thailand, Oslo, Zurich, Canada and many more so it was multi-cultural

in every sense. We were the only school from Scotland which made us very proud and during the cultural exchange evening the pupils dressed in kilts.'

Through the programme the youngsters were given the opportunity to learn and respect other cultures, they learned about the rules of procedure and formalities when it comes to debating so these are real life lessons that they will carry with them.'

During their stay, the pupils stayed in the Vatican City and after keeping a tight schedule during the conference, they were able to soak up the sights before returning to Scotland.

Ms Bradley added: 'The children worked relentlessly during the conference, waking up at 7.30am and only really had an hour here or there for breaks - but they loved it. They were really dedicated and the amount of effort they put in was tremendous. The final debate was in the United Nations building so they had to leave Italy essentially and go through security. I am sure none of the pupils will forget this experience in a hurry. Some of the parents stayed for the weekend after the conference and do the tourist things, so it was nice that everyone's hard work was rewarded.'



Pupils were taught the formalities and importance of negotiation and debate.



Pupils chose to represent Ghana at the conference.

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Viewpoint

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This week Dunbeg Community Council launched its petition calling for double white lines and new speed limits to be applied to the stretch of road between Dunbeg and Oban.

In recent weeks there have been a number of accidents on that stretch of the A85, with two involving multiple cars taking place this week. Fortunately, it seems, no-one was seriously injured.

While the community council is calling for these safety measures, Oban police say any changes will not have the desired effect, as they believe the accidents are down to a lack of concentration among drivers, many of them tourists coming to the area and not knowing the road.

But surely overtaking is an issue, with local drivers' patience wearing thin as they sit behind a tourist doing 35mph in a 60mph zone, often taking chances where it's not safe to do so but the road markings allow?

And the community's concern is not just for road users. With the better weather more people are using the walkway to the cemetery at Pennyfuir, or using the cycle path to walk out to Dunbeg, returning to the town by the main road.

Surely a few white lines and a considered reduction in the speed limit is not going to break the bank, but could put the brakes on people taking a risk not only with their own lives, but with other drivers' lives and possibly pedestrians?



Days gone by – Iona, 1911

This week's flashback photograph was submitted by Mrs Bridgeland of Crinan Harbour and features Iona in 1911. Digital versions of flashback photos for *The Oban Times* can be sent to editor@obantimes.co.uk or prints sent to The Editor, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban PA34 4HB. Anyone who wishes a print returned should include a stamped-addressed envelope.

Glasgow Letter

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An Lòchran Gaelic song session

I AM LOOKING forward to hosting the An Lòchran Gaelic song session in Dram on Woodlands Road with Gillebride Macmillan this Saturday between 2pm and 4pm.

If anyone in Glasgow has a couple of hours to spare, please join us for an afternoon of relaxed Gaelic singing.

An Lòchran is producing a booklet of words which will help people less familiar with the songs to join in – and perhaps help Gillebride and myself when we forget the words!

Ceòl's Craic at the West End Festival

CEÒL'S Craic has a busy June ahead with a couple of events at the West End Festival, which I document in the picture.

Briseadh Na Cloiche looks like an excellent play and dynamic super group Dàimh is sure to attract a big crowd to its gig.

Three stags in the 'Teuchter Triangle'

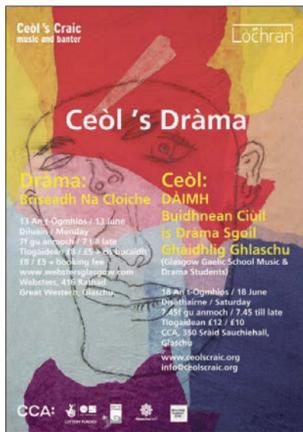
I WAS perhaps slightly premature in writing last week that the Highland haunts of Glasgow are getting quieter as people head up the road for a summer on the West Coast.

This was far from the case last weekend with no less than three stag dos in the Park Bar – all at the same time!

Robert Nairn was in with members of his former band, the Pneumatic Drills.

The Pneumatic Drills are Park Bar folklore and their t-shirt still takes pride of place hanging above the stage.

All those boys in having a tune was a blast from the fairly recent past.



Donald Macrae in the Park

THIS coming Saturday night is going to be a good one in the Park Bar with Donald Macrae taking to the stage accompanied by Robert Nairn and his band.

I was writing just recently in this column about Donald's contribution to the Park Bar's success and the brilliant Facebook page that has been set up for him.

By the time this paper goes to print,

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I will have seen Bruce Springsteen live in Hampden on Wednesday night. I'm sure the Boss will put on an amazing show, but give me Donald Macrae and Robert Nairn in the Park Bar any day!

What's on

Friday June 3: Glasgow Skye Association end of session social, Redhurst Hotel, Giffnock.

Friday June 3: Scottish musical evening, Broomhill Hotel, Kilmarnock.

Saturday June 4: An Lòchran Gaelic song session, part of the West End Festival, Dram, Woodlands Road.

Tuesday June 7 and 14: Togaibh Fonn, An Lòchran Gaelic Song Workshops, part of the West End Festival, An Léanag, 22 Mansfield Street.

Tuesday June 14: Club Film @ Ceòl's Craic, Centre for Contemporary Arts, Sauchiehall Street.

Wednesday June 15: Feuch ris! – Danna Ceum: An Lochran Step Dance Workshop as part of the West End Festival, Annexe Communities.

Pub scene

Park Bar: Friday June 3: Deoch 'n' Dorus. Saturday June 4: Robert Nairn and Donald Macrae. Sunday June 5: Nicky Memichan.

Islay Inn: Friday June 3: Black Velvet. Saturday June 4: Crooked Reel. Wednesday June 8: quiz night.

Banners and bunting aim to boost Oban

Sir,
Most people will have seen the banners and bunting that have been put up on North George Street.

This was organised by Bid4Oban on behalf of our levy-payers and in keeping with our business plan objective of 'making the best first impression'.

The idea came from discussion with some of the retailers in that area about the best way to improve the first part of the town for visitors and locals.

The bulk of the cost was met from the levy that businesses in the town pay to Bid4Oban but it was helped by other significant contributions, namely from Eeusk paying for the Seafood Capital welcome banner with no requirement for advertising; the Oban Common Good Fund, whose contribution enabled the purchase of code flags rather than traditional bunting; and Argyll and Bute Council without whose help the bunting could not have been erected.

I hope that this meets with approval and thanks to everyone who has assisted.

Derek Connery,
Chief executive, BID4OBAN Ltd,
43 Stevenson Street, Oban.

CalMac decision has a sting in the tale

Sir,
The sting in the CalMac tale is still a very long way off but, eventually, it will happen.

Meantime, however, CalMac has retained the privilege of serving our islands for the next eight years and, immediately, the do-gooders at Western Isles Council are asking the shipping company to relocate its administration out to the islands.

If only matters were as simple as that. The first and most serious aspect of the whole scenario is that the roads in the West Highlands and, in particular, in the isles, are not fit for purpose. The Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) unleashing an overspill of vehicles onto already struggling local single-track roads is a travesty.

For instance, in South Uist, Benbecula and North Uist, the dual road improvement programme that began in 1982/83 is still only approximately half done, 33 years later.

The rest of the islands, along with long stretches of West Highland roads, are also 40-odd years out of date and a massive roads project is of the essence.

I'm only wondering if the silent majority are thinking what I am. That is, with so many thousands of folk coming off ferries and onto single-track roads, the residents, will be at least a day late and a dollar short in getting on with our own lives and/or forever be stuck in a passing place.

So CalMac, via the Scottish Gov-

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THA FÌOR DHÙBHLAN aig Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd le gainne nàrr ann an sgoiltean bhaile Inbhir Nis, agus tuigear gum bheil oifigich agus Buill na Comhairle a' dèanamh dìchill gus an suidheachadh a leasachadh gu dail.

Ach leis an rùn as fheàrr a ghabhas cur ris, bheir e ùine làrach a lorg, cead-dealbhachaidh is eile a chur air dòigh agus togalach a chruthachadh, gun iomradh air an ionmhas a dh'fheumar air a shon.

Agus chan e aon togalach a tha a dhìth an seo a rèir coltais ach grunn, agus bidh e na iongnadh dha mòran ciarar nach robh dealbh na b' fheàrr aig oifigich a tha an urra ri libhrige-adh seirbheis foghlaim na Comhairle air na bha de chloinn ri an oideachadh anns an sgìre.

Gun teagamh chan eil e furasta a bhith soilleir a thaobh 's mar a dh'fhaodas gluasad sluaigh a-steach do sgìre atharrachadh thar bhliadhnaichean romhad nuair a tha leithid sgoiltean gan dealbh 's gan togail, ach canaidh mòran gur e nach eil cothrom leudachaidh gu leòr ga cheadachadh anns na togalaichean sgoile as coireach dha tòrr de na trioblaidhean a tha

ernment, got the contract but – and it's a very big but – where is the common sense? I'd say roads first and then, maybe, the gallivanting can start.

And here is something to think about: CalMac was first introduced as a social and lifeline service for the isles first and foremost. But today that is not the case.

The sting in the tale is that, eventually, the result of all this free-for-all and RET, apart from the fact that it's not really for us islanders to begin with, is that it will cause the demise of the isles, their people and culture.

That is the price we are going to pay. We will have sold our souls. The service that was first of all intended for the islands and their indigenous folk will kill the very people it intended to help.

The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Angus Campbell,
Garrynamonie, Isle of South Uist.

Oban High School traffic lights concern

Sir,
I am grateful and wish to thank the councillor for raising the problems with the traffic lights at Oban High School at Kilmory.

It is very upsetting for parents to find that as a result of the lights not working properly their children arrive home from school in considerable discomfort and in distress having taken almost one hour to travel from Rockfield/St Columba's Joint Campus to their destination in the town's George Street.

I hope this has now been rectified and that a better traffic flow system allowing pupils to reach and depart from Oban High School will be in place on completion of the new high school building.

Name and address supplied.

Staying in the EU will be a major mistake

Sir,
Here we go again. The governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, has predicted an economic disaster similar to that of the 1930s if we leave the EU. Chancellor George Osborne has predicted that we will all be £4,300 a year worse off and Prime Minister David Cameron has predicted World War Three.

But, amazingly, Mr Cameron did not think this was important enough to include in his £9.3 million leaflet he sent to us all, using our taxes to pay for it, of course.

Isn't it strange how those 'little Britain in-siders' can predict doom and gloom, financial disaster 15 or more years into the future, factory closures and so much more and yet are always saying that we on the 'leave' side of the argument are unable to say what the future outside the EU will look like.

The plain truth is that neither side can say exactly what will happen

outside the EU but we who predict a bright future as a democratic, lightly taxed, lightly governed, rich and important world trading nation again are not making it up as we go along.

We are basing our predictions on facts. You do not need access to government books to see a failing European economy in the world rankings, down from 30 per cent in 1980 to 20 per cent today and predicted 15 per cent of world trade by 2025 (less than 10 years away), unemployment in the EU running at over 50 per cent in some areas, a failing euro currency but which Brussels is insisting all members will adopt in the near future, high taxes to pay for all this EU failure and so on.

You just need to look around you: uncontrolled, and uncontrollable, EU immigration is not just due to people wanting to leave their homes and trek thousands of miles for the fun of it but because their own nations are suffering even more badly under the EU than we are.

You do not need a crystal ball to see that the EU is not only undemocratic in outlook but intends to end democracy itself very soon.

Isn't it strange that they who recommend we remain never mention the blinking obvious disaster which that move is bringing but instead condemn those of us who are trying to warn the rest of you about it.

Gordon J Stewart,
The Schoolhouse,
Mackenzie Place, Avoch.

Government should stop passing the buck

Sir,
The Scottish Government is facing a fine of up to £125 million over the SNP's CAP payments fiasco.

On top of that, Scottish taxpayers will also be footing the bill for the Scottish Government's failed IT system, which will cost £178 million.

To make matters even worse, despite spending a king's ransom on this new IT system, around a quarter of farmers are still to receive any payment, despite the Scottish Government saying money would begin arriving in December last year.

Our farmers have been waiting an obscene amount of time to receive their money and, as such, our rural economy is being starved of hundreds of millions of pounds.

Despite Audit Scotland releasing a damning report into the SNP's CAP payments crisis, and rural affairs secretary Richard Lochhead resigning from the Scottish cabinet, Deputy First Minister John Swinney, on a recent radio interview, appeared to blame the EU and the farming industry itself, rather than taking responsibility for his party's role in the matter.

It is high time the Scottish Government stopped constantly trying to pass the buck and sorted out this mess. Scotland's farmers deserve better than this SNP government.

Alastair Redman,
Islay.

Ailean Caimbeul

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Robynn's stage set for dream career

A LOCAL aspiring star of the stage is counting the days until she can begin training for her dream career after landing a coveted place at The MGA Academy of Performing Arts in Edinburgh.

Robynn Butler, a pupil at Plockton High School, will start a three-year HND Dance course at The MGA Academy this summer after impressing staff during an intensive audition.

After gaining entry to one of Scotland's leading performing arts academies, 17-year-old Robynn, from Kyle of Lochalsh, has set her sights on carving out a career on stage.

Robynn said: 'When I was little, I wanted to be the best ballerina in the world, but I was terrible - like an elephant. Aged 12, I really started enjoying jazz and, from there, started to try other types of dancing.'

'The MGA Academy was my first choice. I'd looked at a few colleges and academies but really hoped to get into MGA.'

Robynn, whose love of dancing began as a youngster at Kyle Primary School, has attended dance classes in Broadford and Kyle of Lochalsh run by Lorayne McLucas Performing Arts.

Her summer move to Edinburgh signals an important step on Robynn's path to becoming a professional performer.

'The first time I visited Edinburgh was for The MGA Academy's open day in February and the only other time was for the audition a few weeks later,' explained Robynn.

'I had been to another audition in Glasgow, but The MGA Academy felt so welcoming. I'm looking forward to working on my technique and on different styles of dance, as well as gaining performing experience.'

'I already do lyrical and contemporary dance, but the course teaches tap, ballet and more.'

'Going to The MGA Academy will help expand my repertoire as well as my creativity.'

Andrew Gowland, Managing Director of The MGA Academy, said: 'We look forward to welcoming Robynn to The MGA Academy. She is already very talented and impressed all the staff during her audition, but we are confident the training she receives here will ensure she improves as a performer and help her achieve her dream of being on stage.'

Record total raised at last Lochyside RC school fete



There was a chance to have a go at balloon modelling at Lochyside Primary School's final fete at its current campus



Pony rides proved popular at the event.

Staff and pupils pull out all the stops before move

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LOCHYSIDE Primary School's final fete in its current campus raised a record-breaking £5,500.

Staff and pupils pulled out all the stops to make the event a fitting celebration of the school's 54-year history.

The school will be moving to a new campus at Caol after the summer break when it will be re-named St Columba RC Primary.

The money raised at the fete, on Thursday May 26, will go to school funds.

Lochyside head teacher Violet Smith said: 'This was the last fete at our school as we will be moving to our new school campus in September. The weather was fantastic and we had a huge crowd of people from the local community. It was a very sociable occasion.'

'We had lots of outdoor activities for the children as well as stalls in the hall.'

'There were many highlights including Lochaber High School Wind Band which played some amazing music in the outdoor garden, Lochaber Pipe Band, and the ever-popular Wheel of Fortune.'

'Nevis Radio broadcast its programme live from the fete. We were delighted to raise a record total of £5,500 for school funds. This is a remarkable amount of money and we are extremely grateful to the local businesses and



Sister Diane took on the role of the fortune teller at Lochyside's fete. Photographs by Anthony MacMillan.

others who so generously supported the event. It was a nostalgic evening for many of the people who attended as they shared their memories of the school over the past 52 years.'

There is still a chance to visit the Lochyside school and share memories during an open week.

Ms Smith said: 'We will be holding an open week from June 20 to 24. We hope former pupils, staff and parents will come along to the school where there will be an opportunity to look at photographic displays and memorabilia from 1964 to the present time.'

Inverlochy youngsters step out on fun run

INVERLOCHY primary school youngsters took part in their annual fun run on Saturday May 29.

Pupils from nursery to primary seven participated in the run from the school to Old Inverlochy Castle and back.

Head teacher Kirsty Clark told *The Oban Times* the event was a 'huge success'.

The children taking part were accompanied by family members and friends.

The quickest runner was primary seven pupil Innes Orr, who completed the course in around 12 minutes.

The fun run raised £211, which will help the school fund educational experiences and workshops to enhance pupils' learning.



And they're off! The pupils set off on their annual fundraising fun run.

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Colin Fisher recycled old pallets to make a bench.

CalMac's Colin builds port bench

FERRY passengers travelling to and from Mallaig can now rest on a new hand-made bench at CalMac's port office.

Colin Fisher, who has worked with CalMac for more than two years, used unwanted timber to make the bench.

Once built, he painted it in the company's colours and included the firm's recognised logo.

Colin, from Mallaig, who is keen on DIY, said: 'We had quite a few pallets at the port from various freight deliveries and I just thought this would be a nice thing to do with some of them.'

'It's a good way of recycling the wood and it's something which everyone at the port can enjoy.'

Port manager Nancy McLean said: 'I can't praise Colin enough for his efforts and everyone agrees it is very impressive.'

'It has become a main feature here in Mallaig and draws a lot of attention.'

The bench has taken pride of place at the port office and is already a hit with passengers travelling to and from the Small Isles and Skye.

Argyll's only boarding school opens doors to interested families

'At all stages of the school, children and young people are highly motivated and actively involved in their learning. They are respectful, hard-working and respond very well to the overall high-quality learning experiences.' Education Scotland

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- Extensive programme of extra-curricular and outdoor learning
- Strong focus on art, music and drama
- Purpose-built, modern facilities
- Flexi boarding e.g. weekly boarding
- Excellent transport links to the West Highlands

Argyll's only boarding school is inviting families to come and see for themselves what makes Lomond so unique. Located in the picturesque coastal town of Helensburgh with its safe community environment and excellent transport links, Lomond School has a long tradition of boarders from the West Highlands and Islands.

As the top performing school in Argyll, Lomond offers a wide-ranging curriculum including eight National Fives at S3/S4 and the traditional five Highers in S5. The curriculum has been enhanced further with recent additions such as drama, health and food technology as well as the appointment of a head of adventure and service and head of digital strategy.

Extra-curricular activities include hockey, rugby, sailing, skiing and canoeing. In 2015 Lomond School was the top performing school in Scotland for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. The school also has a long-standing history of traditional Scottish music.

Boarders at Lomond benefit from excellent facilities, with the new Burnbrae boarding house built in 2003 offering comfortable lounges, a gym and mostly twin en-suite study bedrooms. Lomond is unique in Scotland in that it allows male and female siblings to live together in the same boarding house. Families are also offered the flexibility of weekly boarding.

Lomond School principal Johanna Urquhart said: 'Here at Lomond, we pride ourselves on taking an individual approach to the education and care of each and every pupil. Boarding provides a particularly rewarding experience thanks to our family ethos, excellent facilities and professional, dedicated staff. We are also very proud of our long-standing links to the West of Scotland and would welcome any families interested in boarding to come and see us.'

S6 pupil Kaitlin said: 'Boarding has helped me develop my self-confidence. I've made friends for life from around the world and I've really benefited from the personalised approach to my whole Lomond experience.' Families interested in boarding at Lomond are invited to a no obligation visit or free trial stay. To find out more please contact Janet Dixon at admissions on 01436 672476 or j.dixon@lomondschool.com.



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Are you interested in boarding but not sure what to expect? Then please come along to sample life at Lomond School. We can offer you a free trial at our boarding house and day school.

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Police files

POLICE urge anyone who has been offered or bought what may be a pirate DVD copy to contact Fort William Police with information.

LOCHABER police are investigating the theft of an excavator bucket from a yard in Arisaig.

Anyone with any information should contact Mallaig or Fort William police.

POLICE in Fort William are investigating the theft of traffic lights from road works near Invergarry on the A82.

The incident occurred sometime between 5.30pm on May 25 and 8am on May 26.

Anyone in the area who saw anything suspicious should contact Fort William Police.

THERE has been an increase in bogus workmen operating in Lochaber.

Police urge everyone to report any suspicious activity to their nearest police station.

Further information is available on the Police Scotland website under Operation Monarda.

Arena

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Graham Campbell with rich pickings. t23festfsea09



Beata Borowska and Magdalena Sadlik with their mouthwatering Polish cakes at the craft fare in the Rockfield Centre. t23festfsea03



Fiona Bird who gave a talk on the health benefits of seaweed. t23festfsea02



Chainsaw artist Ronnie MacDonald goes eye to eye with his magnificent carving of a kingfisher. t23festfsea05



Brother and sister Findlay, four, and Mollie, two, Campbell from Taynuilt show off their jellyfish made at the Rockfield Centre. t23festfsea01



The Taynuilt Wee Swing Band kept the crowd entertained on a beautiful day. t23festfsea010



Mike Russell MSP samples the oysters at the Festival of the Sea. t23festfsea04
All pictures: Kevin McGlynn

Top chefs provide a taste of what's great about Oban

A LEADING Scottish chef returned to his home town of Oban at the weekend to headline the three-day Festival of the Sea.

Fresh from his appearance on the BBC's Great British Menu series 10, Graham Campbell, who in 2009 was one of the youngest Scottish chefs to be awarded a Michelin star, gave cookery demonstrations using seaweed and sharing recipes at Rockfield, his old primary school.

The centre is now a community hub run by Oban Communities Trust and was the main venue for this year's Festival of the Sea, organised by the Ocean Explorer Centre at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), Dunstaffnage.

Cooking demonstrations were also given by Paul Leonard, head chef at the Michelin-starred restaurant at the Isle of Eriska, as well as Rachel Gillon from the Scottish Salmon Producers.

Michael Russell MSP dropped in to the festival on Saturday. He said: 'The festival was a great event that brought the best seafood and sea-related produce to the heart of Oban and provided a focus for visitors and locals on a sunny holiday weekend. This type of thing really helps the town.'

The Festival of the Sea usually takes place every two years but, following the success of the festival in 2015, SAMS decided to offer a more compact additional weekend event this year to meet demands for activities in the town.

The 'mini' festival included a large programme of events and activities, such as trips to SAMS' seaweed farm off the coast of Kerrera, talks and author readings, children's crafting and science workshops, a public consultation, and a seafood and craft fair.

A spokesperson for SAMS said: 'We estimate that 2,300 people attended the weekend event at the Rockfield Centre. The boat trips to our seaweed farm were fully booked, and there was a variety of stalls at the Rockfield Centre on Saturday and Sunday, from seafood to craft and jewellery makers.'

'On the Friday we had a fantastic event at Oban High School's home economics department, where we spoke to 180 second-year pupils about food from the sea. This covered how we use salt, the ecology of langoustines and how they end up on our plate, algae as food and how alginates are used in food processing. 'We also held various science

workshops and talks throughout the weekend, and the Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network was also there to increase awareness of sharks and their ongoing shark tagging programme. The main goal of the festival was to make people feel inspired by the marine environment, proud of what the Oban area has to offer and willing to do what it takes to conserve it.'

Festival director Dr Anuschka Miller, of SAMS, said: 'The festival is a great way to strengthen awareness of the local environment within the community and we are fortunate to have a base like the Rockfield Centre.'

'The centre lends itself brilliantly to community events such as ours and addresses the need for an events venue in the town centre. The location attracted passers-by and this allowed us to grow our audience, so we are planning on using the Rockfield Centre as a base for the festival in the future.'

'We have had huge support from the community and I would like to thank everyone who helped out over the festival, especially Judith Vajk, Graham MacQueen and Oban Communities Trust.'

Music with Jonathan Rimmer



LOCALS have never had to look far for quality traditional music. However, Markie Dans played host to a different sort of ceilidh band last Friday. Inspired by ska and funk, Inverness and Speyside trio Tweed brought a whole new level of energy to the Oban venue.

The band impressed the crowd with their unique arrangements of Scottish classics and more outlandish tunes such as Russian folk song *Kalinka*.

Accordianist Graeme MacKay and fiddle player Duncan Farquhar began much like many Scottish dance groups: playing regular slots at pubs and hotels.

However, in 2011 they broadened their horizons by recruiting Sam McLeod, an accomplished ska drummer for Edinburgh band Bomb-skare.

'The way I like to look at it is that I turned up and spoiled all of the tunes,' says Sam. 'We were playing about and the grooves that I went for just seemed to work.'

'There's so much space in a 4/4 rhythm or a reel. With us, the bassline might stay the same but the drums will completely change. Sometimes we stumble across funk stuff by accident just by playing around with old Scottish stuff.'

Like all the best experi-

ments, the trio agree that their hybrid sound was created 'by accident'.

Though the band never rehearse, they enjoy a weekly residence in Aviemore, which has become a training ground for the spontaneous medley-based approach that they bring to their sets.

'When people see us setting up they assume we're just a ceilidh band,' says Graeme. 'Once we get going people either get up and dance immediately or they just sit there with their jaws to the ground trying to work out who's doing what.'

'For a three-piece, we do create a really big sound but there's no point trying

to work out what's going on because often we don't even know.'

In November the band released their second album, *The Dark Side of the Loom*, which features everything from sped-up marches to reels played in 'reggae style'.

Produced by Graeme's cousin Marcus Mackay, percussionist for SAY Award winner Kathryn Joseph, the album was possible thanks to a crowdfunding project that raised £3,500.

Touring the album took the band everywhere from a Cyprus military base to an empty Tomintoul village hall. However, the band are quick to hail the west coast as

one of their favourite place to play.

'We were last here for the Mull Music Festival so it's great to be back,' says Graeme. 'Oban's been amazing every single time we've visited.'

'Plenty of tourists come to shows here, especially in the summer, which is great. We're not really interested in pipes, shortbread and bus parties but we want to get people dancing, wherever they're from.'

'We intend to be in Oban on a monthly basis. We're coming back to Markie Dans on June 10 and July 23, anyway. What can people expect? To jump up and down and dance like hell.'

Comic Fred's game for a laugh with new tour dates

FRED MacAulay will be undertaking a Wee Tour of Scotland in July.

After almost 18 years as a BBC Radio Scotland morning programme presenter, Fred is returning to stand-up comedy, which he has been doing for almost 30 years.

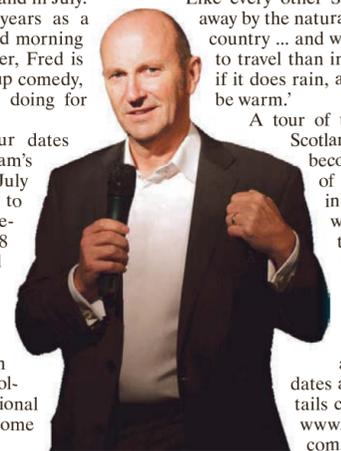
There are 18 tour dates including Fort William's Nevis Centre on July 7 (01397 700707 to book) and Mull Theatre on July 8 (01688 302211 to book) and a couple of dates on the Western Isles at the end of the month.

Audiences can expect a mix of politics and observational humour as well as some gags.

Speaking about the tour, Fred said: 'Like every other Scot, I'm blown away by the natural beauty of our country ... and what better time to travel than in summer. And if it does rain, at least it might be warm.'

A tour of this size round Scotland is likely to become a staple part of Fred's future in stand-up, along with returning to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2017.

Only people aged 14+ are permitted at any of the tour dates and further details can be found at www.fredmacaulay.com.



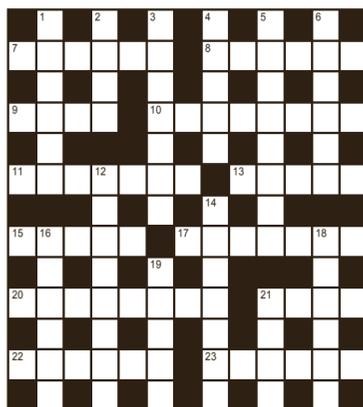
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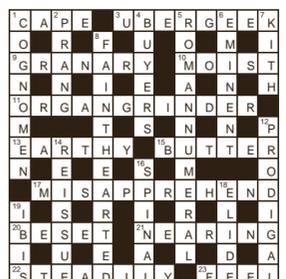
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 - 11 One who doesn't stay the course (7)
 - 13 Begin (5)
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 - 17 It keeps the openers together (3,4)
 - 20 One who joins up (8)
 - 21 A dapper man (4)
 - 22 Tool used to smooth holes to size (6)
 - 23 African antelope (6)

- Down
- 1 One who watches (6)
 - 2 Mend woollen garment (4)
 - 3 Muddle (7)
 - 4 A custard and ice cream dessert (5)
 - 5 In a dither (8)
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ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS | PG | 133 MIN

Fri: 16:00, Sat: 18:15, Sun: 11:45, 13:30, Mon: 16:00, Tue: 18:15, Wed: 16:00, Thu: 16:00
3D: Sat: 15:00

Alice Kingsleigh has spent the past few years following in her father's footsteps and sailing the high seas. Upon her return to London, she comes across a magical looking glass and returns to the fantastical realm of Underland and her friends the White Rabbit, Absolem, the Cheshire Cat and the Mad Hatter, who is not himself. The Hatter has lost his Muchness, so Mirana sends Alice on a quest to borrow the Chronosphere, a metallic globe inside the chamber of the Grand Clock which powers all time.

ANGRY BIRDS | 115 MIN

Fri: 19:00, Sat: 13:10, Sun: 11:30, Mon: 18:20, Tue: 16:00, Wed: 18:20, Thu: 18:20

The movie takes us to an island populated entirely by happy, flightless birds — or almost entirely. In this paradise, Red, a bird with a temper problem, speedy Chuck and the volatile Bomb have always been outsiders. But when the island is visited by mysterious green piggies, it's up to these unlikely outcasts to figure out what the pigs are up to.

ARGYLL YOUTH THEATRE - ALADDIN | 180 MIN

Thu: 13:00

Argyll Youth Theatre presents Aladdin

KIDS CLUB: CARS

Sat: 11:00

Children's Classic: CARS is a 2006 animation about a arrogant young race car, Lightning McQueen, who finds himself stranded in a small town on Route 66.

NT LIVE: THE AUDIENCE ENCORE | 12A | 180 MIN

Thu: 19:00

For sixty years, Queen Elizabeth II has met with each of her twelve Prime Ministers in a private weekly meeting. This meeting is known as The Audience. No one knows what they discuss, not even their spouses. From the old warrior Winston Churchill, to the Iron Lady Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair right up to today's meetings with the current incumbent David Cameron, the Queen advises her Prime Ministers on all matters both public and personal. Through these private audiences, we see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch.

OUR KIND OF TRAITOR | 15 | 128 MIN

Fri: 18:30, 21:15, Sat: 18:00, 20:40, Sun: 18:30, Mon, Tue: 19:30, 20:30, Wed, Thu: 16:30, 20:30

A couple find themselves lured into a Russian oligarch's plans to defect are soon positioned between the Russian Mafia and the British Secret Service, neither of whom they can trust.

X-MEN: APOCALYPSE | 12A | 170 MIN

Fri: 21:00, Sat: 15:15, 20:30, Sun: 19:00, Mon: 16:30
3D: Tue: 16:30

Parent & Baby: Tue: 11:30

Since the dawn of civilization, he was worshipped as a god. Apocalypse, the first and most powerful mutant from Marvel's X-Men universe, amassed the powers of many other mutants, becoming immortal and invincible. Upon awakening after thousands of years, he is disillusioned with the world as he finds it and recruits a team of powerful mutants, including a disheartened Magneto, to cleanse mankind and create a new world order, over which he will reign.

RSC: HAMLET | TBC | 210 MIN

Wed: 19:00

Hamlet has the world at his feet. Young, wealthy and living a hedonistic life studying abroad. Then word reaches him that his father is dead. Returning home he finds his world is utterly changed, his certainties smashed and his home a foreign land. Struggling to understand his place in a new world order he faces a stark choice. Submit, or rage against the injustice of his new reality.

THE JUNGLE BOOK | PG | 126 MIN

Sat: 12:30, Sun: 16:00

The Jungle Book™ is an all-new live-action epic adventure about Mowgli (newcomer Neel Sethi), a man-cub raised in the jungle by a family of wolves, who embarks on a captivating journey of self-discovery when he's forced to abandon the only home he's ever known.

CRIME writers will be hiking from Fort William to Glencoe to mark an international festival — and to get their creative juices flowing.

Christopher Brookmyre along with Doug Johnstone, Craig Robertson, Gordon J Brown and Matt Bendoris are marking the 'Bloody Scotland' festival by appearing at Fort William Library on June 10 at 7.30pm.

The authors will also take on the Caldeo

nian Challenge, 'The 24', hike from Fort William to Glencoe in celebration of the 2016 programme.

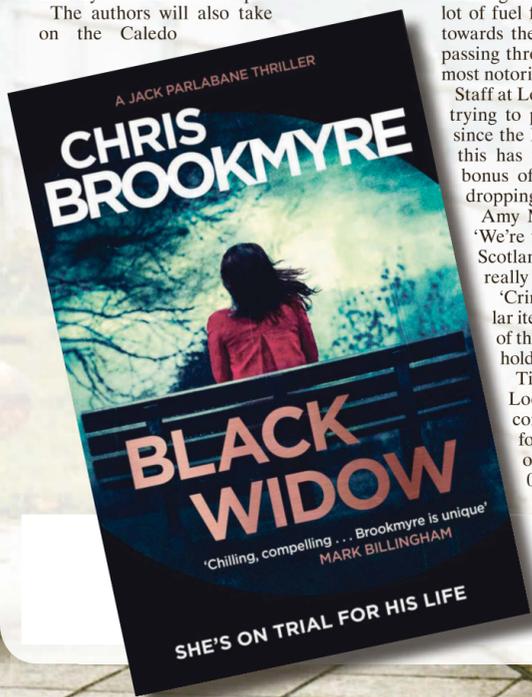
Chris Brookmyre, who is a best-selling author, said: 'It started off with a casual suggestion just before Christmas and somehow I seem to be doing it. I do a lot of walking while I'm working on a book, so I'm hoping that clocking up 24 miles against spectacular backdrops provides a lot of fuel for the creative engine. As we head towards the finish line in Glencoe, we will be passing through one of 17th-century Scotland's most notorious crime scenes.'

Staff at Lochaber Libraries say they have been trying to pin down Christopher for an event since the Read Lochaber Festival in 2014 and this has fitted in perfectly, with the added bonus of four more popular crime authors dropping by too.

Amy McDougall, network librarian, said: 'We're very excited to be hosting a Bloody Scotland event in Fort William Library. It really is a coup for Lochaber.'

'Crime novels are some of our most popular items and we are very lucky to have five of the best names in Scottish crime fiction holding an event in Fort William Library.'

Tickets will be available from every Lochaber Library and are on a first come, first served basis. For more information drop into your local library or phone Fort William Library on 01397 702553.



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crowd anticipated on Port Ellen beach. The beach rugby competition has gone from strength to strength over the years, attracting players from far and wide, including some ex-internationals. It has become one of the highlights of the Islay calendar with plenty of local food and drink available as well as the feast of rugby on show.

This year the tournament welcomes the sponsorship of Kilchoman Distillery. Kilchoman, Islay's farm distillery, was established in 2005 and is based on the rugged west coast of Islay. The annual tournament takes place on Port Ellen beach from noon on Saturday June 11. Please note that the 6pm Kennacraig to Islay sailing on Friday June 10 will be diverted to Port Ellen.

Islay Beach Rugby

Get yourself over to Islay for the Annual Islay Beach Rugby Competition on Saturday the 11th of June. 18 mens and 9 ladies teams will gather to do Battle on the Port Ellen Beach for your entertainment. Matches kick-off at 12 noon on Saturday with the final game scheduled to start at 1700. There will be plenty of top quality local food and drink to accompany the feast of rugby. All sailings to Islay from Kennacraig on Friday will be diverted to Port Ellen. Camping facilities provided.

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THURSDAY: 0800 Morning show, 1100 Molly's Mix with Molly Black, 1300 CLYDE 2, 1500 Gordon Covey, 1700 Drivetime with Stephen, 1900 Christine's Collection, 2100 Ann's Ceilidh, 2200 Margo Till Midnight

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SATURDAY: 0800 Breakfast Show, 1000 Saturday Morning Live with Linda Crosher, 1330 CLYDE 2, 1800 Sports View with the Dream Team, 1900 Marcus, 2000 Dave Lewis
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A digital view of the future

SECONDARY school pupils in Oban attended a road show in the Corran Halls that focused on raising awareness of the careers available in the digital sector.

The pupils received an insight into the industry by getting hands on with new technology and they were also provided with information about how to get in to the profession.

More than 300 pupils from across Argyll and Bute are set to take part in the road show, Discovering Digital World, which is hosted in partnership by Skills Development Scotland and Young Scot.

Claire Gillespie, of Skills Development Scotland, said: 'We are really pleased to be bringing Discovering Digital World to Argyll and Bute after our recent visits to Glasgow and Edinburgh.'

'It has been fantastic to see teachers and parents getting involved and learning about the opportunities available in Scotland, so they can provide the best possible guidance to young people considering their future career path.'

'We have answered a whole range of questions about everything from coding to gender equality.'



Bursary benefit for trad musician

SIX months from now, the winner of a new £2,500 bursary to support young Scottish traditional musicians will be unveiled, coinciding with St Andrew's Day.

Set up through a partnership between the Saltire Society, an independent charity, and Hands Up for Trad, an organisation set up in 2002 to promote Scottish traditional music, the new bursary is now open for applications.

The launch coincides with the Saltire Society's 80th anniversary celebrations and is part of a busy programme of special events and awards planned throughout the year. The winner of the award will be announced at a Saltire Celebrates event at the Oran

Mòr music venue in Glasgow on November 30.

From delivering a teaching programme to booking a small-scale tour, the funding will enable the winner to take part in an activity and learn new skills that will enable them to grow as a musician. It will also allow them to strengthen the planning skills and procedures they will need to be able to pursue a successful career in traditional music.

The £2,500 prize will be paid out in instalments to enable the winner to pursue their chosen project. The winner will also receive a special certificate as well as complimentary one-year membership of the Saltire So-

ciety. They will be expected to record their experiences visually via a dedicated website and will be encouraged to provide regular updates on their progress through social media.

To be considered for the bursary, applicants should submit a project proposal by Friday, August 26, using the online application form on the Hands Up for Trad website. Their application should include a detailed description of the project they would undertake and how this opportunity would enhance their musical career.

Further information is available by contacting Simon Thoumire at info@handsupfortrad.scot.

Isles festival is off to a flyer

LOGANAIR is officially backing the Western Isles' newest music festival this summer by transporting an ABBA tribute act - Abba-A-Rival.

Loganair is supporting Benbecula's Eilean Dorcha Festival by carrying the four members of the group and their instruments free of charge.

Abba-A-Rival are a Scottish-based group that have toured all over the world.

The group contain a team of West End standard singers and musicians, including founder member Leona Marie, who has

had three top-40 hits and sung with many famous names.

Assistance is also being provided to Stornoway's HebCelt festival, as the carrier offers complimentary seats to headline act Eddi Reader and her band.

The first Eilean Dorcha Festival (EDF) is planned for July 29 and 30 and will take place on Benbecula at Liniclete Machair.

EDF includes live performances from top artists, workshops, open-stage sessions, family activities, dancing, food, drink and merchandise sales.

This year's acts include Donnie Munro and Friends, Skipinnish, the Vatersay Boys, Abba-A-Rival, Stop The Clocks, Resurrection, Trail West, The Tailormade, Chunks and Soladale.

The Hebridean Celtic Festival, or HebCelt, is an international event taking place between July 13 and 16 in Stornoway. Headliners to date include Runrig, Van Morrison, The Levellers and KT Tunstall.

This year Runrig, the Red Hot Chili Pipers and Hayseed Dixie will all be taking to the stage.

Gig has Rolink in the aisles

PATRICK Rolink is to host a comedy night at An Cridhe on Coll next month.

Scotland's 'big man of comedy' will be sharing the stage with comedians Marc Jennings and Stephen Buchanan, both of whom were recent finalists in the Scottish Comedian of the Year competition.

Marc is currently being showcased around the UK as one of the outstanding up and coming comedians on the circuit, being heralded as 'one to watch'.

Stephen is another rising star in the world of comedy and is regarded as having a natural ability in the field.

The comedy night will be held on Saturday June 4 at 8.30 pm and tickets are £10 per person.

Dancer closes tour with village show

AN AUSTRALIAN choreographer is bringing his one-man dance show to Craignish this Saturday.

Marc Brew will be giving the closing performance of his national tour at the village hall.

The show is described as 'a tender and intimate solo work which engages with his body as it is now for the first time since his car accident 18 years ago.'

'This new stripped-back and very personal solo investigates and exposes Marc's changed form following his spinal cord injury,

exploring what it is to be broken, reborn, purified, to reconcile being in the world in an entirely new way. The piece builds a dialogue around the transformation of Marc's body with the choreographer and dancer confronting his most essential aspects in this distilled form.'

Entitled 'For Now, I am', the performance will last for approximately 40 minutes but is unsuitable for children under 12. The show begins at 8pm. For tickets, call 01852 500746.

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Dramatic success for youthful stars of Gaelic festival

THE TENTH annual Fèis Dhràma Earra-Ghàidheal took place last Tuesday (May 24).

Over the course of the afternoon, a total of 82 children from three of Argyll's Gaelic primary schools performed original plays in Oban's Corran Halls.

Primary one pupils from Salen school on the isle of Mull performed a Gaelic take on the well-known story, *The Enormous Turnip*.

Classes one to four from Oban's Rockfield Primary School performed a play about a boy who is given magical powers so he can talk to animals.

Sandbank Primary from Dunoon produced two plays,

with P1-3 performing one about a journey to different planets, taking inspiration from different Gaelic accents, and P4-7 performing one about a magic Olympic torch.

All the school groups had taken part in workshops run by actor and drama worker Debbie Mackay, as did pupils from Strath of Appin Primary, who did not participate in the festival.

Ms Mackay said: 'I did four workshops and it was good to see the progression. It's a great wee project.'

Angus Macleod, Fèisan nan Gàidheal's drama officer, who has been coordinating the project, said: 'We strongly believe

that drama is an excellent tool for developing a wide range of skills - public speaking, self-confidence, teamwork and behaviour among them. Every year it's encouraging to see that they will then go on to high school with new skills that will be beneficial to them in the years ahead.'

Fèisan nan Gàidheal is funded by Creative Scotland, Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, the Highland Council, Argyll and Bute Council and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

Photos provided by Fèis Dhràma Earra-Ghàidheal 2016.



Sandbank Primary's P4-7s perform their play about the Olympic torch.



Rockfield Primary performing their play about a boy getting magic powers.



Salen Primary one class staged a play about a giant turnip.



Primary 1-3 from Sandbank Primary performing their space-themed play.

Bodach

In this series, *The Oban Times'* resident Bodach (Gaelic: old man and, by experience, often a storyteller) looks through archive material for articles and pictures that preserve moments from the past. There is always a back story - and sometimes a future one.



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Ferry company has a fascinating history ... and now, thanks to CalMac decision, a highly promising future

THE NEWS that the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service contract has been awarded to Caledonian MacBrayne has been met with an overwhelmingly positive reaction. For many, Caledonian MacBrayne is more than a transport provider - it is a long-established and prominent feature of Scotland's west coast and its cultural geography.

In 1851 David Hutchesson & Company established steamer routes from Glasgow to Oban, Fort William and Inverness via the Crinan and Caledonian canals. David MacBrayne took over operations in 1877 and the re-named shipping line expanded services to Islay and the Western Isles, matching sailings to connect with the railways.

After the First World War, the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company and Coast Lines Ltd invested in the company to compete for mail-carrying contracts, and David MacBrayne became state-owned when the railway companies were nationalised in 1948. The Scottish Transport Group was formed in 1953 to manage public transport services which included David MacBrayne and the Caledonian Steam Packet Company, which amalgamated to create Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd in 1973.

The Scottish Transport Group handed control and ownership to the Secretary of State for Scotland in 1990, effectively the Scottish Government since 1999.

The pictures show the launch of the MV Lochnevis, built by William Denny & Brothers in Dumbarton for David MacBrayne Ltd in 1934. She sailed the Mallaig-Portree mail route until 1960, then operated as an excursion steamer out of Oban until 1969. She was sold to owners in the Netherlands in 1970 and broken up in 1974. PS Iona was built by J&G Thomson of Clydebank in 1864 for David Hutchesson and served as the principal vessel on the Glasgow-Ardtrishaig route for four years. She sailed out of Oban on summer passages and on Wemyss Bay, Arrochar,

Lochgoilhead and Fort William routes until being scrapped in 1936.

TS King George V was built by William Denny & Brothers for Turbine Steamers Ltd in 1926, passing to David MacBrayne Ltd nine years later. She serviced Inveraray and Campbeltown routes, and later sailed on runs from Oban to Iona, Staffa and Fort William. She was taken out of service in 1974 and broken up in 1984.

MV Lochiel was also built by Denny Brothers for David MacBrayne in 1939 to serve as the Islay mail boat. She continued on that route until 1970, when she was sold to Manx operators for service between Fleetwood and Douglas. In 1978 she was commissioned as a floating bar and restaurant in Bristol and stayed in business until 1994 and was sold for scrap the following year.

In 2006, Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd was divided into Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd to keep ports and ships in public ownership, and CalMac Ferries Ltd to operate the ferries. This satisfied EU legislation and created subsidiaries wholly-owned by the Scottish ministers.

More than 200 vessels have been built or acquired for these combined fleets in 165 years, providing work for several Scottish shipyards and some in other parts of the British Isles, Ireland and Europe. Future contracts for new ships will provide several years' work for a Clyde shipyard and have almost certainly saved it from closure.

The continued provision of lifeline and tourism travel services to islands and remote mainland communities employs a workforce of nearly 1,500 and supports another 6,000 jobs across Scotland. The company's £145 million turnover supports a further £270 million turnover in the Scottish economy, so the effects of its activity resonate far beyond the routes and the destinations that the network services.

In some places, CalMac jobs account for 10 per cent of all jobs, which demonstrates how

ferries and ports have been, and continue to be, spliced to the social order of the west coast.

As part of the contract award package, CalMac has to make a great deal of improvements. Some of these have already been initiated, and I hope passengers can look forward to full wi-fi service on all routes in the not-too-distant future. The food and drink on offer is improving all the time, and the vessel replacement programme looks set to deliver purpose-built ships that will be safer, faster, more efficient and represent a network of ferry services that everyone can be proud of.

For many travellers, timetables that allow railway, bus and flight connections will make a huge difference, as will a port and harbour infrastructure that can accommodate growing numbers of passengers and vehicles, and vessels at all states of the tide.



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Staying in EU would benefit farmers – Russell

THE SCOTTISH Parliament has overwhelmingly backed the case for the UK to remain in the EU – and this would have advantages for rural Scotland, according to Michael Russell MSP.

The member for Argyll and Bute urged people in the region to vote for Scotland to stay in the EU at the referendum on June 23. His plea followed a vote by the Scottish Parliament, which saw a motion backing 'Scotland and the rest of the UK remaining part of the EU' succeed by 106 votes to eight.

In a statement, Mr Russell pointed out that Scotland will receive £4.6 billion to implement the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in Scotland until 2020 – with £3.7 billion going direct to farmers.

Mr Russell said: 'With only three weeks to go until the polls open for the EU referen-

dum, it is vital that we speak up and speak out about the many ways in which the EU benefits rural Scotland.

'I was delighted to do so last week in the Scottish Parliament and to make a strong, positive case for remaining a member – a case based on the difference of the current incorporating union in which we live and the confederal one which allows small countries to pool their sovereignty in the EU for the benefit of their citizens.

'Europe is of particular importance to our rural sector, which is supported with £4.6 billion of funding through the Common Agricultural Policy with £3.7 billion worth of payments going to farmers. And, with access to a single market of 500 million, our food and drink sector has incomparable trading opportunities.

'Free movement also makes it easier for tourists from the rest of the EU to come to Scotland, with total visitor spend from the rest of the EU totalling £800 million annually. In addition, membership allows people with much-needed skills to come and contribute to our communities and economy.

'Given the clear benefits of EU membership for rural Scotland, I would urge people in Argyll and Bute to join the overwhelming majority of the Scottish Parliament in voting to ensure that Scotland and the UK remains part of the European Union.'



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Annual charity Killin tractor run

Killin hosted its annual tractor run on Saturday May 28 to raise money for leukaemia cancer research. They gathered at Kinnell Farm, below, before setting off through the village, above, along Glen Lochay and out into the hills beyond before returning through Glen Dochart.



New season lamb prices looking positive

LAMB prices have started the season on a positive note for producers, at seven to eight per cent higher than this time last year, according to the latest analysis by Quality Meat Scotland (QMS).

'With the Muslim festival of Ramadan starting on the June 6, there may be some short-term support for prices which may repeat itself as the festival ends in one month,' said Stuart Ashworth, head of economic services with QMS.

A cold spring has resulted in new-season lambs being slightly slower to appear on the market than last year, he said.

In England, the volume of new-season lambs reaching



A number of factors impact on lamb price prospects.

the market has only exceeded the old season in the past week. In Ireland, new-season lambs have exceeded old season for a few weeks now but, in Scotland, the volume switch over has not occurred yet.

In general, though, hogs have been in tighter supply with the weekly UK kill lower than last year throughout the first four months of 2016. Carcass weights have also been lighter.

'Scottish auction sales of hogs in April and May have been lower than last year. However, a subdued export market in the first quarter of the year meant that this reduced domestic supply did not support producer prices, which, for much of the first

quarter of the year, ran lower than the previous year,' said Mr Ashworth.

French slaughter statistics show an increase in French domestic lamb production over the first quarter of 2016, despite a continued decline in the French breeding flock.

While UK hogg slaughtering have been lower since the turn of the year, ewe slaughtering have increased significantly.

This increase in ewe slaughtering since the turn of the year has also been repeated in the Republic of Ireland.

This heavier supply of cull ewes is reflected in lower farmgate prices for this class of stock throughout 2016 to date.

Resetting the agenda with new farms minister

'A POSITIVE meeting' was how Scotland's farming union leader described his first formal encounter with Fergus Ewing.

The recently-appointed Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity met last week with NFU Scotland officials, after which union president Allan Bowie said: 'His appointment comes at a hugely challenging time for the industry. Volatile markets across every sector mean we

have seen farm incomes fall three years in a row and the huge problems encountered by the Scottish Government in delivering new CAP support created massive problems for Scotland's rural economy.

'There is much unfinished business. We want outstanding support payments delivered to farmers and crofters before the payment window closes in June. And we are looking to the cabinet secretary and his team to ensure we learn

from the mistakes that have been made so that they are not repeated. It is important that a clear timetable for future support payment delivery is set and adhered to.

'Actions and decisions taken by the Scottish Government from now on should be judged on how they will impact on the competitiveness of farmers.

Past gold-plating introduced by the Scottish Government needs to be addressed and we believe that the cabinet secre-

tary will keenly consider the business impact of decisions. Farmers currently carry the bulk of the risk involved in producing food and drink yet, as falling farm incomes show, they are struggling to receive a fair share of the current rewards being generated by this prospering sector.

'It is important that, at this time of uncertainty and volatility in the agricultural industry, we have strong voices within the Scottish Government that

look to ensure food and drink sector success connects back to the farm gate.

But Mr Bowie concluded: 'This was a positive opening meeting and there is a clear understanding farms exist primarily to produce food. We look forward to working with him on behalf of farmers and crofters and today was an opportunity to reset the agenda in a way that will take forward farming and crofting in Scotland.'

Cattle and sheep sale at Caledonian Marts

CALEDONIAN Marts Ltd sold 412 store cattle plus 1,309 store hoggets, ewe hoggets and ewes with lambs at foot at Stirling on Monday May 30.

157 bullocks averaged 212p/kg, selling to 294p/kg for a Limousin from G S Stewart, Wester Whin, and to £1,160 for an Aberdeen Angus from A Mair, North Shields, Denny.

161 heifers averaged 201p/kg, selling to 250p/kg for a Limousin from J R MacGregor, Dyke, Milton of Campsie, and to £1,100 for a Limousin from Laigh, Crawtree.

22 bulls averaged 215p/kg, selling to 202p/kg for a Limousin from W I & A W Callion, Bolfornought and to £900 for the same beast.

72 dairy-bred averaged 149p/kg, selling to 192p/kg for a Flevvieh from W & S Main, Drumbowie, Brackenhirst and to £980 for the same beast.

A good show of hogs and ewes with lambs at foot forward for numbers, and more could have been sold to sellers advantage.

D Steel, Kilwinnet, achieved the top price of the day for a pair of Texel ewes with twin lambs for £200. Heading the hogg prices was R McNee Ltd, Woodend, Armadale at £84 a life (168 per unit) for a pen of eight Texels with single lambs.

Leading prices

Cattle

Bullock p/kg: 261p Wester Whin and Dyke; 256p Wester Whin; 254p Immeroin and Castlehill; 252p Dyke; 244p Fernoch

Bullock/head: £1150 and £1,110 Wester Pirleyhall; £1,090 Benloch; £1,060 Immeroin; £1,000 Martnaham Mains; £990 Bridgehouse

Heifer p/kg: 240p South Mains; 225p and 223p Over Hillhouse; 221p Dyke and Forthview; 218p Daltippan; 213p Forthview;

Heifer/head: £1,100 Benloch; £1,090 South Mains; £960 Over Hillhouse and Crawtree; £910 Harvieston; £900 Bridgehouse; £880 Harvieston and Badyen; £870 Forthview

Store bulls: £880 South Mains; £710 Newhall; £700, £600 and £530 Daltippan

Dairy p/kg: 156p Daltippan; 155p Burnbrae; 153p Daltippan; 149p Millwood

Dairy/head: £590 Powguld; £550 Milton Park; £490 Milton Park; £480 Burnbrae and Millwood

Sheep

Hoggets with singles: £150 and £148 Bankhead (Tex); £148 Airthrey Kerse (Tex); £148 Meikle Seggie (Tex); £160 Woodend (Mule); £152 Mains of Burnbank (Mule); £150 Gibleston (Mule)

Hoggets with twins: £180 Airthrey Kerse (Tex); £170 Craighead (Tex); £180 (twice) Mains of Burnbank (Mule); £175 Gibleston (Mule)

Ewes with singles: £142 Mill of Ardoch (Tex); £130 Kilwinnet (Cont); £120 North Moorhouses (Mule); £110 Carloanan (Chev)

Ewes with Twins: £172 Newton of Logierait (Cross); £172 Lurgan (Tex); £162 + £160 Kilwinnet (Tex X); £161 Mill of Ardoch (Tex X); £132 Carloanan (Chev)

Fort William sale exceeds expectations

A 'FANTASTIC' sale was held by Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd on Friday May 27 at the firm's Fort William centre.

A total of 177 store cattle, 19 OTM cattle, 26 adult head of breeding cattle and 722 sheep went through the ring.

Bullocks (86) averaged 237.4p and sold to 342.9p per kilo for a 175kg Limousin cross from 2 Blaich, Fort William, and £990 gross for a 460kg Aberdeen Angus cross from 72 Camaghael,

Fort William and for a 415kg Limousin cross from 1 Kinloid Arisaig.

Heifers (91) averaged 225.8p and sold to 432.0p per kilo for a 125kg Shorthorn cross from Carnoch Farm, Ardgour, and £920 gross for a pen of 405kg Simmental crosses from Isle of Muck Farms, Isle of Muck and for a single 440kg Simmental cross also from Isle of Muck Farms.

OTM cows (19) averaged 120.1p and sold to 149.5p per kilo for a 515kg Shorthorn cross from Ardtornish Farms, Oban, and £970 gross for a 720kg Shorthorn cross from Moy Farm, Banavie.

Breeding cattle (26) sold to £1,420 gross for an Aberdeen Angus cross cow with male calf at foot from Cluny Estates, Newtonmore.

Store lambs (409) sold to £67 gross for Cheviots from Millburn, Kilchoan.

Ewes with lambs at foot (102) sold to £158 gross for Mule ewes with twin Texel cross lambs at foot from Balmaglaister (Cameron), Spean Bridge.

Feeding ewes (165) sold to £71 gross for Cheviots from Balmaglaister (Cameron).

Feeding rams and widders (46) sold to £76 gross a Texel from Balmaglaister (Cameron).

A spokesman for Dingwall and Highland Marts Ltd said: This was a fantastic show of cattle and sheep, met with a firm trade well ahead of expectations.'

Other leading prices

Bullocks up to 200kg – 2 Blaich, £600, Antium Farm, Isle of Mull, 316.7p; 201-250kg – Ardnamurchan Estates, Kilchoan, £730, 298p; 251-300kg – Ardnamurchan Estates, £800, 296.3p; 301-350kg – Balmaglaister (Cameron), £825, 72 Camaghael, 244.8p; 351-400kg – Moy Farm, £930, Balmaglaister, (Cameron), 246p; 401-450kg – 1 Kinloid, Arisaig, £980, 238.6p; 451-500kg – Balmacaan, Drumadrochit, £940, 72 Camaghael, 215.2p.

Heifers up to 200kg – Antium Farm, £570, 285p; 201-250kg – Ardnamurchan Estates, £630, 262.5p; 251-300kg – Ardnamurchan Estates, £720, 271.7p; 301-350kg – Ardnamurchan Estates, £810, 261.3p; 351-400kg – Isle of Muck Farms, £900, 232.4p; 401-500kg – Glendoe Estates, Fort Augustus, £910, Isle of Muck Farms, 227.2p.

Other leading prices per head: Cows with male calf at foot: AAX – Cluny Estates, £1,300; LimX – Altour Cottage, Spean Bridge, £1,100; BSH – Insh Farm, Spean Bridge, £1,080.

Cows with heifer calf at foot: AAX – Steall, Fort William, £1,300; AAX – Cluny Estates, £1,250, (twice); LimX – Insh Farm, £1,020.

Breeding bull: AA – Steall, £1,420; Sim – Isle of Muck Farms, £1,350.

OTM prime and feeding cows: Traigh Farm, Arisaig, (LimX), £870; Ardtornish Farms, (AAX), £870; Moy Farm, (SimX), £870.

Other leading prices per kilo OTM prime and feeding cows: Moy Farm, (SimX), 134.9p; Moy Farm, (ShoX), 134.7p; Traigh Farm, (LimX) and Taigh Airigh, Blarmacfoldach, (AAX), 132.8p.

Other leading prices per head: Lambs: Chev – Millburn, £65; TexX – Blargie Farm, Laggan, £62; SuffX – Ard Na Mara, Isle of Mull, £59; LlyX – 1 Kinlochell, Fort William, £57; BF – Croft No 8, Balmacara and 6 Bracara, Morar, £55; Cross – Ard Na Mara, £48; SWL – Ardnamurchan Estates, £43.

Ewes with lambs at foot: Chev ewe – Dalreoch, Roy Bridge, £140; Chev gmr – Steall, £130; LlyX ewe – 1 Kinlochell, £105, BF ewe – East Croft Roy, Newtonmore, £102.

Feeding sheep: Ewes: SuffX – Isle of Muck Farms, £70; Chev – Ard Na Mara and Isle of Muck Farms, £69; LlyX – Steall, £65; Cross – Kentallen, Isle of Mull, £63.

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- Home-owners borrowed £1.8bn for house purchase, down 22% quarter-on-quarter but up 1% year-on-year. They took out 13,500 loans, down 22% on the previous quarter but up 7% compared to the first quarter in 2015.
- First-time buyers borrowed £660m, down 24% on the fourth quarter 2015 but up 10% on the first quarter last

year. This totalled 6,200 loans, down 23% quarter-on-quarter but up 11% year-on-year.

- Home movers borrowed £1.1bn, down 21% quarter-on-quarter and down 4% compared to a year ago. This totalled 7,300 loans, down 22% quarter-on-quarter but up 4% on quarter one in 2015.
- Remortgage activity totalled £780m, down 1% on the fourth quarter of

2015 but up 13% compared to a year ago. This came to 6,400 loans, down 5% quarter-on-quarter but 5% up compared to a year ago.

Carol Anderson, CML Scotland chair, commented: 'Seasonal factors often affect lending levels in the first quarter of the year but there are encouraging indicators in Scotland, as all lending types showed growth year-on-year. 2016 saw the strongest first quarter in

a year for house purchase lending since 2008 and, with affordability conditions continuing to be favourable, we would expect gradual year-on-year growth in Scotland to continue throughout 2016.'



The dark art of mortgage affordability exposed

Unwary first-time buyers could be pushed needlessly into smaller properties or different areas due to the 'dark art' of mortgage affordability calculators, a This is Money investigation can reveal. Based on a joint income of £75,000 and a deposit of £25,000, This is Money uncovered a near £200,000 difference between the most and least generous indicative maximum loan amounts. For those who do not shop around, this could seriously dent their aspirations.

The rise of mortgage lenders' affordability calculators has seen most banks and building societies direct those looking for a home loan to them, to see what they can borrow. Yet the gulf between these indicative sums across lenders is huge.

Buyers should be aware that mortgage calculators are a simple device used as a marketing tool. 'What they really are is an indication of a lender's appetite for a certain borrower. At a given time, it may be looking to upsell affiliated products and services to, say, young families

who have lots of financial needs - such as wanting a personal loan to buy a new car, for example,' said Simon Collins, a mortgage expert at broker John Charcol. 'Mortgage affordability is a real dark art,' said Collins. 'It's practically impossible for consumers to work out which lender will offer the most generous mortgage amount. The most information they can attempt to get their hands on is the lender's criteria, which they are meant to publish under the income section of their mortgage information that appears on their websites.'

Therefore, buyers be aware of this when starting your research. It is usually best to visit and speak to as many brokers as you can. Lending criteria differ from lender to lender and change frequently, so it is important to speak to an experienced broker or mortgage adviser to ensure you have up to date information. After all, you want to make an informed decision on one of the biggest and most important purchases you will ever make.



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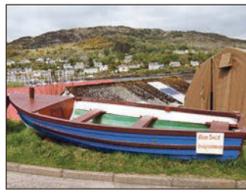
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As if that isn't enough to put a huge smile on every dad's face, there will be more than 10,000 classic cars lovingly exhibited on the infield, ranging from awe-inspiring Ferraris and Maseratis to lovable Morgans and MGs. What's more this summer several iconic marques including Lamborghini, Porsche and Viper will be putting on huge displays to celebrate important milestones in their histories.

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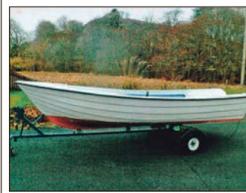
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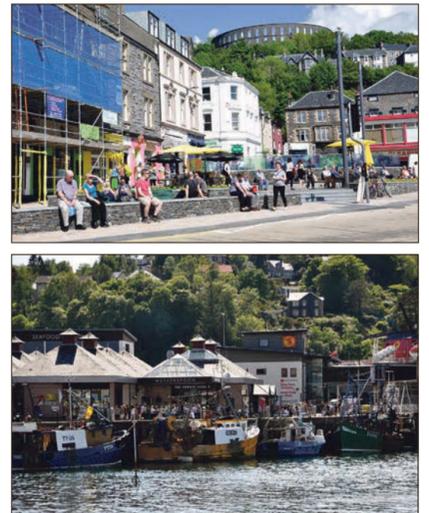
Sunshine gives Oban a boost

THE SUNSHINE and above-average temperatures saw an influx of visitors to Oban over the spring bank holiday weekend, which is continuing into this week because of the half-term summer break for schools south of the border. A number of local businesses reported good trading over the weekend, which according to Visit Scotland was 'exceptionally busy'. Staff members in Kronks, on Stafford Street said: 'It's been a fantastic weekend, really, really busy, and the weather's obviously helped.'

Robert McKay, owner of Little Bay Café, said: 'It's certainly been good for business - we've seen the benefit of the sunshine. Last year's spring bank holiday was not as good weather. It's good to see a lot of overseas tourists as well.' Oban Distillery Visitor Centre's tours were fully booked on Monday and despite being an indoor attraction, the nice weather seemed to have helped boost their footfall. One staff member told *The Oban Times* that it was 'really busy' and had been 'a really good weekend'.



Above: Lots of traffic and pedestrians along George Street. Above right: Visitors relax in the sun at Stafford Street's outdoor seating area. Right: The Railway Pier packed with visitors enjoying the sun.



All smiles as Little Bay Café celebrates retail awards

Little Bay Café is celebrating winning two Scottish Independent Retail Awards. The Stafford Street café has been awarded Eatery of the Year in the Regional category for the second year running, as well as being the overall winner in Scotland in that category.

The black tie ceremony was hosted by radio personality Gina McKie at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow on May 12.

Commenting on the café's success, owner Robert McKay said: 'We're delighted for the staff to achieve this award for the second year running and it shows that all the hard work has paid off.'



Right: Staff member Anja Powell and café owner Robert McKay showing off the Eatery of the Year Awards. 15_T23_Little bay awards_Robert and Anja with awards

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First Registration of a Croft
The Executors of the late Lachlan Neil Black have registered their crofts at 5 Achosragan and 5 Achosragan (share), Lismore and Appin on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 19th February 2017. Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number are C2716 and C2717.

CROFTING COMMISSION COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD DECROFTING APPLICATIONS
N A Black
4 Achosragan, Lismore & Appin
0.0889 ha - Existing house site
66359
D C Donnelly
1/4 104 & 105 Caol, Kilmallie
0.297 ha - Site for 3 dwelling houses
65051

CROFTING COMMISSION COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD
FIRST REGISTRATION OF COMMON GRAZINGS
The Crofting Commission have registered the following Common Grazings on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Kilmory, Ardnamurchan and Sunart
Registration Number: CG337
West End Iona, Kilmorich and Kilvickeon
Registration Number: CG335
Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may appeal to the Scottish Land Court. The appeal must be brought within 9 months from the date of this advert and should be made directly to the Land Court. Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
16/01422/PP	Change of use of former bakery to form dwellinghouse (class 9) with associated parking and garden area	Lephain Tobemory Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA75 6PY	Tobemory Area Office
16/01423/PP	Erection of single storey building to facilitate a micro bakery	Cullipool House Cullipool Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute PA34 4TX	Sub Post Office Cullipool
16/01277/PP	Erection of 9m lattice telecommunication tower and two wind turbines (4.5 meters high to blade tip). Installation of solar panels and formation of temporary access track	Land Adjacent to Allt Nan Breac-Chlachen River Beinn Chreagach Forest Dervaig Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute	Sub Post Office Dervaig
16/01296/PP	Formation of fenced light industrial unit with fenced storage compounds and siting of storage containers	Land West of Landfill Site Glengorm Road Glengorm Isle of Mull Argyll and Bute	Tobemory Area Office
16/01343/LIB	Replacement roof coverings, fascias, bargeboards, rainwater goods and rooflights	Police Station Albany Street Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4AL	Oban Area Office
16/01415/LIB	Repairs and re-roofing of byre from scottish slate to burlington roof slate, installation of replacement conservation style roof lights and replacement guttering and downpipes	Breacacha Farmhouse Isle of Coll Argyll and Bute PA78 6TB	Sub Post Office Isle of Coll
16/01323/PP	Alterations to dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank	Forge Cottage Portnacraich Appin Argyll and Bute PA38 4BL	Sub Post Office Connel
16/01279/PP	Change of use of dwellinghouse to office and formation of external access ramp	11 Flora Street Bowmore Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA43 7JX	Bowmore Area Office Isle of Islay
16/01424/PPP	Site for the erection of 2 dwellinghouses	Land East of Achara Oban Argyll and Bute	Oban Area Office
16/01324/LIB	Internal and external alterations to dwellinghouse	Forge Cottage Portnacraich Appin Argyll and Bute PA38 4BL	Sub Post Office Connel
16/01346/PP	Replacement roof coverings, fascias, bargeboards, rainwater goods and rooflights	Police Station Albany Street Oban Argyll and Bute PA34 4AL	Oban Area Office

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2015
NOTICE OF APPLICATION UNDER REGULATION 6, 7 OR 8
An application for hazardous substances consent together with plans and other documents has been submitted by:
Reference: 16/01454/HSZ/CON
Applicant: The Bruichladdich Distillery
Agent: Blyth And Blyth
Proposal: Application for Hazardous Substances Consent to permit the storage of liquid Ethanol (30,244 tonnes) in relation to the consented Bruichladdich Bonded Warehouses (amended proposal relative to planning permission reference 15/03043/HSZ/CON)
Address: Land North of Coultrasay Bruichladdich Isle of Islay Argyll and Bute PA49 7UN
may be inspected at:
Planning and Regulatory Services, 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD or at the Sub Post Office Port Charlotte during normal opening times. Plans can also be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council Website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk
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COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY
Councillor Roddy McCuish (E.W. 4 Oban South and the Isles)
Councillor McCuish will be holding a surgery on Friday 3rd June 2016 in the Municipal Buildings, Albany Street, Oban from 1.30pm - 4.00pm.
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BIRTHS

POULTON - WATSON - Hannah and Daniel are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Darcy, born on May 3, 2016. A gorgeous little sister for Heidi and granddaughter for Ewan and Maggs, Bunessan and Christine, Penicuik. Many thanks to the midwives in Oban and RAH Maternity.

ENGAGEMENTS

MELLOR - WHITEHEAD - The engagement is announced between Hamish, son of Mr and Mrs Jamie Mellor of Knipoch, Argyll and Jodie, only daughter of Mr John Graham Whitehead and Mrs Christine Whitehead, Harrogate, Yorkshire.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

MACDONALD - STEELE - On June 4, 1966 by Canon MacInnes at St Columba's RC Cathedral, Oban, Ronnie MacDonald, Ballachulish to Kathleen Steele, Isle of Barra. Many congratulations and best wishes to you both. With lots of love from all the family.

DEATHS

BRECKENRIDGE - Peacefully at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban on Saturday May 28, 2016, William, beloved husband of Jean and much loved uncle of Lorna, Rhona and Ian. Service at Appin Parish Church on Thursday June, 9 at 11.00am., followed by committal at Cardross Crematorium at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EVANS - Janet Evans and the family of the late Capt. William H. Evans (Billy) would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our friends, relatives and wonderful neighbours for all their support during his recent illness and also for all their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, Masses, flowers and phone calls, and for their attendance at Billy's funeral. Thanks especially to those who travelled from afar to be with us at this sad time. A big thank you to Dr Richard Wilson and Dr Fiona MacLennan and all the staff, nurses and district nurses and the marvellous extended community support team - you are amazing; thanks to the superb Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses and the initial care from the staff of Wards A and B in Lorn and Islands Hospital. Thanks also to Fr James McNeil for the dignified and fitting requiem Mass and the Hoey's for the funeral arrangements and burial. We extend our thanks to the Olive Garden for their hospitality and catering. Thanks also for the generous donations made to the Macmillan and Marie Curie cancer support funds (over £500 was raised).

LIVINGSTONE - John, Iain, Andrew and family of the late Dorothy would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and support received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the staff of Ward 44 of Glasgow Royal Infirmary for their fantastic care and kindness

provided to Dorothy. Also special thanks to the Rev Bill Gray for his kind support and warm and comforting service. Thanks to Duncan Gunn for his efficient and sympathetic funeral arrangements, and Katy Crossan for catering. Finally a heartfelt thanks to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside and so generously donated over £1,100 for Lismore Parish Church.

PRESTON - Philip. To everyone who travelled to Phil's funeral, wrote kind words, sent flowers and lowered pennants, thank you. Ally, Rhoda, Ruth & Grant.

STRACHAN - May, Robert, Graeme, Shirley and Susie would like to thank relatives and friends, especially Margaret and Ian for the kind expressions of sympathy sent to them by telephone, cards and flowers. Thanks to all the staff at the community nurses who did a wonderful job and Mears Care who came in every day and enabled Jim to remain at home. Not forgetting the girls at Glenburnie and Duncan and Donnie who took over the farm on Mull. A special thanks to the Rev Nicki McNelly for a warm and comforting service, to the organist and choir and D and A Munn for their kindness and professionalism. The Rowantree Hotel for catering. £430.50 was raised for the Oban Lifeboat.

MEMORIAMS

BRYARS - Craig - 1978 - 2003. Sunshine, in our hearts forever. - Mam, Dad, Darin and family x

CURRIE - In memory of our dad Archie, who passed away June 1, 1988.

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DOWNIE - In loving memory of our dear mam and nana Aggie, who died in Belford Hospital on June 7, 2001 and our dear dad and granpa George, who died at home in Mallaig on May 28, 1968. Never more than a thought away Loved and remembered every day. - Inserted by Betty, Auriol and families, Fort William, Inverness and Edinburgh.

GILLIES - In loving memory of a dear mother, Tina, who was taken from us June 1, 2000. You left behind our broken hearts and precious memories too But we never wanted memories we only wanted you. - John and Charlene.

HUNTER - Linda. 3-6-2009. Beautiful memories Silently kept Of one that we loved And will never forget. - Monica, Brian, Emma, Steven, Danielle and Sarah xxx.

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MACINTYRE - In loving memory of our mother Annette, who passed away June 6, 1991.

They say there is a reason They say that time will heal But neither time nor reason Will change the way we feel Gone but not forgotten. - Andrew, Iain and Donna.

MACINTYRE - Fond memories of Kenny, who died May 30, 1999.

Still an inspiration to our family, we remember with much love, his sense of fun and strength of character. Always in our thoughts. - Elizabeth, Kenny, Colin and family

McLAREN - In loving memory of my beloved husband Donald, who died June 1, 2014.

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Obituary - Kenneth Cameron, 1942 - 2016



Ken Cameron remembered for his achievements and for his humour

TRIBUTES have been paid to the 'greatest union leader of his generation' from Fort William who has died, aged 74.

Kenneth Cameron, who was the General Secretary of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and perhaps best known for playing a key background role in the miners' strike of 1984/85, further he received the Freedom of the Burgh on Fort William by Lochaber Council in 2000.

Kenneth, known as Ken, was the eldest son of the late, Kenny 'Friend' Cameron and Eileen Cameron, and older brother to Donald 'Skeegan' Cameron, the former Highland Councillor for Fort William. His late mother, Eileen came from Ireland, and he credited her for giving him his firebrand fighting spirit.

In his early career, Ken spent a short but tumultuous time as a reporter on the Aberdeen Press and Journal. He served a brief stint as a policeman in the Highlands before finding his feet in the fire service. Another of Ken's achievements

was becoming first general secretary to bring a pro-Palestine motion at the Trades Union Congress in 1982, and also made Mr Mandela an honorary member of the FBU in 1990. Mr Cameron made such an impression that Mandela wrote to him on his retirement via telegram.

Alan McLean, FBU president, said: 'Ken was a humble man, small in stature but who walked with giants, counting Fidel Castro and Nelson Mandela as friends and comrades. Ken will be mourned not only by our movement but by workers all over the world.'

Frances O'Grady, General Secretary, TUC said Ken would never let a tough situation hinder him getting a laugh. He added: 'Ken was one of the greatest union leaders of his generation.'

'When the going got tough, Ken was the kind of man you'd want by your side. Determined but always with a kindly twinkle in his eye, Ken could find humour in the most unpromising of circumstances.'

Ken retired to Glasgow

but was a regular visitor to family and friends in Fort William, especially for Camanachd Cup Shinty Finals which his brother Donald says is one of the stories which he finds most entertaining.

Donald continued: 'Ken never forgot his roots. He was very fond of Fort William and was bursting with pride after the shinty final in 1992. People might not know this but Ken actually had an engagement down south to attend after the final where he got chatting to some Italian guests, he relived the whole match for them and told them they weren't the only sporting champions. Only Ken could get away with things like that and still make friends.'

Ken passed away on Monday 16th May after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Nola and his two adult children, from his first marriage and his grandchildren. His funeral took place on Tuesday (31st May) at Linn Crematorium.

Thought for the week

Matthew 11: 2830 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my 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.'

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the last verse goes: 'Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Jesus is our only refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer.'

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Men's joint winners of the Lismore Kayak Challenge cross the finish line together. Patrick Winton on the left and Gilbert Speirs on the right. Photos: Stephen Lawson

Kayak race ends in a dead-heat

AFTER 11 miles of paddling, this year's Lismore Kayak Challenge ended in a dead-heat.

The trophy and whisky had to be shared between Patrick Winton and Gilbert Speirs.

The pair travelled from Ganavan Sands to Lismore lighthouse and back in 1:36.15.

Patrick, from Oban, who came second last year, said: 'It was calm and beautiful. The only waves we got were from the CalMac ferry.'

'This is one of the best places in the world for this sort of stuff – the Oban Sea Kayak Race in August is really good. However, it would be better if more people got involved.'

Not cheap

'One of the issues is that the kayaks are not cheap, but the sport is growing pretty fast.'

All of the money raised from the event is donated to the Oban Lifeboat Station.

Patrick, 54, added: 'You never

know when you're going to need them. Today's weather was nice, but if the race took place two weeks ago when there were gales, we would have needed the lifeboat.'

Gus Brydon, who helped organise the event, said: 'We had 17 competitors this year.'

'The race was my idea, but without help from everyone, it wouldn't be possible.'

'It's good to have people from all over Scotland taking part

Kayaking

and it's great to have Ganavan as a venue. This is so unused as a venue for anything. We need to promote the place.'

Lizelle Kemp from Dumbar-ton was the first lady over the line with a time of 1:49.46.

The Oban Sea Kayak Race will take place in August. For more information or to register, visit www.obanseakayakrace.org.



Heather Smith presents joint first overall prize to Patrick Winton, left, from Oban, and Gilbert Speirs, from Muthill.



Lizelle Kemp, ladies overall winner, approaches Lismore light.



Heather Smith presents the ladies prize to Lizelle Kemp from Dunbar.



Neil Turnbull, Coldstream, and Alan Hunter, North Berwick, in their double kayak lead Gordon Milne, Balvedie, and David Girling, Oban, at the start.



Oban Bowling Club hosted an invitation triples competition on Saturday May 28. The winning team from Oban covered three generations of the MacLean family – Donna MacLean, Andrew Forbes and Helen MacLean. The runners-up from Lochgilphead were Donald Crawford, Sandy Cameron and Robert Scott. Over 40 players competed in the event which was held in perfect conditions.



Oban Saints Under 16s emulated their senior counterparts by travelling to Millburn Park in Alexandria where they lifted the silverware when they defeated Port Glasgow Juniors in the final of the DFDL League Cup last Saturday.



Sharks captain Ben Finlay with the Champions' Cup.

Sharks defeat Bulls to win Champions' Cup

OBAN High School's last S1/2 Bulls and Sharks game of the season took place last Wednesday afternoon. With the games tied at two wins and two draws, this was the deciding match for both teams.

The Bulls kicked the game off and instantly the Sharks gained territory due to missed tackles. The Bulls were welcoming the pressure and not adding anyone to the rucks. This didn't pay off for the Bulls as Sharks outside centre Sam Coates burst

through an open gap and ran through for the first score of the day. Ellis Hunter converted leading to a 7-0 start.

After this the intensity grew and more mistakes were caused by both teams in attack and defence.

It was a middle of the park game until Sharks captain, Ben Findlay made a break through the centre of the Bulls' defence before passing to try scorer Coates. He played it out to his winger who was clean through

but fumbled it, giving the Bulls a chance to clear their lines.

Sharks kicked off the second half but Bulls didn't start the same as Sharks and were forcing the mistakes. However, a penalty for a high tackle was given and quick thinking from Bulls captain Blair MacFarlane saw him and his team gain around 20 metres.

An attempted interception pass gave Bulls fullback Jordan Norman a massive gap to run into and, with a good step,

he was under the posts. The conversion was made by fly-half Blair MacFarlane.

Drawing 7-7, and with full time approaching, the players tired under the hot sun and were making mistakes but, after good hands from the Sharks, they finished a well-worked try out wide. The conversion was well kicked again by Ellis Hunter.

At full time the Sharks had won a hard-fought game handing them the S1/2 Champions' Cup.

All the boys involved are part

School rugby

of Oban High School's School of Rugby Programme, the series provides game time for the boys especially over the winter months. The Bulls and Sharks have seen a steady increase in training numbers over the year.

This year's Bulls and Sharks series has been managed by Oban High School and Oban Lorne RFC modern apprentice Lewis MacFarlane.



Oban High School S1/2 teams Sharks and Bulls pictured before last week's game at Glenclruitten.

Saints' defender turns on the style in Lithuania

Football



Scott Maitland in action for Scotland against Sweden in the recent UEFA Regions' Cup Tournament in Lithuania.

PREPARATIONS for Scotland's UEFA Regions' Cup preliminary round trip to Lithuania finished with a late flurry of hectic activity for manager Bruce McNaught.

Douglas Ryan, East Kilbride, and Tony Jaconelli, Craigshill Thistle, were late call-offs but Bruce was delighted to recruit the services of Tony's teammate Graham Butler and Scott Maitland of Oban Saints.

Scotland kicked off their Regions' Cup campaign with a highly creditable draw against host nation Lithuania. The game had a dramatic and frustrating end for Scotland.

Scotland edged ahead with five minutes remaining only for Lithuania to grab the equaliser on 87 minutes.

As always in mini-tournaments, the Scots appreciated the importance of avoiding defeat in the opening match of the arduous schedule of three games in five days.

Saints' defender Maitland came on as a second half substitute against Lithuania.

Maitland so impressed manager McNaught in his time on the park against the host nation that he had no hesitation in selecting Scott as the first choice left back for the second game against Estonia, which the Scots won comfortably 9-0.

The young Saints defender put in an impressive performance against Estonia and was again selected to take on the left back role in the final, and crucial, game against Sweden.

Scotland produced yet another stunning performance to end this demanding week as the winners of the UEFA Regions' Cup preliminary round group A with a close-fought 1-0 win over the Sweden.

Scotland pipped host nation Lithuania on goal difference to win the group and now face France, Ukraine and Malta in group one of the intermediate round draw.

The intermediate round will take place in Malta in October with the eight group winners qualifying for the final which will take place in the last two weeks in June 2017 hosted by one of the countries that qualify.

A delighted Scott said: 'It was a great experience and the best week I've ever had in my football career. I will be training hard to try and keep my place in the squad for the intermediate round in Malta later this year.'

Scott only returned to Oban on the Thursday night after three tough games in Lithuania but the young defender went straight into the Saints starting line-up that won the Jimmy Marshall Cup on Friday night.

Macaulay Sixes Youth shinty

THE Macaulay Sixes take place on Sunday June 12 from 10.30am at Mossfield Park, Oban. Closing date for entries is Monday June 6.

Two competitions will be staged this year, the senior event for the Ian Cummings Memorial Trophy and a junior event for the Alastair Campbell Shield. Should entries justify, an intermediate competition will be held for the Macaulay Development Trophy.

For further information, contact David Hamilton on 07771 700664.

Rockfield children enjoy fun and games at Hampden Park

'There's nothing better than seeing children playing with smiles on their faces here at the National Stadium'

CHILDREN from Rockfield Primary School in Oban enjoyed a fantastic day of football fun, as the Tesco Bank Football Challenge celebrated the end of the season with a National Festival on the pitch at Hampden Park, in Glasgow last week.

Football

The children have the opportunity to take part in activities such as 4v4 games, ball skills and non-competitive challenges.

Scotland international and Heart of Midlothian player Callum Paterson, along with Scotland female international and Glasgow City midfielder Leanne Ross, were on hand as the children, who have all taken part in six weeks of coaching with the Scottish FA, came together for a fun-filled finale at the National Stadium.

The UEFA-awarded programme has also given additional training and support to more than 5,000 teachers through Scottish FA-led in-service courses ensuring that football and sporting activity continues in schools after the Challenge moves on.

Callum and Leanne also went head-to-head in the first ever Tesco Bank Football Challenge penalty shoot-out competition, each captaining a team of mini football stars who took to the famous Hampden turf in a fun challenge to beat the keeper.

Jim Fleeting, director of football development at the Scottish FA, said: 'The Tesco Bank Football Challenge National Festival at Hampden Park is always a great event. The programme uses the power of football to encourage children to have fun while developing a range of physical and social skills, and today's event is a culmination of the work that has been going on all around the country.'

Over 100,000 children across every school in Scotland have now enjoyed taking part in the country's leading football participation programme which aims to get primary two and three children (six to eight years old) active through basic

Stadium makes this event even more special.' Adele Mills, senior community investment manager at Tesco Bank, added: 'We're delighted to bring children from Rockfield



Children from Oban's Rockfield School had a fantastic day out at the Tesco Bank Football Challenge held at Hampden Park last week

Primary to Hampden Park for a day of football and fun.

Primary to Hampden Park for a day of football and fun.

active and have fun with their friends than at the National Stadium.'

David McArthur. Mrs Graham said: 'The children had a great time at Hampden and they should all be very proud of themselves. They were a credit to the school.'

Sponsorship

CRAIG MacLachlan from Oban's Senshi Do Kickboxing and Iain Rodger from Oban's Caledonia Kyokushin Karate have been invited to Japan as part of the GB team to take part in the full contact karate world championships in October this year.

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Kickboxing

A SHORT biography of Senshi Do Kickboxing Fighter Craig MacLachlan.

Name: Craig MacLachlan
D.O.B: 15/5/1985
Height: 180cm
Weight: 78K
Years training: 10
Grade: 2nd dan black belt.
Biggest achievements to date: Receiving my black belt, winning the So-Kyokushin



Back row L-R Sandie Duffy, Kimberley Duffy Naomi Rimmer, Kerrie Galbraith. Front row: Wilma Wardrop, Sharon Dickison, Nicole Carson, Ann-Marie Cameron.

MARTIAL ARTS WITH IAN RODGER



Craig MacLachlan in action.

open weight full contact karate tournament and being invited to fight on the GB team at the world championships in Japan.

Favourite technique/combination: Low turning kick (Gedan Mawashi Geri) and spinning back kick (Ushiro Geri).

Favourite fighters: Andy Hug and Conor McGregor.

Ambitions: At the moment, getting to Japan to fight in the world championships.

For more info contact Wullie Rodger on: shihanwill@gmail.com.

Ladies-only kickboxing

SENSHI Do Kickboxing's women-only sessions on Sundays at 2pm, taken by Sharon Dickison 1st dan and winner of the Most Spirited Fighter trophy at the 2013 IKKU Scottish Open full contact tournament, is open to beginners of all ages from high school to rest home.

Don't be put off by some of the team jogging at the start of the sessions - this is purely through choice and you don't have to join them if you don't want to. Come along and give it a go, hitting and

kicking the pads along with the movement and self-defence is great for stress relief and toning up the muscles. First session is free so you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

For more details, contact Sharon on 07508 726334.

BJJ

OBAN BJJ are sending a small squad of students to compete in Edinburgh this weekend (June 4) at the Scottish Open. Another squad will be heading to Blackpool in July for the Blackpool open.

Training on Tuesdays has changed to a conditioning class at 8pm and is open to anyone. The beginners classes on Fridays at 7pm have proven to be a great help to those of less experience and those attending are training hard learning the basic funda-

amentals of grappling. For club info contact Coogie on coogiepots@gmail.com

Kyokushinkai Karate

STUDENTS are working hard preparing for the grading test later this month after which new starters will be welcome subject to a minimum age of eight with no upper limit. Anyone interested in learning this traditional style of karate should contact Iain Rodger on: 07584 166542 or iain@ikku.co.uk.

Shukokai Karate

LAST week, Buildbase manager Andrew Buchanan presented Kenny Gray with a cheque for £150 to help fund the club. Anyone thinking of taking up this martial art should contact Kenny Gray on: kenni.gray@btinternet.com.



L-R Kenni Gray Jnr, Kenny Gray, Andrew Buchanan, Flo McBurnie and Andrew Lawson.



Killin

MIXED Open: Saturday May 28: Handicap - 1 Brian Stock and Jean Faichney, Killin, 59.5; 2 Colin Woods, Douglas Park, and Sheila Aitken, Killin, 63.5; 3 John McIlroy, Kenmore, and Liz Corder, Helensburgh, 64.

Scratch - 1 Jim Ronald and Laura Aitken, Killin, 76; 2 Ken Milligan and Rhona Milligan, West Lothian, 79; 3 John Freeman and Una Woodburn, Crieff, 81.

Best Killin: Bill Mitchell Salver - Brian Stock and Jean Faichney, Killin, 59.5.

Best overall: McRobert Thistle Cup - Brian Stock and Jean Faichney, Killin, 59.5

Best overall scratch: Glen Ogle Trophy - Jim Ronald and Laura Aitken, Killin.

Nearest pin: ladies 14th - Laura Aitken, Killin; gents 11th - Gary Dryerre (Auchterarder).

In three, 9th and 19th - Gary Dryerre and Mairead Hume, Auchterarder.

Longest drive: ladies 16th - Una Woodburn, Crieff; gents 9th - Ian Donaldson, Shotts.

Magic twos - Willie and Cathie Reid, Killin; Jim Ronald and Laura Aitken; Ian and Lesley Donaldson, Shotts.

Glencruitten

MARTIN Rae was the leading qualifier with a score of 64 - 6 = 58 for the Terry Ng trophy at Glencruitten on Saturday. Donald McGill was second with a score of 85 - 26 = 59 and Gavin Owens and Alistair MacLean Jnr followed with net scores of 60. Alistair was also the leading qualifier for the Pickfords with a scratch score of 62.

On Saturday the first round of the Handicap Championship and Senior Championship takes place with the regular Stableford on Tuesday.

Dalmally

STEVEN Turner will take a commanding lead into the final round of Dalmally Golf Club's Handicap Championship. He added a second round 62 onto his opening 64 to carve out a 10-stroke advantage over Angus MacGillivray, with William Dougal seemingly now out of the running in third place a further six strokes back.

Meanwhile, in the ladies section, the Coronation Foursomes was won by Janet Buchanan and Ann Colthart, who returned a Stableford score of 30 points.

Other result: ladies Stableford round one: 1 Ann Hay 36pts; 2 Alison Livingstone 35pts; 3 Etive Brown 31pts.

The gents section are holding an open two-man Texas Scramble on Sunday June 19. Entries can be lodged via the club's website.

Islay

RESULT: The Guy Quaich played on Sunday June 29 - 1 B O'Neill 108; 2 S Currie 111; 3 I Gray 111.

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Big guns kept apart in Camanachd Cup quarter final draw

THE DRAW for the quarter finals of the 2016 Camanachd Cup competition took place on Tuesday at Nevis Range in Fort William - venue for this weekend's UCI Mountain Bike World Cup.

Making the draw were World Cup event organiser Lesley Beck and local downhill rider and former shinty player Fergus Lamb. Also assisting with the draw was Camanachd Association director Willie MacDonald.

Details of the draw are:

Newtonmore v Glasgow Mid Argyll or Skye

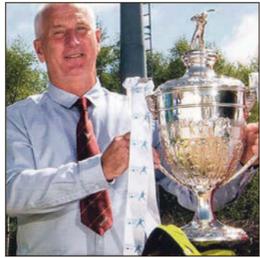
Kyles Athletic v Lochaber

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Caberfeidh or Kinlochshiel v Beaulieu

The above fixtures are scheduled for Saturday July 9.

The final is on Saturday September 17 in Fort William.



Willie MacDonald with the Camanachd Cup.

Women's shinty semi final draws

THE DRAWS for the Women's Camanachd Association Valerie Fraser Cup and Marine Harvest Challenge Cup semi-finals were made live on Cuillin FM on Monday May 29.

The draws were made by Alasdair Bruce from Cuillin FM's Camanachd LIVE show with Marion Gillies from the WCA also in attendance.

The draws are as follows:

Valerie Fraser Cup semi-finals

Aberdour v Lochaber

Badenoch & Strathspey v Skye Camanachd

Women's shinty

Challenge Cup semi-finals

Lovat v Dunadd

Fort William v Strathglass

All four semi-finals will take place at the Bught Park, Inverness, on Sunday June 19.

The Valerie Fraser Cup Final and the Marine Harvest Challenge Cup Finals will take place at Taynuilt Sports Field on Saturday August 27.

Six teams made it through to the Camanachd Cup quarter final draw following the shinty action on Saturday May 28. Two more ties have still to be decided.

Camanachd Cup – second round

Lovat 1 Newtonmore 4

Holders Lovat are out of the Camanachd Cup after they lost 4-1 to Newtonmore at Balgate.

This was a difficult opening hurdle for the holders, made all the harder by a number of absentees.

Newtonmore had a free Saturday the previous weekend as players and officials attended the wedding of former player Cameron Binnie.

Newtonmore took the lead after just three minutes when Daniel Grieve didn't connect properly with an attempted clearance and the ball fell to an unmarked Evan Menzies who dispatched a waist-high shot into the net to make it 1-0.

Things did not look good for the make-shift Lovat side at this stage but they went on to have the better scoring opportunities during the first half.

Referee Innes Wood kept a tight grip of proceedings and showed the first of a number of yellow cards to Fraser MacKintosh on five minutes.

A fierce Callum MacAulay shot from distance on nine minutes was excellently saved with his stick by 'More' keeper Owen Fraser.

A terrific Kevin Bartlett shot from a tight angle on 14 minutes

produced another good Owen Fraser save and the on-rushing Graeme MacMillan just failed to connect with the rebound.

Just 30 seconds later, Lovat goalie Stuart MacDonald made a good save then raced from his line to try and clear the ball. Fraser MacKintosh got to it first though but sent the rebound high and wide of an empty net.

A Lewis Tawse cross on 17 minutes was well controlled by Kevin Bartlett and, from the edge of the box, he spun and shot goalwards to force a great low save from Owen Fraser.

Euan Ferguson came on for Graeme MacMillan with 10 first half minutes remaining. Newtonmore made their first change after 38 minutes when Norman Campbell was introduced at full forward with Chris Sellar withdrawn. Evan Menzies went to buckshee forward.

Lovat certainly didn't deserve to be behind at the break and they got their reward four minutes after the re-start. A long ball forward from wing centre Ryan Ferguson was collected wide on the left by Kevin Bartlett who slipped past Rory Kennedy who was at full back after a positional swap with Steven MacDonald. Bartlett scored from a tight angle to make it 1-1.

Lovat replaced Mark Kelly at the back with Callum Cruden. Rory Kennedy was booked on 57 minutes for impeding a Kevin Bartlett run towards goal after Kennedy had lost his caman.

A Paul MacArthur shy from the left on 62 minutes went over the Lovat defenders and fell to Iain Robinson on the right but his shot whistled across the face

of the Lovat goal. Owen Ferguson appeared for his first game since the 2014 shinty season on 65 minutes, replacing Calum MacAulay.

An injured Rory Kennedy made way for David Fraser on 69 minutes. Fraser went to wing centre with Craig Ritchie dropping back into defence.

Glen MacKintosh came on for Iain Robinson a minute later.

The substitutions favoured Newtonmore and they went in front on 74 minutes, although the goal was somewhat lucky. A long ball from the Newtonmore left was being ushered out of play by Stuart MacDonald at his left post when Callum Cruden raced across with an out stretched caman to inadvertently divert the ball past a helpless keeper on his right side to make it 2-1.

The goal was a blow to the Lovat camp but Kevin Bartlett showed great fight and had a shot well saved by Owen Fraser on 75 minutes and Euan Ferguson fell as he tried to steer the rebound goalwards.

As the game moved into the final stages, Newtonmore turned the screw and got stronger as Lovat faded.

Fraser MacKintosh first blocked and then dispossessed an attempted Danny Kelly clearance and MacKintosh's superb shot from distance was equalled by a fantastic Stuart MacDonald save with his caman.

Evan Menzies dispossessed Craig Mainland on 81 minutes and his fierce shot cannoned off home keeper Stuart MacDonald.

A minute later, Glen MacKintosh capitalised on a mistake in the Lovat defence to make it 3-1. MacKintosh took possession from a central position on the edge of the 'D' and he doesn't miss from there.

Almost directly from the re-start, the ball fell to Fraser MacKintosh and his first time shot flew high into the corner of the net to make the final score 4-1.

Oban Camanachd 3 Glenurquhart 0

Oban Camanachd are through to the Camanachd Cup quarter-finals after they beat Glenurquhart 3-0 at Mossfield.

Oban Camanachd manager Iain Hay welcomed the influential Daniel Cameron back into the side whilst Gary McKerracher also returned after a knee injury and had a really good game in defence.

Glenurquhart co-managers Billy MacLean and Dave Menzies were without Neale Reid who was abroad and Michael Brady who was working. Euan Lloyd continued his return from injury with the Glen reserves. Oban Camanachd made a

whirl-wind start to the tie and they were three goals to the good with just 12 minutes played.

The opener came with just 35 seconds on the clock when Andrew MacCuish hit a low shot on his left side from around the penalty area into the bottom right corner of the net to make it 1-0.

Daniel Cameron made it 2-0 just a couple of minutes later. There was a battle for possession at the edge of the 'D' and Cameron collected the loose ball and drilled it hard to the left of 'Glen' keeper Stuart MacKintosh to make it 2-0.

Daniel Cameron's second goal was undoubtedly the pick of the afternoon's strikes. Cameron picked the ball up around 45 yards from goal and, on his left side, sent a peach of a strike into the top corner of the net to make it 3-0.

Oban Camanachd fielded 17-year-old Daniel MacVicar in their forward line and he had a great game against the more experienced John Barr.

Just when Oban Camanachd boss Iain Hay thought the day couldn't get any better, he was the only winner in the evening's Oban Camanachd Superball draw, collecting £500.

Oban Camanachd's attention now turns to a mouth-watering Gregor Cameron Consultancy Glasgow Celtic Society Cup semi-final meeting with Kyles Athletic at Mossfield this coming weekend. Oban Camanachd will be pleased to have home advantage but they will also be aware Kyles enjoy playing on the Mossfield pitch. A big crowd is guaranteed for this one.

Kyles Athletic 11 Oban Celtic 1

Kyles Athletic were too strong for Oban Celtic, winning 11-1 in their 3pm throw up at Tighnabruaich.

Sandy MacKenzie opened the scoring when he gave Kyles a seventh minute lead.

Kyles continued on the front foot and went 2-0 ahead on 19 minutes when Innes MacDonald rifled the ball home from 20 yards. The strike flew over the head of 15-year-old Oban Celtic keeper Scott Mossman into the top right-hand corner of the net.

Oban Celtic suffered a double blow midway through the first half, losing full back Andy MacDonald and half back Lewis MacPhee through injury. Manager Kenny Wotherspoon had to completely reshuffle his team, playing several players out of position.

Kyles sensed they could kill off the tie and went up a gear, adding a third on the halfhour mark courtesy of a Grant Irvine strike from the edge of the 'D'. Celtic continued to battle away



Oban Camanachd's Daniel MacVicar outruns Glenurquhart's John Barr during last Saturday's Camanachd cup tie at Mossfield Stadium which the Oban side won 3-0. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

though and Kyles' keeper John Whyte did well to stop a snapshot from Celtic youngster Daniel MacMillan on 35 minutes.

Innes Macdonald got his second to make it 4-0 with a neat finish from inside the 'D' on 42 minutes.

As if things couldn't get any worse for Celtic, they lost a third defender through injury with Michael MacKinnon coming off to be replaced by player/manager Kenny Wotherspoon.

Celtic were hoping the half-time whistle would come to give their make-shift defence a well-deserved break. However, they managed a goal on 43 minutes when referee Deek Cameron awarded them a free-hit in the middle of the park.

Ally McKerracher floated the ball towards the 'D' and Kenny Wotherspoon held off a challenge from Kyles' full back Callum Miller before the ball dropped to Fraser MacMillan who rounded keeper Whyte to make it 4-1.

Celtic then lost a soft goal on the stroke of half-time. A ball from a Kyles' shy was misjudged by the visiting defence which allowed Thomas Whyte the easiest of finishes to make 5-1 at the end of the half.

Celtic made a bright start to the second period and were unlucky not to get a second goal when a Daniel MacMillan cut-back was met by the advancing Neil Carmichael. But his shot from inside the 'D' was well saved by John Whyte.

With Scotland internationals Robbie MacLeod and Grant Irvine pulling the strings in the middle of the park, and make-shift half back Roddy MacDonald controlling the defence, Kyles increased their lead on 59 minutes through Gordon Whyte.

Grant Irvine added his second goal of the game in 61 minutes to make it 7-1.

Kyles showed no signs of easing up, bringing on the experienced Dunkie Kerr to cause the young Celtic defence more problems and Kerr's link-up play allowed Innes MacDonald to make it 8-1 on 64 minutes, completing his hat-trick.

Three late goals in the last three minutes were harsh on the young Oban Celtic defence which had worked so hard throughout the game. Dunkie Kerr made it 9-1 on 88 minutes before Chris Martin got in on the act with strikes on 89 and 90 minutes.

After the game, Oban Celtic manager Kenny Wotherspoon said: 'There was no question that today was going to be a massive ask for our team and it was a big blow to travel without captain Daniel Madej and the experienced David MacInnes. We then lost three of our four defenders

in the first half through injury. This led to a reshuffle and a make-shift defence against one of the cup favourites so it was a difficult afternoon.

'I gathered the boys together at the end of the match and told them that every single one of them had given 100 per cent and they should take any positives they could from the game.

'We have enjoyed our last nine weeks or so in the cup competitions and it's back to league duty this coming Saturday. The league's our bread and butter.

As for Kyles' performance today I thought they were excellent. I think any team in the country would have struggled against them this afternoon.'

Fort William 0 Kilmallie 2

Kilmallie came out on top in their much-anticipated derby against Fort William at An Aird.

Both teams went into the match with key players missing. Fort William co-managers Victor Smith and Adam Robertson were without full centre Niall MacPhee and youngster Calum Shepherd.

Kilmallie boss Mark MacPherson was minus keeper Shane Gillies so Robbie MacFadyen took over between the sticks. Forward Grant MacKenzie was also missing but Duncan Rodger lined-up against his former club. Michael Rodger and Mark Graham returned to the side.

Kilmallie took the lead on nine minutes with a well-taken goal. It was Duncan Rodger who did the damage as he turned his marker and hammered the ball into the bottom corner of the net to make it 1-0.

Mark Graham made it 2-0 on 64 minutes with a shot which deceived home goalie Paul Mackay who seemed to think it was going wide of the post.

A nasty injury to forward Cal Brown added to Fort William's woes.

Glasgow Mid Argyll 1 Skye Camanachd 1

Glasgow Mid Argyll and Skye Camanachd will have to do it all over again after they drew 1-1 in their 2pm throw up at Yoker. Danny Morrison gave Skye the lead on nine minutes when he collected a Shockie MacLennan pass before sending the ball into the corner of the net.

Skye lost defender Steven Morrison on 18 minutes when he went off injured after taking a blow to the back which left him with a shoulder injury. Chris Rose came on in his place.

John McNulty drew the sides level on 23 minutes when he got the ball at the back post and his waist-high shot from a tight angle flew into the left of the goals.

The first half was fairly equal with GMA enjoying some sustained periods of pressure.

The home side suffered two bad injuries during the first half hour of the match, using up both their substitutes. Euan Murray and Brian Slattery were the casualties with Slattery suffering a particularly nasty finger injury after he caught the tail end of a swing. The injury required an operation on Saturday evening. Craig Anderson and Luke Thornton came on in their place.

Skye made a second change at the break, with Chris MacLennan coming on for David MacInnes. MacLennan played well, helping Skye to win more of the play in midfield where Kenny Campbell did well at full centre. Skye pinned the home side back for a spell in the second half and GMA keeper Jonathon Oates made some good saves although some of the shots from the Skye forwards were at him, rather than to either side.

GMA also had chances with Craig Anderson hitting the post with around 15 minutes to go.

Steven Morrison went back on for Skye in attack for the final eight minutes, taking over from his brother Danny Morrison.

Craig Anderson came close to winning it for GMA in the final minute with a half-volley from just outside the 'D' which went wide.

A draw was probably a fair result in what was a tough encounter so the teams will have to do it all over again in a replay next month at Pairc nan Laoch, Portree.

Kingussie 1 Lochaber 5

An emphatic first-half performance gave Lochaber a 5-1 win over Kingussie in their 1.30pm throw up at the Dell.

Lochaber took the lead on 15 minutes. Brennan MacDonald sent a long through ball from the middle of the park to Zandz Ferguson who darted in behind Lee Bain and slipped the ball past Kings' keeper Craig Dawson from a tight angle.

Lochaber went on to effectively win the tie with four more goals - three well-worked efforts from open play and one strike from a corner - in the closing eight minutes of the first half.

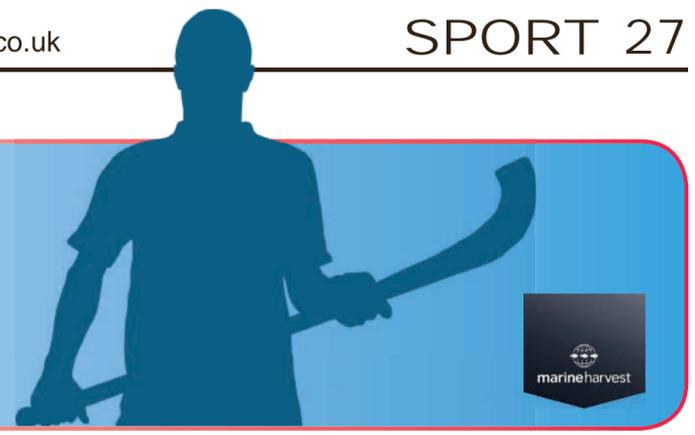
First, a Stuart Callison double on 38 and 42 minutes made it 3-0. Then, Ben Delaney on 43 minutes and Kevin Ferguson on the stroke of half-time made it 5-0.

Whilst Lochaber dominated the first half, Kingussie had the better of the second period and they pulled a goal back through Savio Genini a couple of minutes after the re-start.

Kingussie pressed for almost the whole of the second half and never gave up. Lochaber goalie Callum MacDonald was now the busier keeper and he had to be sharp on a number of occasions.



Former Inverness Caley Thistle and Ross County goalkeeper Michael Fraser, now playing shinty for Glenurquhart, takes on Oban Camanachd's Garry Lord. Photo: Kevin McGlynn



Camanachd Cup Macaulay Cup MacTavish Cup Celtic Society Cup

Sutherland Cup Balliemore Cup Strathdearn Cup Bullough Cup

The Lochaber defence was very determined though and defended well throughout.

Craig Dawson also had to make some saves but mostly from shots from distance.

Brennan MacDonald was very strong at full centre for Lochaber, especially in the first half, whilst Shaun Nicolson showed his best form for some time.

Kingussie simply left themselves too much to do in the second half in a tie which was ultimately decided in the closing stages of the first 45 minutes.

Lochaber boss Ally Ferguson was a happy man after the game. 'I'm really pleased with the performance which was much better than the week before,' he said. 'All four of our forwards scored which was really pleasing and our defence was good. Brennan MacDonald is also due a mention for his contribution at full centre. We're just delighted to be in the draw for the quarter-final of the Camanachd Cup.'

Beaully 1 Inveraray 0

Beaully reached the Camanachd Cup quarter-finals thanks to a 1-0 win over Inveraray in their 3pm throw up at Braeview Park.

Beaully were the better team in the first half and should have been ahead so the Inveraray players were delighted to go into the half-time break still level.

The Inveraray forward line looked dangerous when they got the ball and Euan McMurdo was introduced to their attack at the break.

The Inveraray defence was strong, marshalled by buckshee back John Kennedy, and whenever Beaully did break through, they found young keeper Scott MacLachlan in fine form.

The Beaully centre line was their real strength with David MacLean flanked by the excellent Ryan MacKay and the energetic Sandy Elrick.

Beaully introduced Marc MacLachlan in attack although he was later substituted in what at times was a feisty encounter.

Beaully goalie Josh Grant made a great save from a long-range shot from Inveraray substitute Nicholas Crawford.

It was a really close tie and Inveraray's Lewis MacNicol could have scored on more than one occasion but the ball just didn't fall kindly for him.

The decisive goal came on 79 minutes. Beaully's Jack MacDonald forced a great save from Scott MacLachlan but Connor Ross was quickly onto the rebound and scored to make it 1-0.

Balliemore Cup – quarter finals

Strathglass W/O Taynuilt
Strathglass reached the Balliemore Cup semi-finals after they were given a walk-over in their quarter final tie against Taynuilt. The visitors were unable to raise a team for the trip to Cannich. Strathglass will now play Caberfeidh next month with a place in the final at stake.

Aberdein Considine Sutherland Cup – quarter finals

Beaully 0
Glenurquhart 4
The Glenurquhart second team beat the Beaully second team 4-0 in their noon throw up at Braeview Park.

The 'Glen' seconds have saved their best form for cup competitions this season and they were the dominant side in the first half, running up a 3-0 interval advantage.

James MacPherson put the 'Glen' ahead on just three minutes when he carried the ball towards the Beaully defence before scoring from the edge of the 'D'.

Beaully were under pressure and relied on the influence of Roger Cormack at the back. So it was a blow to their hopes when he had to leave the field after 30 minutes with what looked like a groin injury. Forward Rory Campbell dropped back into defence.

The majority of the play was in the 'Glen' forward line with Aran MacDonald dominant at full centre.

The closest Glenurquhart came to doubling their lead was on 35 minutes when a James MacPherson rocket shot from wide on the right skimmed the post, going behind for a goal hit.

James MacPherson got his and the 'Glen's' second goal five minutes before the interval. A shot from distance was saved by Beaully goalie Lee Dunbar and MacPherson followed up to tap the rebound home from inside the box.

A mistake in the Beaully defence allowed Daniel MacKintosh, who had moved forward unmarked from his wing centre position, to score from just inside the 'D' on the stroke of half time.

With Jamie MacLennan now on for Beaully and the Glen centre line tiring, it was the home side who enjoyed most of the second-half pressure.

With Jamie MacLennan running with the ball at the Glen defence on several occasions and a number of powerful shots from Marc MacLachlan threatening the 'Glen' goal it seemed inevitable Beaully would open their account.

But experience and organisational qualities of Paul MacKintosh and the confident Cameron MacLennan in goal helped the visitors keep a clean sheet.

All Glenurquhart offered in the second half was two shots just wide of goal - one from Calum Miller and one from Liam Robertson - and two long-range efforts from James MacPherson. The first was well saved by Lee Dunbar but the second led to Glenurquhart's fourth goal. This time Dunbar again saved MacPherson's long range strike but Euan Lloyd scored from the rebound with just three minutes remaining.

In what was a game of two

halves, it is Glenurquhart who reach the semi-finals of shinty's national junior cup competition.

Kingussie 6 Kilmory 4

Kingussie beat Kilmory 6-4 in an entertaining 3.45pm throw up at the Dell.

Kevin Thain was key to Kingussie's success, scoring five times. Dylan Borthwick got the other.

Craig Taylor bagged a brace for Kilmory with Hal Jones and Alex Cunningham also on target.

The Kingussie seconds will now meet the Glenurquhart seconds in the Aberdein Considine Sutherland Cup semi-finals on the first Saturday in July.

Kyles Athletic 1 Tayforth 2

Tayforth, who top Marine Harvest South Division 2, defeated the Kyles Athletic second team from the league above 2-1 in their noon throw up at Tighnabruach.

Martin MacFadyen gave Kyles the lead with a goal after 19 minutes.

A Connor Sweeney goal on 25 minutes ensured the sides went into the break level.

The winning goal came on 65 minutes with Tayforth's Brendan Duggan on target.

Tayforth now await the winners of this coming weekend's quarter-final tie between the Kinlochshiel and Newtonmore second teams at Kirkton.

Marine Harvest National Division

Bute 4 Ballachulish 0

Bute beat Ballachulish 4-0 in their 3pm throw up at the Meadows.

The visitors were again without the banned John MacDonald, whilst forward Lorne Brown was on holiday. Iain MacDonald settled home nerves with a goal after just two minutes.

Gordon MacMillan made it 2-0 on 40 minutes and a second goal from Iain MacDonald a couple of minutes later gave the islanders a 3-0 lead at the break.

Franco Devlin added a fourth on 58 minutes to give Bute their first league win of the season after two draws and two defeats.

Marine Harvest North Division 1

Col Glen 2 Inveraray 0

Col Glen beat Inveraray's second team 2-0 at Glendaruel. Connor Kennedy and Donald MacDermid got the goals. Col Glen climb to fourth in the table, level on points with third-placed Taynuilt who have played two games fewer.

Connor Jones, back in the 'More side after injury, made it 2-0 on 41 minutes with his strike deflecting into the net off a Skye defender.

Duncan Gorman cut in from the 'More left to make it 3-0 on



Inveraray's Ali MacDonald and Beaully's Robbie Brindle in a tussle during last Saturday's Camanachd Cup tie at Braeview Park. Photo: Donald Cameron

54 minutes. John Angus MacInnes rifled in a shot from the Skye right, beating the keeper on his right side, to make it 3-1 on 63 minutes and a low drive from Martin Hall made it 4-1 on 74 minutes.

The pick of the afternoon's goals came on 77 minutes. Kenny Ross came deep to win possession and his long ball forward started a fine passing move which was finished off by Duncan Gorman to make it 5-1.

A really good individual effort from Skye youngster Ruairidh MacLeod made it 5-2 on 82 minutes.

But Newtonmore had the final say as a solo Duncan Gorman goal four minutes from time completed his hat-trick to seal a 6-2 win.

The win extends Newtonmore's lead at the top of the table to three points but they have played two games more than second-placed Strathglass.

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Glenorchy 0 Boleskine 0

Glenorchy and Aberdour shared the points in a goal-less draw at Mart Park.

Aberdour had the better chances in the first half without being able to break the deadlock.

The visitors pressed again in the second period with Jack Mitchell twice seeing efforts turned away by the Glenorchy keeper. Glenorchy remain second bottom in the league, whilst second top Aberdour are now a couple of points behind league leaders Lochside Rovers but they have a couple of games in hand.

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Marine Harvest North Division 2

Kilmallie 7 Lochaber 2

The derby between the Kilmallie and Lochaber second teams was brought forward to Friday May 27 with a 7pm throw up.

This allowed the players on both sides to see their senior clubs in their respective Camanachd Cup ties the following day. It was Kilmallie who came out on top with a 7-2 win.

The first half was close but some positional changes didn't work out for Lochaber and Kil-

malie took advantage to surge ahead after the break.

Aaron Sandison grabbed a hat-trick, Craig MacIsaac scored twice and Donald MacRae and David Rodgers got the others.

Ryan Toal and Keith Neville were on target for the Spean Bridge side.

Glengarry 0 Aberdeen University 7

League leaders Aberdeen University safely negotiated a tricky fixture as they beat Glengarry 7-0 at Craigard.

A Scott Murray brace on 15 and 23 minutes had the students 2-0 ahead and they took this lead into the break.

Alex Duncan then scored twice on 60 and 65 minutes before Ewan Fraser made it 5-0 on 85 minutes. Alex Duncan took his tally to four goals with late strikes on 87 and 89 minutes to make it 7-0.

Lochcarron 4 Strathspey Camanachd 0

Lochcarron leap to second in the table after they overcame Strathspey Camanachd 4-0 at Battery Park. Alan MacKay led by example with the opening goal after 18 minutes.

Liam Arnott made it 2-0 on the half-hour mark.

A second-half double from Nick Dalgety on 52 and 88 minutes rounded off the 4-0 win on what was a good day for Lochcarron.

Lochcarron are four points behind leaders Aberdeen University, but they have a game in hand.

Lewis Camanachd 2 Caberfeidh 2

Lewis Camanachd picked up their first league point of the season with a hard-earned 2-2 draw against Caberfeidh's second team at Shawbost.

Paul Duke and Connor Chalmers both sent shots over the top for Lewis before Chalmers gave them an 11th-minute lead with a dipping shot from 30 yards out.

'Cabers' went into the match placed third in the league and they fought back, going close on a couple of occasions before James Rolfe equalised on 31 minutes with a superb shot from distance.

Colin MacLennan put Caberfeidh into the lead for the first time on 65 minutes.

Lewis weren't to be denied though and, with just a couple of minutes left, Ally Lamont diverted a Kenny Murray shot into the net to make it 2-2.

Joseph MacInnes from Uist, Ruairidh MacMillan and Scott MacLeod all finished the match for Lewis who fielded a good, young team.

Injury and player unavaila-

bility meant Caberfeidh played most of the match with just ten players.

Boleskine 4 Inverness 0

Boleskine beat the Inverness second team 4-0 at Smith Park.

Boleskine made the better start but Inverness, with former Boleskine player Graham Black and David Campbell in their side, settled into the game.

Two goals late in the first half gave Boleskine the advantage at the break. Keith Nicolson got the opener on 37 minutes with Jimmy MacKenzie making it 2-0 five minutes later.

Craig Pirrie added a third on 65 minutes with Jimmy MacKenzie getting his second on 70 minutes.

The final outcome was harsh on an Inverness side which had a good share of the game. But they were unable to convert their possession into goals and a couple of defensive lapses cost them. One concern for Boleskine was a head injury to Dickie MacKenzie but he was given the all-clear after a visit to hospital. Boleskine now move up a place to fifth spot in the league.

Marine Harvest South Division 2

Oban Lorn 3 Dunoon Camanachd 1

Two of shinty's newest league recruits, Oban Lorn and Dunoon Camanachd, met at Ganavan with the Oban side running out 3-1 winners.

David Martin gave Oban Lorn the lead on 15 minutes and Drew Walker doubled their advantage 10 minutes before the break.

Ewan Morrison pulled a goal back for Dunoon and the outcome remained in the balance until a minute from time when Daniel MacKinnon put the home side 3-1 ahead.

There was work for referee Iain Kennedy as he sent off Oban Lorn's Shaun MacIver and Jonathon Black of Dunoon.

Oban Lorn now only trail second-placed Kilmory and third-placed Glasgow Mid Argyll reserves on goal difference and they host GMA this coming weekend.

Bute 1 Aberdour 0

It was a close encounter between the Bute and Aberdour second teams in their noon throw up at the Meadows.

Bute's Neil McKirdy scored the goal that made the difference on 14 minutes. Bute youngster Ethan Kell showed great fight to win possession and he slipped the ball to McKirdy who took a touch before drilling a low shot into the net.

Fixtures

Friday June 3

Marine Harvest North Division One
Lovat v Beaully
Willie MacDonald - 7pm

Saturday June 4

Gregor Cameron Consultancy
Celtic Society Cup semi final
Oban Caman v Kyles Athletic
Deek Cameron

Balliemore Cup
Kilmallie v Glasgow Mid Argyll
Innes Wood - 3pm

Aberdein Considine Sutherland Cup
Kinlochshiel v Newtonmore
Martin MacLean - noon

Marine Harvest Premiership

Glenurquhart v Newtonmore
Evan MacRae
Kingussie v Skye
David Mitchell
Lochaber v Lovat
Archie Ritchie
Kinlochshiel v Fort William
Calum Girvan - 3pm

Marine Harvest National Division

Inverness v Bute
Graham Cameron - 1pm
Beaully v Ballachulish
John Wood
Inveraray v Caberfeidh
Robert Baxter

Marine Harvest North Division One

Strathglass v Glenurquhart
John Angus Gillies
Skye v Kingussie
Callum Duff
Lovat v Beaully
Willie MacDonald

Marine Harvest South Division One

Aberdour v Taynuilt
Alan Harrison
Col Glen v Lochside Rovers
Iain Kennedy
Kyles Athletic v Glenorchy
Alex MacVicar
Oban Celtic v Inveraray
Neil Ferguson - 3pm

Marine Harvest North Division Two

Strathspey v Inverness
Brian MacKay
Boleskine v Lochcarron
John Matheson
Lewis v Glengarry
Andy MacLean
Kilmallie v Aberdeen Uni
Daniel MacRae - noon

Marine Harvest South Division Two

Oban Lorn v Glasgow Mid Argyll
Scott McNeil - noon
Bute v Kilmory
Ross Brown
Dunoon v Aberdour
Jon Gallagher
Throw-ups 2.30pm unless stated.

Results

Saturday May 28

Camanachd Cup second round
Beaully 1-0 Inveraray
Fort William 0-2 Kilmallie
Glasgow Mid Argyll 1-1 Skye
Kingussie 1-5 Lochaber
Kyles Athletic 11-1 Oban Celtic
Lovat 1-4 Newtonmore
Oban Caman 3-0 Glenurquhart

Aberdein Considine Sutherland Cup third round

Beaully 0-4 Glenurquhart
Kingussie 6-4 Kilmory
Kyles Athletic 1-2 Tayforth

Balliemore Cup second round

Strathglass P-P Taynuilt
Walkover to Strathglass

Marine Harvest National Division

Bute 4-0 Ballachulish

Marine Harvest North Division 1

Skye 2-6 Newtonmore

Marine Harvest South Division 1

Col Glen 2-0 Inveraray
Glenorchy 0-0 Aberdour

Marine Harvest North Division 2

Lewis 2-2 Caberfeidh
Glengarry 0-7 Aberdeen Uni
Boleskine 4-0 Inverness
Lochcarron 4-0 Strathspey

Marine Harvest South Division 2

Bute 1-0 Aberdour
Oban Lorn 3-1 Dunoon



Action from the Beaully v Glenurquhart Sutherland Cup match. Photo: Neil Paterson



A jubilant Oban Saints squad celebrate after their 2-1 win over St Joseph's FP in the final of the Jimmy Marshall Cup last Friday evening at Millburn Park, Alexandria. Photos: Stephen Lawson. Match report Derek Black

Dougal's wonder strike helps Saints win Marshall Cup

Oban Saints 2
St Joseph's 1
Jimmy Marshall Cup - final

AFTER finally laying to rest their Millburn Park hoodoo against Motherwell Thistle on Wednesday May 11, Saints made a swift return to Alexandria and the home of Vale of Leven Juniors last Friday night to face cup holders St Joseph's FP in the final of the Scottish Amateur Football League Jimmy Marshall Cup.

Saints and St Joe's held a dress rehearsal for this fixture in Oban seven days previously with the men from Duntocher running out convincing winners albeit only by a 2-1 scoreline.

Manager Alex Craik's options were given a timely boost when skipper Marc MacCallum declared himself fit enough to start his first match since the league

draw away at Alba Thistle on April 27. The gaffer was also relieved to see Scott Maitland come through his tour of duty with the Scottish Amateur Football Association Select in Lithuania unscathed, fit and raring to go.

Scott went straight into the starting XI where Alex pulled off a tactical surprise by deploying him on the left of a midfield diamond anchored by Paul Kerr with Keith Millar on the right and Paul Carmichael at the point.

Saints squandered the first of several good opportunities in the 14th minute when Dean Smith, inside the six-yard box, could get only the slightest of touches on a low Scott Maitland cross from the left leaving Lee Mitchell with an easy save.

Saints were almost made to pay immediately for this missed

chance with a lightning quick St Joe's counter attack which was eventually halted on the edge of his own box by an excellent sliding interception from Marc MacCallum at the expense of a corner kick.

If there was one complaint against an otherwise good all-round opening 20 minutes from the Oban side, it was their tendency to give away possession from their own throw-ins.

St Joe's captain Colin Gailey picked up the first of what was to be many yellow cards for his side in the 39th minute for a late challenge on Paul Kerr.

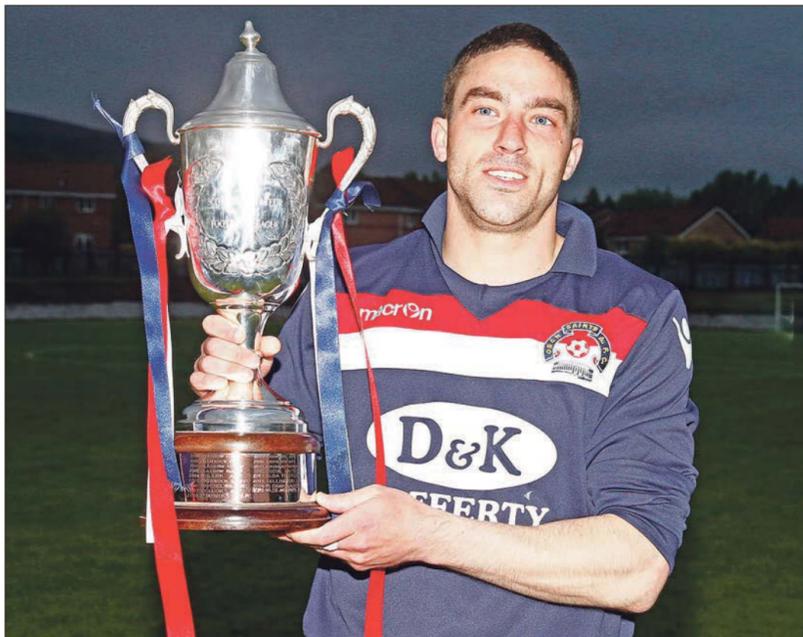
Saints were eventually rewarded for their first half dominance with just one minute of the 45 remaining. Paul Kerr swung in a free kick and found the head of Dene Cassells. Dene's header looped back across the face of the six-yard box and was watched all the way by Dean Smith who took it down and fired in a right foot shot which Lee Mitchell saved magnificently. Unluckily for the St Joe's keeper, his two-handed push up into the air failed to clear the crossbar and came down nicely for Paul Carmichael to nod into the net from virtually on the goal-line to make the half time score 1-0.

The realisation that the Jimmy Marshall Trophy was heading towards joining the Centenary Cup and Premier Division title in slipping through their hands led St Joe's into making some uncharacteristically bad challenges with Kearn Docherty joining the growing list of miscreants in the referee's notebook for another heavy tackle on Scott Maitland who was taking more than his

fair share of punishment. The almost inevitable red card for St Joe's arrived in the 53rd minute with Colin Gailey clattering into Marc MacCallum. Mr McCart awarded a free-kick to Saints and a second yellow to the St Joe's skipper who might well have expected to receive a straight red.

St Joe's fullback Craig Cameron was treading a fine disciplinary line and was lucky to escape a second yellow for a late 61st minute challenge on Scott Maitland on the half-way line which Mr McCart deemed worthy only of a free-kick.

However, Cameron's disciplinary high wire act eventually came to grief in the 67th minute when he injudiciously hauled back Paul Carmichael 10 yards inside the St Joe's half picking up a second yellow card in the process. Although down to nine men St Joe's were certainly in no mood to give up their push for



Oban Saints captain Marc MacCallum with the impressive Jimmy Marshall Cup.

an equaliser but their lack of numbers at the back and in midfield presented Saints with several more opportunities to stretch their advantage.

Saints' second and killer goal came in the 72nd minute in a moment of inspiration from Dougal Graham. Not for the first time Dougal found himself higher up the park and far more central than his manager would have liked. With the St Joe's defence backpedalling, Dougal spotted Lee Mitchell off his line and without breaking stride sensationally lobbed the ball from 40 yards over the keeper's head and into the empty net.

St Joe's policy of gambling at the back and looking for the quick counter attack finally paid off with eight minutes remaining. A free kick conceded by Paul Kerr 30 yards from goal and left of centre presented Ryan Craig with a chance to test Thomas McCulloch. Thomas had already produced two ex-

cellent saves to keep St Joe's at bay but this time, despite getting two strong hands to the ball low down at his right hand post, he only succeeded in pushing the ball into his own net.

A miserable night for St Joe's was completed in the 90th minute when Ryan Craig took exception to Craig MacEwan and Ross Maitland playing keep-ball by the corner flag and launched an over exuberant tackle on Craig which earned his second and his team's 10th yellow card of the evening.

There were solid all-round performances from all in navy blue but an eye-catching display at left back coupled with his second half wonder strike earned Dougal Graham the man of the match award which was presented by retiring Scottish Amateur Football League president Frank McCann.

Football

OBAN Saints will be hoping to finish off the 2015/16 season in style this weekend when they play their final two league games.

On Saturday Shawlands FP are the visitors to Glenruitten. This match will kick-off at 1pm with referee Gordon Kelso in charge.

On Sunday the D & K Lafferty-sponsored side travel to take on Argyll rivals Campbeltown Pupils at Kintyre Park. The game will kick-off at 2pm and will be refereed by John Scott.

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Double header for Saints this weekend Football

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Oban Saints' youth results and fixtures Youth football

LAST weekend's results: Under 13s 2, Milngavie 1. Scoring for Saints was Connor Moore (2). Under 14s 6, Dumbarton Riverside 2. On target for the Oban side were Aidan MacPhee (2), Craig Milla (2), Gavin Forgive and Euan Finlay. League Cup final - Under 15s 0, Dumbarton United 4; League Cup final; Under 16s 2, Port Glasgow Juniors 0. Saints goalscorers were Lewis Buchanan and Craig MacMillan.

Oban rugby players pick up awards Rugby

TWO Oban Lorne rugby players won major prizes at the Scottish Rugby Club awards dinner held at Murrayfield last Friday evening.

Corrie Louw was voted BT West Regional Player of the Season with Audrey Barr picking up the BT Women's National League Division 1 Player of the Season award.



Corrie Louw.



Saints defender Dougal Graham receives the man of the match award from Scottish Amateur Football League president Frank McCann.

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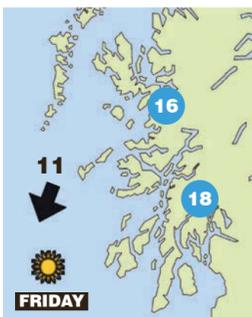
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TIDAL INFORMATION

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Sat	04.52	4.0	11.04	0.6	17.03	3.9	23.33	0.5	Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Sun	05.36	4.0	11.49	0.5	17.47	4.0	***	**	Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Mon	00.22	0.5	06.19	4.0	12.34	0.5	18.29	4.0	Lochboisdale	+0.30		
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Sea of pink as Ballachulish youngsters get racing for cancer research

BALLACHULISH was a sea of pink as pupils and parents from the local school raced for life in support of cancer sufferers. Around 90 people took part in the event which saw upper school pupils compete in a 5k race with youngsters from the lower school running shorter distances. Proceedings kicked off with a warm-up, lead by Lorna from Highland Hustle. The pupils

showed their youth as Morag Milne, who helped marshal the race, said the winner finished so quickly she had a tough time getting round to the finish line on time. The principal teacher added: 'It was a huge success. The pupils absolutely loved taking part in the race. Leon Lawrie, who is in primary six, won it for the boys and Molly McLachlan, primary four, won it for the girls.

'The older pupils were really good at looking after the younger ones, making sure they got round the village safely and kept the spirits up, so we were delighted for them and everyone who took part.' More than £200 has been donated so far on the school's just giving page with cash still being collected by the children from their sponsors. The final amount

will be donated to cancer research. Ms Milne said: 'People turned up in fancy dress which always adds to the enjoyment and we were raising money for cancer research so pink was the dominant colour. 'We're really grateful for the generosity from the local community in their donations and also to the businesses who helped make the event possible.'

TIMESLINE

Highlands gears up for busy season

TOURISM businesses in the Highlands are gearing up for a busy season ahead. There are events for visitors of every age and interest including Isle of Skye Half Marathon in June, a charity garden opening at Dunvegan Castle and Gardens on Skye on various dates until October, 10 Under the Ben in Fort William - a 10-hour mountain bike endurance race, The Glencoe Skyline ultra marathon in September, and Highland games and shows, including Helmsdale Highland Games in August. Scott Armstrong, VisitScotland regional partnerships director, said: 'I like to try to get along to the many different and varied events that visitors can enjoy when visiting the Highlands through the summer months, as there is always something interesting to experience.'

UHI's new course in film making

THE UNIVERSITY of the Highlands and Islands has launched a new course in contemporary film making. The BA (Hons) course will be available from September 2016 at Orkney College UHI, Shetland College UHI and North Highland College UHI. It will provide students with the skills needed to produce creative films in their local communities and encourage them into careers in a variety of roles, including camera operation, TV or film production, editing, location management or programme researching.



Confusion prompts call for more time to consider Caol road plans

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CAOL Community Council has called on the Highland Council to extend the Caol link road public consultation period. The deadline for comments on the proposed road is June 10, but after a meeting organised by Caol community council on Monday (May 30) showed a lot of public confusion over the issue, the community council has asked for more information to be made available. Councillor Allan Henderson

said: 'The public consultation period should be extended to get a better representation of what the community wants.' The meeting, in Caol Community centre, was attended by around 25 people. Community Council chairwoman Jane Young said: 'We are doing this to get feedback, so we can say to the council this is what we want as a community.' But on Tuesday (May 31) principal planner with the Highland Council, Tim Stott, told *The Oban Times*: 'By law the public consultation period

only had to be six weeks. We have already extended this to 10 weeks. It's not fair on other projects in the WestPlan who have had the same amount of time. If we extended the consultation period for the Caol link road, we would have to do the same with every other project.' Currently there are two plans outlined - an A82 bypass and the Caol link road. However, the community council has suggested plans for the bypass should be taken off the table and no longer safeguarded. If the A82 bypass is taken off

the table the community will be left with just the Caol link road option, which many are not happy with. As a result, the community council is calling for Lochaber residents to put forward new suggestions for the link road. One attendee at the meeting said: 'We need to stop arguing with each other and make a decision about what we want.' One suggestion from Caol Community Council is a walk and cycle bridge linking Inverloch, Caol and Corpach to the town centre. Mrs Young said: 'The bridge would encourage

people to walk or cycle to work, instead of taking their cars, which could reduce congestion.' It was thought there would be more funding available for this as it would encourage healthy living. Currently there is no funding for the link road. Mr Thompson commented: 'Councillors asked for funding for such a route appraisal to be discussed at the next regular meeting between Highland Council and Transport Scotland. The scale of works required for the Caol link road,

plus the fact it links two trunk roads, means funding ought to come from Transport Scotland, perhaps with a contribution from Highland Council.' Other potential improvements suggested in the WestPlan is a signalled controlled junction at the A82 Belford hospital junction to the town centre. The council says this would reduce the number of people make U-turns at the Belford road roundabout, but Transport Scotland has yet to commit to funding this. Head to www.highland.gov.uk to have your say.

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Student rooms ready next month

A £2.2M development providing 40 en-suite bedrooms for West Highland College UHI students is almost complete. Contractor Robertson Northern has confirmed doors will open on the three-storey development, on Camanachd Crescent, An Aird, Fort William, next month. Frank Reid, regional director of Robertson Northern, said: 'Despite extremely challenging weather conditions in recent weeks we have reached this important stage in the development in good time, meaning students can be confident of moving into their new accommodation in time for the new academic year.' Cityheart is the developer behind the new accommodation block and manag-

ing director Mark McNamee said: 'The development is particularly exciting for the town and will deliver a boost to the local economy by ensuring students have state-of-the-art accommodation.' Lydia Rohmer, Principal and Chief Executive of West Highland College UHI, said: 'The building of a dedicated student residence in Fort William underlines our continued determination to make Fort William a university town, providing local opportunities with national and international reach. 'We have around 200 students studying for Higher Education qualifications at present and this number is projected to rise to 300 over the next three years. 'The majority of these students are located in our Fort William campus, so

having student residences is an integral part of our ability to attract talented learners into the area from Scotland, the rest of UK, Europe and beyond. 'We have been highly successful in attracting more students year-on-year for our unique suite of outdoor adventure tourism and sports degrees, providing a highly employable graduate skills force. 'Having introduced new degrees in marine and coastal tourism and adventure performance and coaching this year, together with an increasing range and number of further education courses, means we can proudly claim to be offering a truly inspirational learning experience here in Fort William for both international students and those from much closer to home.'

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Fort/Oban bus link better but more still needs done

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LOCHABER residents travelling to Oban for work can now make the journey by bus and arrive in time to start the working day.

But they still can't get a bus home if they work a full day.

The good news about the morning service comes after a south Lochaber resident contacted bus companies and

campaigning for a link to be put in place, not just for workers but for people using Oban hospital.

After about 15 months, West Coast Motors extended its number 405 school service between Appin and Oban to reach Duror, where it meets the Stagecoach number 144 school service to Kinlochleven, which also goes to Duror.

This means passengers can switch between the two buses, creating an indirect link arriv-

ing at Oban's station square at 8.49am and Glegallan Road near Oban hospital at 8.56am.

The Citylink service doesn't leave Fort William until 11am.

But there is still no link in place for workers returning to Lochaber at the end of a working day, with the Citylink bus leaving Oban at 4.40pm.

However, on arrival in Fort William, this bus sits in the station for around 30 minutes before continuing on its journey to Invergarry.

One suggestion is that instead of this waiting time in Fort William, the bus could leave Oban later, therefore making it more convenient for workers.

Furthermore, as the morning buses are school services, there is an issue for people wanting to use this service outwith term times.

The south Lochaber resident also raised concerns about the lack of bike racks on the West Coast Motors

buses, which he suggests may be off-putting to tourists wishing to use the service, and a lack of accessibility for wheelchair users.

He stresses that when the railway branch from the Oban line to Ballachulish was closed in the 1960s, South Lochaber residents were promised the alternative public transport links would be 'as good as or better than' this rail link, a promise which he feels has not been lived up to.

Cash boost for village groups

TWO BALLACHULISH community groups will enjoy a range of summer fetes and festivals, thanks to Lottery grants.

Ballachulish Community Association received a £8,592 Awards for All Scotland grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

The group will use the money to replace tables and chairs and for new signs to advertise events. Friends of Abbeyfield Fundraising Committee, a group which supports residents of Abbeyfield House Care Home, received £10,000 from the fund.

The committee will use the funding for a range of recreational activities to promote mental and physical well-being amongst residents.

A spokesman for The Friends of Abbeyfield Fundraising Committee said: 'This grant has allowed us to design an activities package for residents and members of the community, especially those who have dementia. We have been able to bring practitioners to Abbeyfield specialising in sensory and physical activity allowing

our clients the opportunity to reminisce and to become fully interactive with these fun activities.'

Ian Blackford, MP for Ross, Skye and Lochaber, said: 'I am delighted with the news that a small community such as Ballachulish is being so proactive in seeking and gaining funding to the benefit of those living in the area.'

'My congratulations also go to Ballachulish Community Association which is active in promoting the village and encouraging local people to get involved through various events.'

An Awards for All spokesman told *The Oban Times*: 'It's easy to see what a difference Awards for All can make to communities the length and breadth of Scotland.'

'The programme exists to help groups do things they would otherwise be unable to do, and for relatively small amounts of money. This latest batch of grants showcases the range of applications we get, all of which are putting something back into their communities.'

Crown pursues former Lochaber hotel owner under proceeds of crime act

A FORMER Lochaber hotel owner who failed to have his three-year jail sentence for human trafficking overturned is now being pursued by the Crown for confiscation of money.

Shamsul Arefin from Bangladesh was convicted of bringing four victims to the Stewart Hotel in Duror, which he then owned, with the intent to exploit them. Arefin was found guilty by a majority verdict following a five-day trial in Fort William Sheriff Court in July 2015.

The 47-year-old appealed but failed to have his conviction overturned earlier this year. It is now understood the Crown is pursuing a confiscation order under the Proceeds of Crime Act but as the case is still ongoing exact details of the order cannot be disclosed.

Iain Campbell, Senior Communications Officer with the Crown office and Procurator Fiscal Service, told *The Oban Times*: 'We're not in a position to provide any information on the case at present as it is still live and the figures remain under debate.'

Arefin's case is next due to be heard on August 16.



Gala queen Laurin MacDonald, right, with attendants Millie Nixon, left, and Sara Carmichael. Photograph: John Paul Peebles, Abrightside Photography.

Fun and games at Caol Gala

CAOL Gala will return on Saturday 25 June, taking place at the Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig, Loch Abar.

This will be the area's second gala after a lapse of around 10 years and the first at the Gaelic school, which has allowed more space for activities.

Organisers are hoping for good weather but there will be fun and festivities for all ages come rain or shine, including funfare attractions, live music from the Lochaber wind band and a dance platform.

The Gala Queen and attendants will also be present after being picked in a ballot which took place in various locations in the village.

Sleat Transport Forum has renewed calls for the return of the MV Coruisk, which now serves the Mull route.



Urgent call to meet MSP over ferry row

SLEAT Transport Forum are calling for an urgent meeting with the new Scottish Transport minister.

The forum is hoping to sit down with Humza Yousaf MSP, the new minister for Transport and Islands, to bring together the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and CalMac to resolve the continuing issues on the Mallaig-Armadale ferry service.

While the group welcomed last week's announcement that CalMac Ferries Ltd won the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services contract, they expressed concern that disruptions with the ferry service are

now not only effecting CalMac's own customers, but the economic prosperity of the communities that are dependent on the popular service.

The deployment of vessels which the group says are not fit for purpose and are a downgraded customer experience has resulted in a ferry service that the forum has described as a 'shambles'.

The consequence of this is now the publication of an emergency timetable of revised services effective from May 24 until August 31, where more than 50 operating days out of 99 are planned to have

changes to times and scheduled vessels.

The group have said: 'This is causing a major loss of confidence in the route and at times a reduction in available vehicle capacity. 'Coach travel has been severely affected by the disruption and uncertainty of service.'

Despite extensive discussions with CalMac to seek an urgent resolution on the matter, Sleat Forum says no serious alternative plan has yet been presented by the company.

An online petition calling for the immediate return of the MV

Coruisk now has 1,658 signatures.

Sleat Transport Forum said: 'This further emphasises the public concern for service currently being operated by CalMac.'

From the company's published statistics online there was a total of 904 scheduled sailings in April and May last year with just 14 cancellations for that 61 day period.'

The group added: 'This is clear evidence that the deployment of vessels not fit for purpose has been the principal reason for the disruption caused by tidal conditions and is widely viewed in the local communities as a disgrace.'

Life-changing trip for Acharacle youngsters



The children wore kilts to the cultural exchange evening.

ACHARACLE Primary School pupils have been on a life-changing trip to learn the power of negotiation.

Sean MacLennan, Jonathan Ewers and Fabienne Manasseh, all aged 11, travelled to Rome to debate in the Montessori Model United Nations conference, a programme designed to teach youngsters the importance of accepting differences at a young age.

The pupils spent three days in the Italian capital representing Ghana, their chosen country, listening to their peers and putting forward their arguments.

Lindsay Bradley, associated schools head teacher of Acharacle, Ardgoar and Kilchoan primaries, explained: 'As part of the programme, you cannot debate on behalf of your own country but studying Ghana was really interesting for them. They worked for weeks doing their research, finding out the main problems affecting Ghana such as forced labour, child labour, food waste - really hard hitting topics.'

'Then they devised plans on how these problems could be best tackled and put together their arguments.'

'At the conference there were children from Thailand, Oslo, Zurich, Canada and many more so it was multi-cultural

in every sense. We were the only school from Scotland which made us very proud and during the cultural exchange evening the pupils dressed in kilts.

Through the programme the youngsters were given the opportunity to learn and respect other cultures, they learned about the rules of procedure and formalities when it comes to debating so these are real life lessons that they will carry with them.'

During their stay, the pupils stayed in the Vatican City and after keeping a tight schedule during the conference, they were able to soak up the sights before returning to Scotland.

Ms Bradley added: 'The children worked relentlessly during the conference, waking up at 7.30am and only really had an hour here or there for breaks - but they loved it. They were really dedicated and the amount of effort they put in was tremendous. The final debate was in the United Nations building so they had to leave Italy essentially and go through security. I am sure none of the pupils will forget this experience in a hurry. Some of the parents stayed for the weekend after the conference and do the tourist things, so it was nice that everyone's hard work was rewarded.'



Pupils were taught the formalities and importance of negotiation and debate.



Pupils chose to represent Ghana at the conference.

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Robynn's stage set for dream career

A LOCAL aspiring star of the stage is counting the days until she can begin training for her dream career after landing a coveted place at The MGA Academy of Performing Arts in Edinburgh.

Robynn Butler, a pupil at Plockton High School, will start a three-year HND Dance course at The MGA Academy this summer after impressing staff during an intensive audition.

After gaining entry to one of Scotland's leading performing arts academies, 17-year-old Robynn, from Kyle of Lochalsh, has set her sights on carving out a career on stage.

Robynn said: 'When I was little, I wanted to be the best ballerina in the world, but I was terrible - like an elephant. Aged 12, I really started enjoying jazz and, from there, started to try other types of dancing.'

'The MGA Academy was my first choice. I'd looked at a few colleges and academies but really hoped to get into MGA.'

Robynn, whose love of dancing began as a youngster at Kyle Primary School, has attended dance classes in Broadford and Kyle of Lochalsh run by Lorayne McLucas Performing Arts.

Her summer move to Edinburgh signals an important step on Robynn's path to becoming a professional performer.

'The first time I visited Edinburgh was for The MGA Academy's open day in February and the only other time was for the audition a few weeks later,' explained Robynn.

'I had been to another audition in Glasgow, but The MGA Academy felt so welcoming. I'm looking forward to working on my technique and on different styles of dance, as well as gaining performing experience.'

'I already do lyrical and contemporary dance, but the course teaches tap, ballet and more.'

'Going to The MGA Academy will help expand my repertoire as well as my creativity.'

Andrew Gowland, Managing Director of The MGA Academy, said: 'We look forward to welcoming Robynn to The MGA Academy. She is already very talented and impressed all the staff during her audition, but we are confident the training she receives here will ensure she improves as a performer and help her achieve her dream of being on stage.'

Record total raised at last Lochyside RC school fete



There was a chance to have a go at balloon modelling at Lochyside Primary School's final fete at its current campus



Pony rides proved popular at the event.

Staff and pupils pull out all the stops before move

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LOCHYSIDE Primary School's final fete in its current campus raised a record-breaking £5,500.

Staff and pupils pulled out all the stops to make the event a fitting celebration of the school's 54-year history.

The school will be moving to a new campus at Caol after the summer break when it will be re-named St Columba RC Primary.

The money raised at the fete, on Thursday May 26, will go to school funds.

Lochyside head teacher Violet Smith said: 'This was the last fete at our school as we will be moving to our new school campus in September. The weather was fantastic and we had a huge crowd of people from the local community. It was a very sociable occasion.'

'We had lots of outdoor activities for the children as well as stalls in the hall.'

'There were many highlights including Lochaber High School Wind Band which played some amazing music in the outdoor garden, Lochaber Pipe Band, and the ever-popular Wheel of Fortune.'

'Nevis Radio broadcast its programme live from the fete. We were delighted to raise a record total of £5,500 for school funds. This is a remarkable amount of money and we are extremely grateful to the local businesses and



Sister Diane took on the role of the fortune teller at Lochyside's fete. Photographs by Anthony MacMillan.

others who so generously supported the event. It was a nostalgic evening for many of the people who attended as they shared their memories of the school over the past 52 years.'

There is still a chance to visit the Lochyside school and share memories during an open week.

Ms Smith said: 'We will be holding an open week from June 20 to 24. We hope former pupils, staff and parents will come along to the school where there will be an opportunity to look at photographic displays and memorabilia from 1964 to the present time.'

Pitch hopes dashed as gates are locked

THE GATES to a much used astro pitch have been padlocked, dashing the hopes of local people campaigning to save it.

Residents from Upper Achintore started an online campaign to protect the local astro, as reported in *The Oban Times* last week.

The petition had been gathering momentum and currently has more than 400 signatures with those concerned hoping to arrange a meeting, with the local authority to share their views.

But access was completely restricted just before the weekend by the council, which cited safety fears.

A Highland Council spokesperson said: 'Our Community Services and Voluntary Action Lochaber will be carrying out a public consultation survey on play provision in Upper Achintore before the summer holidays. The survey will include the former Upper Achintore Primary School astro-turf pitch at which we have had to prevent public access as it has been declared 'not fit for purpose' in a routine safety inspection. For public safety, we have had to lock the gates and erect 'no entry' signs at the pitch.'

Police files

POLICE urge anyone who has been offered or bought what may be a pirate DVD copy to contact Fort William Police with information.

LOCHABER police are investigating the theft of an excavator bucket from a yard in Arisaig.

Anyone with any information should contact Mallaig or Fort William police.

POLICE in Fort William are investigating the theft of traffic lights from road works near Invergarry on the A82.

The incident occurred sometime between 5.30pm on May 25 and 8am on May 26.

Anyone in the area who saw anything suspicious should contact Fort William Police.

THERE has been an increase in bogus workmen operating in Lochaber.

Police urge everyone to report any suspicious activity to their nearest police station.

Further information is available on the Police Scotland website under Operation Monarda.

Inverlochy youngsters step out on fun run

INVERLOCHY primary school youngsters took part in their annual fun run on Saturday May 29.

Pupils from nursery to primary seven participated in the run from the school to Old Inverlochy Castle and back.

Head teacher Kirsty Clark told *The Oban Times* the event was a 'huge success'.

The children taking part were accompanied by family members and friends.

The quickest runner was primary seven pupil Innes Orr, who completed the course in around 12 minutes.

The fun run raised £211, which will help the school fund educational experiences and workshops to enhance pupils' learning.



And they're off! The pupils set off on their annual fundraising fun run.

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Colin Fisher recycled old pallets to make a bench.

CalMac's Colin builds port bench

FERRY passengers travelling to and from Mallaig can now rest on a new hand-made bench at CalMac's port office.

Colin Fisher, who has worked with CalMac for more than two years, used unwanted timber to make the bench.

Once built, he painted it in the company's colours and included the firm's recognised logo. Colin, from Mallaig, who is keen on DIY, said: 'We had quite a few pallets at the port from various freight deliveries and I just thought this would be a nice thing to do with some of them.'

'It's a good way of recycling the wood and it's something which everyone at the port can enjoy.'

Port manager Nancy McLean said: 'I can't praise Colin enough for his efforts and everyone agrees it is very impressive.'

'It has become a main feature here in Mallaig and draws a lot of attention.'

The bench has taken pride of place at the port office and is already a hit with passengers travelling to and from the Small Isles and Skye.



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Community launches bid to move into Argyll and Bute

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AT A TIME when major political decisions are about to be made, Strathfillan Community Council is facing one of its own.

Its members are considering asking the Scottish Government to allow them to transfer from Stirling Council to Argyll and Bute.

Councillor Roddy McCuish (Oban South and the Isles) has described this as 'fantastic news' and said: 'We'd welcome them with open arms.'

The move has been suggested as a solution to problems the community currently faces in relation to public transport.

David Gallant, transport spokesman for Oban Community Council, was recorded in the draft minutes from the Strathfillan meeting in May as telling those present he had met Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Joint Scheme Committee, and it had come to his attention that elderly and disabled people in Tyndrum and Crianlarich do not benefit from the same cheaper travel as those in Bridge of Orchy.

SPT told Mr Gallant that residents of the two villages would only be able to access the same benefits if the Scottish Government transferred the area from Stirling to Argyll and Bute Council.

Aside from travel costs, there could also be health and education benefits to the switch.

As part of Argyll and Bute, residents would be referred to Oban's Lorn and the Isles Hospital or the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley for treatment, both of which are far easier to access by train than the

Forth Valley Royal Hospital at Larbert, which they use now, and would utilise concessionary fares.

Vice-chairman Alan Smailes said: 'We have been pushing NHS Forth Valley for the option to travel to Oban hospital. If we could have better access to services in the west, it would be much easier for our community.'

Also, if Strathfillan children were able to attend Oban High School as opposed to McLaren High in Callander, not only would this make it easier for them to attend after-school activities, it would bring about changes to the train schedule between Oban and Glasgow, whereby trains bringing pupils back to Dalmally would continue onto Glasgow, stopping in Tyndrum and Crianlarich. This would mean an extra daily service in each direction, which would benefit the community.

Mr Gallant told *The Oban Times* that Strathfillan Community Councillors are 'quite keen on change. It's dissatisfaction that's grown over a number of years.'

To make this transfer, the community council would first have to carry out a public consultation within the community. If the public were behind the idea, Stirling and Argyll and Bute Councils would have to agree to the transfer but the Scottish Government would make the decision.

Stirling Councillor Alycia Hayes (Trossachs and Teith) was not in favour of moving to Argyll and Bute, saying: 'I don't believe we would have to redraw the boundaries, though I can understand why this option has been given by SPT. The Boundary Commission would then have to redraw all other boundaries as it is based on population numbers. I don't

think this will happen.'

Community councillor Isla Craig raised concerns over educational differences between the council areas, highlighting the case of Killin Primary, where there is a shared headship.

Ms Hayes suggested a cross boundary agreement, whereby there could be an exchange of subsidy to permit SPT to extend that subsidy to two stations in the Strathfillan area.

As there is already some sort of system like this in place, whereby Bridge of Orchy pupils, from Argyll and Bute, go to McLaren High, it was suggested such a cross-boundary agreement would be better than a fixed-boundary change.

The community council agreed to approach Stirling Council and to contact the local transport authority regarding the concessionary agreement.

Speaking about this at an Oban Community Council meeting on May 30, Mr Gallant said: 'Stirling councillors were not in favour. Seemingly, they didn't want to lose Tyndrum and Crianlarich, but Strathfillan Community Councillors were in favour.'

At time of going to press Mr Smailes, told *The Oban Times* there had been no further developments, saying: 'We have discussed this in the past but always came back to the same conclusion - better the devil you know. No matter which council area we are in, we'd always be at the limit of their boundaries.'

'David certainly put forward a compelling argument regarding transport, health and education issues. We need more time to discuss all the issues in greater depth before we could put forward an argument for or against such a proposal.'

Maritime Skills course

OBAN'S Argyll College, part of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), is recruiting students for Maritime Skills courses which aim to tap into job opportunities on Argyll's coastline.

There is a 'sleeping giant' of employment on the waves explains Don Mitchell, who has spent three years designing the seamanship courses to tap into that potential. Argyll and Bute boasts 23 inhabited islands - more than any other Scottish local authority - and 96.5 per cent of its population living within 10km of the coast.

Mr Mitchell, Head of Curriculum for Maritime, Sport and Creative Industries at Argyll College UHI, said: 'Argyll has a rich and diverse sea based heritage, and a thriving community of businesses afloat. We have a growing sector locally that requires suitably qualified workers to support development in the marine tourism, fish farming and aquaculture industries, and supply a workforce with the skill-set and knowledge to work safely out on the water.'

'We also recognize that the maritime sector is a global market that is growing with seaborne trade predicted to double by 2030. Students on our new Maritime Skills and RYA courses will gain a set of industry recognized qualifications which will assist them in following the seafaring route as a vocational journey, or simply learn how to be safe on the water for leisure boating pursuits.'

'Marine Tourism contributes £360m to per year to the Scottish Economy,' added Daniel Steel, Chief Executive of Sail Scotland, 'and in an area like Argyll where an estimated 80 per cent of the population live within 1km of the sea, it's obviously of enormous importance. So it's wonderful to see Argyll College UHI expanding their range of Maritime Education opportunities to meet the needs of



Left Don Mitchell Right Derek Grier

the region's young people, and in support of the national marine tourism strategy.'

Argyll College is currently recruiting students for its 20 week Short Full Time Maritime Skills course, which combines SQA and RYA/MCA certification to give a comprehensive introduction to the maritime industries, including commercial sea fishing, the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy, Maritime Search and Rescue, marine leisure and sailing, commercial sea fishing, aquaculture, ports and harbour industries.

The course, with possible fee assistance for eligible students, combines practical and theory based activity including small-boat based activities on the water using the college's new 6.5m Humber Ocean Pro RIB, giving access for up to 30 students to practical water based activities.

Don and one of the courses' five tutors, powerboat instructor Derek Grier, demonstrated the college's new black RIB in the Firth of Lorn, and even gave the Oban Times an exhilarating shot in the driver's seat, riding the waves around Oban, Kererra and Dunbeg, and across the Falls of Lora tidal race below Connel Bridge.

Argyll College UHI has already delivered Skills for Work Maritime Skills Course for senior pupils in Lochgilphead High School and Dunoon Grammar in 2015-16, and it has 15 Oban High School pupils ready to start the same course in June for the academic year 2016-17.

It thanked the maritime community in Argyll for being hugely supportive, and providing expertise and facilities to get the courses underway, in particular thanking Tarbert Harbour Association and Holy Loch Marina, Ardfern Marina, Oban Yacht Club, Craignish Boat Club, Oban Bay Community Berthing Ltd and Swordfish Marine at Holyloch who fitted out the RIB.

Fraser Durie, Principal of Argyll College, added: 'We would like to congratulate Caledonian MacBrayne on successfully winning the Clyde and Hebridean Ferries contract. We very much look forward to working with them as we strive to expand our curriculum in line with the area's maritime economy in support of our coastal communities.'



Bikers are in the pink for cancer



Dozens of bikers resplendent in pink roared into Oban on Friday as part of an annual charity effort for Macmillan Cancer Support. And among the motorcyclists was Carol Barker, left, who painted a poignant picture which was presented to nurse Donna MacKenzie at Oban hospital. Full story - page two.

TIMESLINE

Passengers left high and dry as cruise is called off

PASSENGERS on the Hebridean Princess ship were left disappointed last month after their cruise was cut short.

The vessel had left Oban for a week-long cruise on Tuesday, May 17, but passengers were forced to leave the ship on the Friday at Stornoway following a 'technical issue'.

One woman on board, who asked not to be named, claimed paying customers were asked to leave hurriedly and unexpectedly with no explanation from the vessel's owner, Hebridean Island Cruises.

However, a spokesman for the company said: 'Hebridean Island Cruises can confirm that its cruise with Hebridean Princess that departed Oban on May 17 had to be curtailed on May 20 due to a technical issue. All of the customers were disembarked in Stornoway where arrangements were made for their onward journeys.'

'The technical issue has been addressed and the Hebridean Princess departed Oban on Tuesday evening (May 24) for the seven-night St Kilda, Islands on the Edge cruise.'

'Hebridean Island Cruises apologises for any inconvenience caused.'



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Drug dealer had thousands of pills hidden at partner's home

AN OBAN drug dealer was jailed for 10 months last week after police found nearly 3,000 diazepam-style tablets hidden in his girlfriend's home.

During the case at Oban Sheriff Court, a police witness said the west coast of Scotland 'was awash' with the drug and its variants.

Stephen Kelly initially denied being concerned in the supply of the tablets, which he believed to contain diazepam, and attempting to supply them to others. Part way through his trial at Oban Sheriff Court last week he changed his plea to guilty. The 52-year-old also admitted possession of heroin.

The court was told that four officers went to raid the address at Sinclair Drive, Oban, on April 23 last year. They arrived with a search warrant but did not have to break the door down as it was unlocked and they just walked in and found Kelly, his girlfriend and another man and woman.

A total of 2,915 blue tablets were found in different locations in the property and procurator fiscal Eoin McGinty

Court is told: 'West of Scotland is awash with drugs'

DETECTIVE Constable Greig Baxter said that the drug etizolam is coming into Scotland mainly from India and China, and is one of a number of different compounds similar to diazepam.

The tablets have a street value of between 50 pence and £1 each and are frequently used alongside heroin. Other variations are phenazepam and disclazepam

Detective Constable Baxter said: 'No-one knows what they are buying; sometimes the tablets contain nothing; others just caffeine.'

'The west coast of Scotland is awash with them. 'Etizolam causes major issues.'
The tablets are used by heroin addicts to lessen the after effects of heroin. It has been prevalent since 2013.

said there were other signs of drug dealing paraphernalia: a small set of scales, bags and cling film, and a quantity of white envelopes. Used, burned, tin foil with heroin residue on it was also found. The officer leading the raid said that earlier they had come across a known drug user in the town with blue tablets in a similar white envelope.

Another officer said that Kelly's girlfriend had been upset and shouted during the search: 'You can do a test on me - I didn't do any of it.'

Kelly told the officers: 'All the drugs

are mine.'

But the tablets were not what they appeared to be. Test revealed they were etizolam, Detective Constable Greig Baxter a Police Scotland expert on drugs told the court.

'It is similar to diazepam; a similar compound. It was not a controlled substance in the UK.'

Kelly's defence agent said that he had that large amount of tablets for his own personal use but the detective discounted this.

'Three thousand tablets is way, way in

excess of anything I have ever heard of for personal use,' he said. 'This is someone buying for onward sales and supply.'

When Kelly changed his plea to guilty, Sheriff Anderson said there were two alternatives: custody or a drug treatment-and-testing order (DTTO), a strict regime which is an alternative to prison. The order is supervised by a medical consultant, nursing staff, a resource worker and a social worker. There is a monthly report back to the court and if an addict does not comply, they are sent to prison.

Jane McLaren, Kelly's defence agent argued that he should be allowed to take part in treatment and not prison as he had been on remand for a month and during that time in prison he had come off heroin.

'He had become a very chronic and heavy user,' she said, adding that at times he needed five 'tenner bags' a day and was drinking two bottles of vodka. 'This is not a well man. He was taken into hospital - his addiction got control of him and he was in a downward spiral,' she said.

But Sheriff Anderson sentenced him to a total of 10 months in prison. She said: 'I am not persuaded at this juncture that a DTTO is the right road to go down.'

'Perhaps when you come out you will be that bit stronger and able to deal with the matter within the community.'

His partner is being considered for the order and the sheriff felt that at this stage they would stand a better chance of success separately and then be able to support each other.

Directory is set by postcodes

FOLLOWING last week's report in *The Oban Times* about BT splitting Oban into two different phone books and two different regions, the telecommunications company has issued a statement.

A spokesperson for the company has said: 'BT delivers 168 separate geographical editions of the phone book across the UK.'

'These editions are split geographically based on groups of postcode listings sourced from Royal Mail.'

'Lismore, part of Ardnurchan and some parts of Oban share the PA34 5XX postcode ranges. Historically, these postcodes have been included in the Highlands and Islands phone book rather than the Lomond and Argyll edition.'

'Where, inevitably, homes or businesses sit on the boundary of two phone book editions, our teams will help.'

'Subject to stock availability, customers can request the neighbouring phone book to their own area. The customer service team can be contacted on 0800 833 400.'

'The phone book is also available to search for free online at thephonebook.bt.com'

Caroline, 100, is guest of honour at bank opening

CENTENARIAN Caroline Jamieson from Taynuilt, the oldest customer at the Oban branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland, officially reopened the George Street bank on Friday after its first makeover in 20 years.

The branch now has a new look: the 'traditional' bank counter has been replaced by an open plan counter, and it has been fitted with modern technology, such as upgraded ATMs and cash and deposit machines and free Wi-Fi and iPads so customers can register with online banking.

The refurbishment is part of RBS's £450m investment into upgrading UK branches.



Caroline Jamieson, aged 100, was presented with flowers after she cut the tape to open the RBS branch in Oban.

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Cannabis discovery is costly

AN OBAN man must forfeit £210 and do 250 hours of unpaid community work after cannabis was found at his home.

Garry Norman Higgins, 41, of Coruisk, Corran Brae, admitted being concerned in the supply of cannabis at his home on January 6 this year.

The town's sheriff court heard last week that Higgins co-operated fully with the police when they searched his home and found 34g of herbal cannabis, along with drug-dealing paraphernalia and the cash. He said this was rent money.

'It is the provenance, not the purpose, the court is interested in,' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC.

His defence agent said that Higgins, 'a hard-working family man', had begun to use the drug after a back injury. Sheriff Anderson said that was a standard excuse.

REFERENDUM SPECIAL: Beginning today, The Oban Times brings views from community leaders

Rt Rev Brian McGee, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles



REFLECTING on the forthcoming vote, we should recognise the historic nature of this referendum and its implications for future generations. The outcome will have consequences for the future of our country, Europe and for the world.

I believe three things are essential as we prepare to make this historic decision:

1. that we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
2. that we all inform ourselves of the arguments on both sides of the debate;
3. that we each exercise our vote with a view to the common good of all.

Our focus needs to be, above all, on the human person. We need to build a Europe "which revolves not around the economy but around the sacredness of the human person, around inalienable values", in the Pope's

words. We all have a responsibility to keep the dignity of the human person at the forefront of the debate.

We must ask ourselves, in the face of every issue, what will best serve the dignity of all people both within Europe and beyond.

This referendum, therefore, is about much more than economics and personalities. We should never forget the profoundly religious roots of European nations; that Europe has a 2000-year-old Christian culture that has shaped the continent and is a dynamic spiritual, moral and intellectual resource as we address the future.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we need continually to ask ourselves: who is my neighbour? In response to grave challenges, we are called to be generous and welcoming to all others, especially the most vulnerable.

Each person will have their own views about the best political framework in which to realise these ideals. There is no definitive framework which is more Catholic or Christian than any other.

This referendum is an opportunity to reflect on those values we cherish as a nation. High among these values are mutual respect and civility, vital in this national conversation about the very future of our nation within the world.

Before voting, we might ask ourselves the following question: How, in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?

As you prepare to vote, you may wish to offer this prayer: "Lord, grant us wisdom that we may walk with integrity, guarding the path of justice, and knowing the protection of your loving care for all."

Brendan O'Hara, MP for Argyll and Bute



JUST weeks after Scotland went to the polls to elect the new government, we are being asked to vote again on June 23 when we decide whether we should remain part of the European Union.

While everyone understands how important those Scottish Parliament elections were for the future of our schools, our hospitals and our public services, I worry that the importance of the European Union to our everyday lives gets overlooked.

For the past 70 years, the EU has delivered peace and prosperity to a continent traditionally at loggerheads, and all too frequently at war with itself.

I believe that membership of the EU has made us wealthier, healthier and greener. Our society is fairer and our economy stronger.

The EU benefits business, large and small, giving them access to shared markets and flows of trade, investment and labour. Exports to the EU make up around 44 per cent of total exports.

It's good for the food and drink sector and important for Scotland and Argyll and Bute. We can access cheaper and better-quality goods.

Membership of the EU has made us safer. We have established close relationships with our EU partners working and adapting to the threats faced by the modern world. If the UK chooses to leave the EU, we risk losing access to European arrest warrants, the European criminal records system and EU-Interpol co-operation, vital for fighting terrorism and other crimes.

Membership of the EU has made us greener. Tackling climate change is bigger than one member state so we have to see the wider picture of our environment.

Membership of the European Union has made us fairer. Improved working conditions via shared regulations such as the Working Time Directive preventing employers obliging their workforce to work excessively long

hours, with implications for health and safety. EU legislation has also helped with non-discrimination and parental rights which have benefited so many families.

In terms of Scotland's role in the EU, we want to grow our influence to benefit Scottish jobs, businesses, our economy and our society. Tourism is vital to Scotland with overseas visitors spending £1.8 billion in 2014 - around £900 million of which was from visitors from within Europe.

I would never argue that the EU is perfect - far from it. Reforms are needed but we stand to lose far more by exiting now than we'd gain by cutting us off from the rest of the continent. Ultimately, on June 23 you will have to decide where we go from here.

I will be voting to remain because I'm convinced that, despite its faults, the EU is the best way to ensure we are wealthier, healthier, greener, fairer and safer.

Business Gateway workshops

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Petition demands action to stop accidents on A85

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A PETITION demanding improvements to the A85 Oban to Dunbeg road has been launched by Dunbeg Community Council. Community councillor Sean MacIntyre revealed the demands earlier this week. The community council is asking for double white lines to be painted along the length of the road [between Oban and Dunbeg] and for the speed limit to be addressed in order to reduce the number of accidents taking place.

Mr MacIntyre said: 'The reason we started this petition is because Colin Baxter [who was injured in a car accident between Oban and Dunbeg] came to the Dunbeg community council meeting and asked what we were doing to address the amount of accidents.'

Over the past week alone, two accidents have taken place on

the road involving nine cars. Mr MacIntyre continued: 'I have personally been overtaken on the road and, after speaking to many residents in Dunbeg, they think it needs to be addressed.'

'As far as I am led to believe, it is just down to money to upgrade the road. Safety should be paramount, especially if it would save lives. A lot of people walk that road on a Sunday, especially when the weather is nice, and there's a large number of people who walk to the cemetery.'

'Since the cycle track has been opened, it has been used as a ring - people walk over the track and head back into Oban along the road.'

However, Oban police think the number of incidents on this stretch of road is down to a lack of concentration.

Constable Andy Barron, of the divisional road policing unit, told *The Oban Times*: 'A lot of it is down to tourists coming



Sean MacIntyre stands with the petition, which demands improvements to the A85.

to the area and not knowing the roads. The accidents over the past few weeks were down to poor driving a lack of concentration and a lack of awareness.'

After discussing alternative solutions such as adding more signs to the route, Constable Barron added: 'The problem is

that there's only one road into Oban - the A85. 'The majority of visitors will be coming in on that road, so short of doing some major roadworks along there, which could cost a huge amount of money, I don't think signs will make a big difference.'

'You have to expect the unexpected at this time of year. It's a case of driving with a bit more caution. I stopped someone last week who was doing 35mph at Taynuilt. He thought he was on a single-track road. A lot of people are not aware of their surroundings.'

Constable Colin May added: 'They have carried out improvements over the years on the A85 such as the shell grip, which has definitely made a difference to crash statistics.'

'A few more signs about concealed entrances would be good going in to Poppies, for example. At this time of year there are peo-

ple on the road who don't know it. Therefore people should allocate more time for their journey as it [the road] is going to be busier. If people see bad driving, they should report it to us and we can investigate it.'

A Transport Scotland spokesman said: 'Safety is a priority for us and managing speed is an important part of our strategy. We constantly monitor the safety of our trunk road network. This includes screening all locations where three or more accidents have occurred in the preceding three-year period on an annual basis. We undertake further investigation and, where appropriate, mitigation measures are prioritised and implemented.'

'We are currently considering a request for pedestrian signage at Pennyfuir Cemetery and will be discussing the recent accidents with Police Scotland. 'We are not aware of the A85 petition.'

Hotel guest hurled racial and homophobic abuse

A MILD-MANNERED 54-year-old man, who had never been in trouble with the police, lost his temper over a parking ticket, racially insulted a hotel manager, punched a guest and hurled homophobic abuse at police.

James McKie, of 19 Northwood Road, Tullibody, Alloa, was fined a total of £800 and ordered to pay £250 compensation to the guest who stepped in and tried to calm things down in the foyer of the Columba Hotel on March 27 and got a cut lip in return.

McKie had been spending the weekend in Oban with his wife when he was given a ticket in the council-run car park outside the hotel.

McKie's defence agent Jane McLaren told Oban Sheriff Court last week: 'This behaviour was completely out of character. He is usually someone who stays away from confrontation and walks away from it.'

'He comes before the court

with no previous convictions. He wants to apologise to the court for his behaviour, to the staff at the hotel and the man he assaulted. He feels very embarrassed.'

At an earlier court hearing he had admitted aggressive and intimidating behaviour, spitting, racially aggravated comments to the hotel's manager and assaulting a fellow guest, along with homophobic remarks made at the town's police station.

The sentence had been deferred until last week for a report to be prepared.

Mrs McLaren said that McKie takes an anti-alcohol medication which should never be consumed along with drink.

If he intended to take a drink he would stop a week before but this time he stopped only four days before his holiday; he believed this to be the cause of his actions.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC described McKie's behaviour as 'absolutely appalling'.

Tiree man drove without insurance

AILIG Eachann MacDonald, 27, of 1 Upper Square, Hynish, Tiree, was fined a total of £750 and disqualified from driving for six months, when he appeared before Oban Sheriff Court last week. MacDonald had admitted two charges of driving without due care and attention, and not having insurance on December 7 last year on the island.

Grants are now available for charity organisations

COMMUNITY groups are being encouraged to apply for the second round of funding from the council's community development and social enterprise teams. I would encourage people to make the most of this funding opportunity and get their application forms returned as soon as possible.'

A total of £5,000 is available and the closing date for applications is Monday June 13. A decision will be made at the area committee in August.

The third sector grants programme is aimed at supporting communities and vulnerable people, and helping to kick start new projects and events.

Councillor Robin Currie said: 'The council is particularly keen to encourage new groups

with fresh ideas. Advice and support on funding is available from the council's community development and social enterprise teams. I would encourage people to make the most of this funding opportunity and get their application forms returned as soon as possible.'

Applications are available from local area community learning offices or can be accessed using the following link: <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>. For information call 01631 567944 or email communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Esplanade art aims to give a hand to charity fundraising



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FOLLOWING the success of fundraising for the playpark at Atlantis Leisure, Friends of Oban Community Playpark have turned their attention to generating money for a similar facility for pre-school children.

The group has a target of £100,000 for the park, with more than £40,000 already raised. Their latest fundraising initiative has seen more than 800 wooden handprints, created by local children, being hung along the railings on Oban's esplanade since the start of May.

The Helping Hands community art installation, funded by BID4Oban,

Voluntary Arts Week micro fund and Argyll and Bute Council's third sector grants, will be on display throughout the summer months, with people viewing the artworks being asked to text OBAN16 £5 to 70070 to donate £5 to the cause, or place cash donations in green tubs stationed in many of the town's businesses.

Children from Lochnell, Dalmally, Rockfield, St Columba's, Park, Easdale and Luig primary schools, along with youngsters from Little Learners and Atlantis Easter Camp, have all taken part, with 200 more handprints from Appin and Dunbeg schools still to be hung.

Jewson in Oban donated 1,600 cable ties to fasten the prints to the railings

after string proved too noisy as the wooden boards clattered together in the wind.

So far the Helping Hands project has raised more than £250 in donations.

An inter-generational sponsored walk is planned from Corran Halls to Dunollie House and back today (Thursday) to help raise funds for the project.

The walk leaves from the Corran Halls at 10am and will make its way along the footpath to Dunollie Castle before heading back to the halls.

The sponsorship money gathered from this event will go towards the £60,000 still needed to cover the £100,000 expected cost of the under-fives playpark.

The organiser say they are anticipating

about 270 pre-school children from a number of nurseries, Park primary one pupils, and children and parents not attached to any nursery. They will be walking alongside members of Oban Seniors' Forum and Oban Health Walks.

Altogether, there could be about 400 people taking part in the short circular walk, with different generations coming together to raise money for a much-needed and wanted under-fives playpark.

There will be an Oban High School student signalling the start with bagpipes, the Lions Club is supporting the event and will be marshalling at key points, while Dunollie Castle Museum is donating soft drinks and water.

Sentence deferred

A MAN drove at dangerous speeds down a single-track road near Taynuilt, hit a car and a van and kept going.

When police tracked him down at Crianlarich, they found his badly damaged vehicle had been running with the tyre completely gone from one wheel.

'I've got to get a report here. What on earth has been going on?' said Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC at Oban Sheriff Court last week.

In the dock was William Reid, 28, of 18 Lora View, North Connel, who pleaded guilty to dangerous driving on the unclassified road between the B845 and the A85 near Taynuilt, at speeds excessive for the prevailing conditions and colliding with a car and van, and also to drink driving.

Sentence was deferred until June 21 for a report.

Man is fined £300

BANGING on his girlfriend's door and threatening to break it down if she didn't let him in cost an Oban fisherman a £300 fine at the town's sheriff court.

Daniel Rudd Guy, 41, of Anandale, Longsdale Road, Oban, admitted behaving aggressively, and shouting and swearing outside her home on George Street on May 14.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC was told last week that the couple had a disagreement earlier in the evening, but were still together. Guy had been drinking, his defence agent said.

Officer did 109mph

A DETECTIVE from Scotland's serious crime unit fell foul of traffic police at the infamous speed trap at Arrivain Farm on the A85.

Peter David McMillan, who lives in Argyll, was clocked at 109mph in his Jaguar on November 4 last year when off-duty.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC, at Oban Sheriff Court, fined the 35-year-old £250 and added nine penalty points to his licence.

Argyll's only boarding school opens doors to interested families

'At all stages of the school, children and young people are highly motivated and actively involved in their learning. They are respectful, hard-working and respond very well to the overall high-quality learning experiences.' Education Scotland

KEY FACTS

- High academic attainment
- Broad-ranging curriculum
- Extensive programme of extra-curricular and outdoor learning
- Strong focus on art, music and drama
- Purpose-built, modern facilities
- Flexi boarding e.g. weekly boarding
- Excellent transport links to the West Highlands

Argyll's only boarding school is inviting families to come and see for themselves what makes Lomond so unique. Located in the picturesque coastal town of Helensburgh with its safe community environment and excellent transport links, Lomond School has a long tradition of boarders from the West Highlands and Islands.

As the top performing school in Argyll, Lomond offers a wide-ranging curriculum including eight National Fives at S3/S4 and the traditional five Highers in S5. The curriculum has been enhanced further with recent additions such as drama, health and food technology as well as the appointment of a head of adventure and service and head of digital strategy.

Extra-curricular activities include hockey, rugby, sailing, skiing and canoeing. In 2015 Lomond School was the top performing school in Scotland for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. The school also has a long-standing history of traditional Scottish music.

Boarders at Lomond benefit from excellent facilities, with the new Burnbrae boarding house built in 2003 offering comfortable lounges, a gym and mostly twin en-suite study bedrooms. Lomond is unique in Scotland in that it allows male and female siblings to live together in the same boarding house. Families are also offered the flexibility of weekly boarding.

Lomond School principal Johanna Urquhart said: 'Here at Lomond, we pride ourselves on taking an individual approach to the education and care of each and every pupil. Boarding provides a particularly rewarding experience thanks to our family ethos, excellent facilities and professional, dedicated staff. We are also very proud of our long-standing links to the West of Scotland and would welcome any families interested in boarding to come and see us.'

S6 pupil Kaitlin said: 'Boarding has helped me develop my self-confidence. I've made friends for life from around the world and I've really benefited from the personalised approach to my whole Lomond experience.' Families interested in boarding at Lomond are invited to a no obligation visit or free trial stay. To find out more please contact Janet Dixon at admissions on 01436 672476 or j.dixon@lomondschool.com.

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The Heb – Race on the Edge sees competitors off-road running, mountain biking with a bit of kayaking thrown in during a two-day multi-sport challenge.

The Heb is a race on the edge

DURTY Events, organisers of the The Heb – Race on the Edge, a new two-day, multi-sport challenge through the Hebridean island chain of Benbecula, North Uist and South Uist on September 3 and 4, have published route maps for this two-day, 190km adventure at <http://www.theheb.org/>.

Seasoned racers and enthusiastic newcomers to the world of multi-sport, participating alongside each other as solos or pairs, will find themselves mountain biking and off-road running with a bit of kayaking and some easy navigation on a spectacular island journey – beautiful desolate sandy



Competitors descend from Eaval mountain.

beaches, magnificent mountains, hidden coves and fantastic Hebridean landscapes.

Benbecula will be the starting point for the 120km route round North Uist on September 3 with a shorter 70km route taking athletes to the southernmost point of South Uist on September 4. However, to make it easier and more relaxed for everyone, the race will stop at the end of day one on Benbecula, allowing for a well earned refuel and ‘battery charge’.

On day one participants begin with a coastal ride from Benbecula to North Uist, followed by running and trekking on Eaval mountain (shorter options available). Then there is a beautiful moorland bike ride to the uninhabited intertidal island of Vallay for a bit more running and trekking (short options possible), followed by the hop to Lochmaddy for a fun kayak section and a bike ride back to Benbecula for a night under the stars.

Day two involves a spectacular north to south journey from the overnight camp to Kilbride on South Uist. It includes epic riding on the machair and firm sands of the west coast beaches, as much running and trekking as you can handle on Beinn Mhor and Hecla, and kayaking off the stunning coast between South Uist and Eriskay. This will be followed by an event party at the Polochan Inn, Lochboisdale, the perfect celebrations for such a huge achievement.

Paul Bush OBE, VisitScotland’s director of events, said: ‘The Hebridean island chain is known the world over as home to some of the most stunning scenery Scotland has to offer, something

which participants in The Heb will experience first-hand in the event’s first year.

‘Including disciplines of cycling, running and kayaking, the Heb will demonstrate not only the varied landscape of the Benbecula, North Uist and South Uist, but also demonstrate how well equipped Scotland is as the perfect stage for sporting events of all kinds.’

Organisers have had a number of enquiries asking how hard the Heb - Race on the Edge course really is. Paul McGreal, from Durty Events, said: ‘With ‘short cut’ options built into the route on both days and no extremely tough route choices on the cards the Heb has been designed to be totally achievable and fun for all those taking part. We’ve simply selected the best bits for an amazing but challenging adventure. That said, the course has been designed in such a way that you’ll be able to push yourself if you are an experienced multi-sport athlete.

‘When it comes to route navigation we are keeping it really simple. Competitors will be issued with a map and knowing whether to turn left or right at a road junction will be useful. However we won’t be testing their micro-navigation skills, though these might come in handy if they elect to go up all of the optional hills. We’ll even stick the occasional marker in at some key locations.

‘And for those who are a bit nervous of kayaking, they needn’t worry either. ‘Sit On Top’ boats, paddles and buoyancy aids will be supplied and competitors definitely won’t need to be experienced kayakers to take on the short and fun

Multi-sport challenge

paddling sections, though it wouldn’t do any harm if they’ve been in a kayak before the event.’

The Heb will be a stunning and achievable journey through the best of the Hebrides with the added bonus of stunning ferry journeys with event sponsor Caledonian MacBrayne. Organisers are encouraging all those looking for a stunning adventure challenge on foot, bike and kayak to sign up now.

To enter through online partner, Entry Central, go to <https://www.entrycentral.com/festival/742>.



Spectacular scenery on one of the bike sections.

May medal at Fort William Golf Club

GENTS: The May medal was played on Saturday May 28 with the following result: Section 1 - 1 Ian Robertson net 66 (78 - 12); 2 Eric Wallace net 68 (74 - 6); 3 Peter Stewart net 70 (83 - 13).

Section 2 - 1 Scott Duncan net 78 (99 - 21); 2 Graeme Worsdall net 88 (105 - 17).

On Sunday May 29 the annual Rotary AM-AM competition was held at Fort William Golf Club, results as follows:

Gents - 1 James Duncan, Stewart Duncan, Gareth Lee and Alan Overend 120; 2 Ewen MacColl, Donald MacInnes, David Matheson and Neil Young 121; 3 John MacLennan, Ally Smith, Eric Wallace and Jason Wallace 122.

Ladies - 1 Ann Lovatt, Iona Cameron and Kathleen Leitch 143; 2 Kay Jerram, Rosemary Macintyre and Theresa Smith 150.

John Baird Memorial Cup

Welfare football

RESULTS from last week’s John Baird Memorial Cup games - 1st round: Fort William U-17s 1, Nevis Range 4; Tekkerslovakia 6, Ballachulish 2 Semi-final: Nevis Range 3, Mallaig 10 Tekkerslovakia v Caol United to be played on June 15.

League fixtures: Wednesday June 1 - Tekkerslovakia v Ballachulish at Canal Park.

Thursday June 2 - Mallaig v Nevis Range at Mallaig.

Monday June 6 - Caol Utd v Mallaig at High School.

Tuesday June 7 - Ballachulish v Nevis Range at Kinlochleven.

Wednesday June 8 - Fort William U-17s v Tekkerslovakia at Canal Park.

Liz and Tommy win Fitzsimons Shield

Bowls

FORT William Railway Bowling Club pPresident Bill Clark presented the James Fitzsimons Shield to Liz French and Tommy Campbell. Runners-up were brother and sister Agnes Boyle and Eddie Downs.

Experienced bowler Tommy was teamed up with newcomer to bowls Liz who in her first season has been in the winning pairs of two of the three competitions she entered.



Rotary Club of Lochaber president Terry Lee, left, presented the awards at the club’s annual fund-raising Am Am golf tournament which was held at Fort William Golf Club last Sunday. Photo: Alba Photos

Rotary Club hold successful Am Am

WINNING teams in the Rotary Club of Lochaber Am-Am were – 1 Stewards Enquiry; 2 Torlundy Rules; 3 Retail United. Yellow ball – Something Fishy. First ladies team - Smokey Bandit. First visiting team - Bothwell and Uddingston Rotary Club.

Nearest the pin – 3rd hole – Dale Monk; 6th

Golf

hole – Eric Wallace; 12th hole – Chris Ryan; 16th hole – Peter Stewart.

Longest drive: gents – Angus Campbell; ladies – Aeleen Campbell.

Fort Ladies - a cut above the rest

FORT William Ladies shinty team won their challenge cup game against Glenurqhart 10-3 at the weekend with a fine display of passing in the forward line, tough tackling in midfield, solid defending and some cracking saves. Every player played an important part in the win.

Player of the day was Zoe Smith

who scored some outstanding goals and assists throughout the game.

Anne Fairbairn as usual put in some hard work in both midfield and defence and deserves development player of the day.

Scorers: Zoe Smith (7), Katherine Ann Gall, Lauren Doherty and Ashleigh Fraser.

Women’s shinty

Glenurqhart goal scorers were Hazel Hunter (2) and Abby Currie

The next development game will be in June and in the league the ladies are away to Glasgow Mid Argyll in two weeks.



Fort William Ladies shinty team who have been sponsored by Caol Cuts Hairdressers. Photo: Alba Photos



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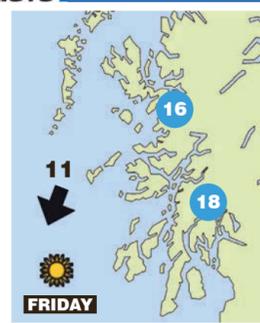
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WEATHER

Thursday Sunny
Winds light north north easterly
Temperatures 9°C to 17°C.

Friday Sunny
Winds light north north easterly
Temperatures 9°C to 18°C.

Weekend Sunny on Saturday
Sunny on Sunday
Winds light south easterly
Temperatures 11°C to 18°C.



Stop Press: New pontoons recently installed by North West Marine at Kyle Lochboisdale for visiting yachts

TIDAL INFORMATION
Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday June 2, 2016 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour) BST)

Date	am	pm	Ardrishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25	
Thur	03.16 3.6 09.25 1.0 15.34 3.5 21.48 0.9	Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55		
Fri	04.06 3.8 10.16 0.8 16.20 3.7 22.43 0.7	Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16		
Sat	04.52 4.0 11.04 0.6 17.03 3.9 23.33 0.5	Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30		
Sun	05.36 4.0 11.49 0.5 17.47 4.0 *** **	Lochboisdale	+0.30				
Mon	00.22 0.5 06.19 4.0 12.34 0.5 18.29 4.0	Ferry Crossings/Sea States					
Tues	01.10 0.6 07.02 3.9 13.17 0.5 19.11 4.0	Oban to Barra/South Uist		Moderate			
Wed	01.57 0.7 07.45 3.7 14.01 0.7 19.53 3.8	Oban to Coll/Tiree		Moderate			
Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)							
Kennacraig to Islay							Moderate