

# The Oban Times

## & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

Established 1861 No 7994

Thursday 10 June, 2010

www.obantimes.co.uk

75 pence



Passengers and Scotrail staff help each other to get out of the derailed train and away from the scene after the 6.20pm from Glasgow to Oban came off the rails

## Bravery and teamwork overcome potential disaster

'BRAVERY' and 'teamwork' were just two of the words used to describe the actions of passengers and staff on the 6.20pm Glasgow to Oban train, which derailed on Sunday night.

Just before 9pm the train struck a boulder that had fallen on the line near the Falls of Cruachan, flipping the front carriage off the track. Only the second

carriage, which acted as an anchor, and a clutch of trees prevented the first carriage rolling 50 feet down the embankment onto the A85 road or into Loch Awe, below.

### Flames

But while flames surged from a ruptured fuel tank heroic passengers and ScotRail staff helped each other to safety, although passengers in each carriage believed that those in the other carriage had been killed.

Initial reports came through that the train was on fire with

### SPECIAL REPORT

by  
Christine McCartney  
cmccartney@obantimes.co.uk  
Euan Paterson  
epaterson@obantimes.co.uk

up to 50 injured and fatalities on board but every passenger walked from the wreckage, some with minor injuries.

Hospitals as far away as Dundee had been put on standby, as the extent of injured passengers remained unclear.

Anne Wilson from Kilmelford, who was on board the first carriage, said: 'We had to scramble out of the first carriage and up the embankment, and all the men - it didn't matter who they were - lined up to help the ladies and children get up.'

'Everyone looked out for each other. All the passengers were incredibly brave.'

ScotRail staff on board the train came in for particular praise and train driver Willie Dickson spoke of 'a real team effort' in getting people off the train.

Passenger Joe Rokitta, who helped to evacuate his carriage and doused flames, singled out conductor Angus MacColl, from Oban, for his heroics.

'Angus was on the phone constantly and was demanding the emergency services, which must be why they arrived so quickly.'

'He was telling everyone to get to a rendezvous point at Falls of Cruachan and was instructing people on what to do.'

'That guy was amazing; he did everything. He also did a final check to make sure

everyone was out.'

The passengers were taken to the Falls of Cruachan train stop before being escorted down to Cruachan Visitor Centre, where they were given tea, coffee and water.

### Praise

Passengers praised the emergency services for their quick response and for their care at the visitor centre.

Closure of the railway line and road could continue for several more days, as engineers work to stabilise and then remove the damaged carriages.

See Page 4 for more.

## Have-a-go Joe says 'Don't call me hero'

JOE ROKITTA is uncomfortable with the term 'hero' but there are few other words that can accurately describe his actions at Sunday night's derailment.

'The train screeched to a halt and I saw the first carriage had slipped off to the left,' said the Oban man. 'It then dug into the ground and if it wasn't for our carriage it would have flipped over completely; we were the only thing anchoring it down. I thought people in that carriage were done for because there was no noise coming from it.'

'Then we saw the flames; lots of people panicked. They ran for the doors at the back of the train and were clambering over each other. I shouted at everyone to calm down and to move out slowly.'

Joe's advice worked but with no platform, passengers faced a five-foot drop to the track. Joe jumped from the train and helped to lift people off the carriage.

It was after helping to clear his carriage that Joe noticed the wooden sleepers and debris underneath the carriage had caught fire. He ran up the hill and broke a branch from a tree, beating out the flames to prevent them from spreading. He was handed a fire extinguisher and he put out the flames.

Joe then went below the dangling carriage to help pull people out the front door. 'As I was pulling people out I realised the danger I was in - but you don't want to say anything. Let's just say, I was trying not to lean on the thing.'



9 771461 487051

## 'People in our carriage weren't moving and were silent with shock'

BIRTHDAY boy Michael McCuish sat in the front carriage of the train reflecting on how good his 23rd year had been so far - when the emergency brakes were applied.

'There was a loud screeching noise, the train started shaking and the lights were flickering,' said the Oban man. 'I soon realised that the train had jumped off the track.'

Michael said there was panic as the train screeched and shuddered to a halt, finally coming to rest at 45 degrees

and on its side, hanging down the embankment, with flames rising up either side of the carriage.

'The flames were the scariest bit,' said Michael. 'That, and hearing the screams from people was the worst bit. As the train fell down the embankment I fell backwards. I saw the driver lying on his side, saying 'I hit a boulder'.'

'Then the driver, another man and I climbed up to the doorway leading into the second carriage. We couldn't see that carriage because of the

angle we were at - I thought they were all dead.'

'We climbed vertically towards the door and managed to force it open but people in our carriage weren't moving and were silent with shock.'

Michael said most of the passengers were able to climb to the other carriage with some encouragement.

'Typically, once we realised everyone was safe, the jokes started straight away,' he said. 'I think people just couldn't believe the situation we were in.'



Michael McCuish helped others off the stricken train

## Dramatic start to Frenchman's new life in Scotland

'I CAME to Scotland to start a new life,' said Frenchman Stephane Antonio.

With his left arm in plaster from injuries sustained when the carriage fell and his possessions still onboard, the 42-year-old is still visibly shaken by the ordeal.

He initially thought everyone was dead and thought of his children back home.

'The train made two jumps, then there was a ball of fire on the left hand side before it fell,' he recalled. 'There were no screams, everyone was calm enough.'

### Help with language

A fellow passenger who spoke some French helped him jump from the train and communicate with the emergency services to get medical attention.

'He came with me in the night to the hospital and helped me talk to doctors,' he said. 'At 5am, he arranged for us both to go to the home of his friends to have some sleep.'

### Praise

Later, they travelled back to Oban and the man helped him talk to Oban station staff.

The Frenchman cannot praise the support he has received,

particularly from Scotrail, highly enough: 'They have bought me clothes; they have arranged this hotel and the company has paid for it all.'

For Stephane, due to take up a job on the Isle of Mull this week, the experience has confirmed his decision to start a new life here: 'It makes you more aware of things. It was a miracle for everyone.'

The Ardanaisig dining room and acclaimed Chef de Cuisine Gary Goldie have recently been placed top in a survey of the best five Hotel Restaurants in Scotland and have been highly Commended by The Scottish National Hotel Chef of the Year 2008 awards.

The dining room is now open for Lunch, served between 12.00 and 2.00pm, we are offering a three course set menu, that changes daily at £25.00 per person to include a glass of wine.

Why not come and visit our beautiful gardens, and enjoy lunch while you are here?

**ARDANAISIG HOTEL**  
CHEF'S SET LUNCH MENU  
£25.00  
\*\*\*\*\*

PAN-FRIED LOACH LINDIE SALMON  
WITH SEA LETTUCE, SCOTCH SAMPHIRE  
AND CHAMPAGNE BUTTER SAUCE

FILLET OF SCOTCH ARBERIES ANGUS  
WITH PANCIETTA, ROAST POTATOES, WALTER SPINACH,  
CHANTERELLE MUSHROOMS AND RED WINE JUS

PAN-FRIED TARTIF TATIN  
WITH BANANA ICE CREAM  
\*\*\*\*\*

CHEF DE CUISINE - GARY GOLDIE  
\*\*\*\*\*  
INCLUDING A GLASS OF WINE

**Ardanaisig Hotel**  
Kilchrenan, Argyll PA35 1HE  
Tel: 01866 833333

**HONDA**  
The Power of Dreams

**HONDA DEALERS ARE EASY TO FIND**

Helensburgh Honda  
101-103 East Clyde Street  
Helensburgh G84 7PJ  
01436 675777  
www.helensburghhonda.co.uk

**FOUND IT**

The Oban Times & West Highland Times THE REGIONAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE WEST HIGHLANDS, ISLANDS AND ARGYLL



The Oban Times is the best-selling weekly newspaper in the Highlands and is distributed via 1742 newsagents every week

Lochavullin Industrial Estate, Crannog Lane, Oban, PA34 4HB Tel: 01631 568000 www.obantimes.co.uk

Editorial

Editorial Director Stewart MacKenzie editor@obantimes.co.uk

Northern Editor Stephen Norris snorris@obantimes.co.uk

Chief Reporter Marian Miller mmiller@obantimes.co.uk

Senior Reporter Euan Paterson epaterson@obantimes.co.uk

Reporter Louise Lee lleee@obantimes.co.uk

Reporter Christine McCartney cmccartney@obantimes.co.uk

Reporter Edel Kenealy ekenealy@obantimes.co.uk

Newsdesk 01631 568060 editor@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising

Advertising Sales Manager Fiona MacInnes fmacinnes@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Audrey Campbell adverts@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Rhona MacKillop adverts@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Fiona Bennett fbennett@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Vanda MacDonald vmacdonald@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Iona Bethune ibethune@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Kirsti Neilson kneilson@obantimes.co.uk

Advertising Sales Person Margaret Freytag adverts@obantimes.co.uk

Branch Offices

Fort William Tel 01397 703003 Fax 01397 702495

Lochgilhead Tel 01546 602345 Fax 01546 602661

Campbeltown Tel 01586 554646 Fax 01586 553006

Arran Tel 01770 302142 Fax 01770 302021

www.obantimes.co.uk



Professor remembers his island roots

A UNIVERSITY professor at one of the UK's top academic seats of learning believes that his first steps on the education road at a tiny island school paved the way for his successful career.

Robert Bowman, a native of Scallastle near Craignure on the Isle of Mull, has delivered his inaugural professorial lecture at Queen's University Belfast.

A physicist in the School of Mathematics and Physics, he became Professor

of Materials Physics in 2007 and researches new materials for electronic and magnetic data storage.

Nanostructured media He is currently the director of the Centre for Nanostructured Media where he leads a £9 million project with Seagate Technology, the manufacturer of computer hard disks.

Educated at Lochdonhead Primary School and Oban High School he completed his primary degree at Paisley College and his PhD at the

University of Strathclyde. He also completed an MBA and is Fellow of the Institute of Physics.

The foundation of his education started in Mrs Eilidh Young's school in a class of two, which he remembers fondly.

He said: 'It was a happy wee village school where we were encouraged to be interested in the world.'

Professor Bowman is the son of the late Bertie and Margaret (nee Campbell) Bowman.



Robert Bowman is a lecturer at the highly acclaimed Queen's University Belfast

Mull mussel farm uses New Zealand know-how to boost harvesting



Mussels on Mull are grown in a continuous loop rope system

AN ISLAND-BASED mussel farm has successfully converted its whole operation to an innovative new cultivation system first pioneered in New Zealand that greatly improves the efficiency of harvesting.

Following a series of successful trials, Inverlussa Shellfish Ltd on the Isle of Mull has now fully upgraded its farm at Loch Spelve to the continuous loop rope system.

At the moment most mussel cultivation in Scotland is carried out by growing mussels on single vertical ropes or fabric, suspended in the water by heavy horizontal ropes and flotation buoys.

The new system involves continuous loops of special rope hanging down from the heavy horizontal ones. This means that during harvesting, instead of pulling in many single individual ropes, which is back-breaking and time consuming, the continuous loops can be mechanically drawn aboard the collection vessel.

The rope is also 'hairy' or filamentous which makes the collection of mussel larvae or spat for on-growing much more efficient.

It greatly enhances the efficiency of our harvesting.

Ben Wilson Inverlussa

In New Zealand this system has proved a fast and effective harvesting method, ensuring a consistent product with a minimal loss of shells. Inverlussa Shellfish, which is a member of the Scottish Shellfish Marketing Group, is now able to harvest its mussels much more efficiently.

Ben Wilson of Inverlussa said: 'This new system is working very well for us and our employees like it as it takes away much of the physical hard work of harvesting. It also greatly enhances the efficiency of our harvesting and dispatch operation.'

The carefully selected harvested mussels from Inverlussa are sent to the Scottish Shellfish Marketing Group's modern handling and processing centre in Bellshill near Glasgow, from where they are then dispatched to multiple retail, food service and other customers.

Beachd Ailein Ailean Caimbeul

"AIR AN DÀRNA latha deug den Ògmhios aig leth-uair an dèidh deich sa mhàdainn - cha dìochuimhnich mi gu bràth ...". Sin mar a thòisich Dòmhnall Ailean (Lachlainn) MacIllEathain ag innse a sgeulachd mar bhall den 51st Highland Division an dèidh dhaibh gèilleadh aig St Valery-en-Caux ann an 1940. Bha seo mar prògram reideo ann an sreath a chlàr am BBC ann an 1983 fon ainm Làrach Cogaidh. Ged nach tàinig air duine as a' ghinealach agamsa a dhol a chogadh, chuala sinn beagan mun uabhas a dh' fhuiling am mòran as ar leth.

Ged a bha m' athair fhin agus a bhràithrean as a' chogadh, aig muir, agus air na conbhoighs oillteil thar a' Chuain Shiar agus dhan Artaig; cha do dh' innis duine aca cus riann dhomh na dh' fhuiling iad.

'S e urram shònraichte a bh' ann dhomh, mar sin, cluinntinn bho laoch a bha thall is a' chunnaic, 's a dh' fhuiling, ach gu tròcaireach a thug am beatha às. Ann an 1986 chaidh mi air ais dhan Phòlainn ann an cuideachd shiathnar Ghàidheal a bha còig bliadhna nam prìosanaich an sin còrr air dà fhichead bliadhna roimhe. Ged a chòrd an turas ris na seann laoch, thug na cuimhneachain buaidh làidir orra uile mar a bhiodh dùil. Bha seachdain smaoinichail agamsa còmhla ri Dòmhnall Ailean MacIllEathain; Ruairidh MacIllEathain; Eardsaidh Mac a' Phiocair; agus Murchadh MacCumhais uile à Uibhist a Tuath; agus Dòmhnall Ruairidh MacCoinnich agus Iain MacAmhlaigh, à Leòdhas. Chan eil duine dhiubh sin beò an duigh ach fhad 's a bhios mise beò cha dìochuimhnich mi na chunna mi agus na chuala mi bho na fir iongantach seo; agus mairidh cuideachd an spèis shònraichte a ghabh mi dha na ceatharnaich a chaidh an greim nam balach òga agus a chail còig bliadhna dem beatha nam prìosanaich cogaidh.

Tha an iris seo den phàipear a' nochdadh Diardaoin an 10 latha den Ògmhios, agus Disathairne bidh seachd bliadhna chun an latha bho chaidh a 51st a ghlacadh. Tha mi 'n dòchas gun cuimhnich sinn uile orra le spèis, is meas, is moit; agus gun cùm sinn cuimhne orra, agus air gach fear is tè eile, air an do dh' fhàg cogadh làrach. Nach bochd nach ionnsaicheadh an saoghal às an eachdraidh!

SEVENTY YEARS ago this Saturday (12th June 1940), at 10.30 in the morning, the 51st Highland Division surrendered to Major General Rommel's troops at St Valery-en-Caux. For these mostly very young men there followed five years of severe hardship as prisoners of war in Poland.

Field Marshal Montgomery wrote: 'It is at once a humiliation and an honour to have had such a Division under one's command. I shall always remember the Highland Division with admiration and high regard..... the 51st unquestionably takes its place alongside the very few which, through their valour and fighting record, stands in a category of their own.'

On Saturday, and always, let us remember them, and all others, affected by war.

Ailean Caimbeul (Allan Campbell) ailean@obantimes.co.uk

Two charged with breach of the peace

TWO OBAN teenagers appeared at the town's Sheriff Court, charged with brandishing a bottle and a brick.

Dean Ian Gordon, aged 19 of 10B Colonsay Terrace, and Sean Fallon Mgowan, aged 19 of 8F Colonsay Terrace, both denied committing a breach of the peace at an address in Soroba on May 23.

The pair will go on trial on August 24.

Islay flights slow to take off

THE FIRST flight between Oban and Islay failed to take off last week, as no passengers were booked to travel.

Hebridean Air Services Ltd, which announced last month the new twice-weekly service would start on June 1, said the flight did leave as planned on Thursday, June 3. George Cormack, managing director, said: 'It's early days; it's going to take a wee while to get the word out.'

St Kilda 'magic lantern' lectures published

SOME of the earliest pictures of St Kilda and notes from two lectures more than 100 years ago have been published in a new book.

'Destination St Kilda: From Oban to Skye and the Outer Hebrides', published by the Islands Book Trust, captures everyday life along the west coast in the 1880s, when George Washington Wilson and Norman Macleod visited.

They presented their slides in two 'magic lantern' lectures to fascinated audiences across Scotland. Now Mark Butterworth has compiled the lecture notes and hand-coloured slides and the new book is available from www.theislandsbooktrust.com.

New energy group to be formed

A NEW focus group for energy sector businesses in Oban and Lochaber is to be formed.

Meeting

Hot on the heels of a summit looking at the opportunities for renewable energy in the area, the North Scotland Industries Group will host a meeting at the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) at Dunstaffnage on Friday, June 10.

Ian Couper, chief executive of the non-profit trade body, said joining the group would help provide a voice for local businesses that want to

take advantage of a growing energy market.

He said: 'We already provide business promotion and networking services for members throughout the North of Scotland and Islands on both a local and national basis and we are keen to extend these services into Argyll and Lochaber. Both have excellent potential for renewable energy, and local supply chains are keen to be involved in the development of these markets.'

Anyone wishing to attend or find out more information can visit the website: www.nsig.co.uk.

Lifeboat rescues fisherman from water at Oban pier

OBAN'S Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) lifeboat, the Mora Edith Macdonald, was launched just after 1am last Friday morning to rescue a fisherman who had fallen from his boat moored at

Oban's Railway Pier.

Having been in the water for some time, the fisherman was taken in the lifeboat to the Port Beag slip before being transferred to Lorn and Islands District General Hospital by ambulance.

Tiree vet becomes Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute

A TIREE vet has accepted the position of Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute.

Patrick Andrew Boyd from Cornaigmore succeeds Major Nicholas Maclean-Bristol OBE, who is from the neighbouring island of Coll and held the position of Deputy Lord Lieutenant for 14 years.

Mr Boyd was welcomed to the role by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant Kenneth MacKinnon at a ceremony on the Isle of Coll.

As well as being a vet for Coll and Tiree, Mr Boyd has run his own croft, Drumaglea, and has lived on Tiree for more than 30 years.

He has served as a Justice of the Peace, a member of Tiree Rural Development Committee and as captain of the Highland BB Company.

Currently, Mr Boyd is the livestock monitor for the local branch of the National Farmers Union and has been an elder in Tiree Parish Church since 1985.



Argyll and Bute's new Deputy Lord Lieutenant Patrick Boyd, left, is welcomed to the position by Lord Lieutenant Kenneth MacKinnon.

Mull fisherman admits assault

A CHRISTMAS party at an Isle of Mull pub ended in assault for one reveller, Oban's Justice of the Peace Court heard last week.

Lobster and prawn fisherman Craig Fisher, of Willowbank House, Ardtun, Bunessan, Mull pleaded guilty to hitting another man in the face on December 20 last year.

Laura McPherson, procurator fiscal, said there had been a heated discussion in the pub between Fisher and his victim, whom he had known for about 15 years.

The victim suffered bruising and swelling to his eye, she added.

Defending Fisher, Duncan Durbin said the pair were friends and socialised together, but a row broke out over a fishing boat.

He added: 'Because he (Fisher) was drinking, he swung a punch, which he now regrets.'

Fisher, aged 23, was fined £150.

Project Trust set to return to Sri Lanka Charity celebrates most volunteers in its 42-year history

COLL-based gap year specialist Project Trust is expanding its overseas programme, which includes a return to Sri Lanka following the end of the civil war there.

The charity, the UK's leader in long-term gap year placements, is also celebrating the highest numbers of volunteers in its 42-year history.

These volunteers take part in challenging projects overseas that are run by the trust.

Ingrid Emerson MBE, Director of Project Trust, said: 'With the marked increase in numbers, it has left us with the challenging task of opening new projects for the volunteers. We now have expected programmes in Sri Lanka, Senegal, Mauritius and Jamaica, with a number of other new countries in the pipeline. 'Some of the countries we haven't visited for a while and some will be completely new. We are absolutely thrilled with what we have achieved.'

Sri Lanka

Nick Rowland, Sri Lanka desk officer, expressed his delight that, after three years, the trust is re-opening its operations in Sri Lanka.

He said: 'Project Trust's ties with Sri Lanka dated back almost 25 years before the decision was taken to suspend

the programme in 2007 due to security reasons. With the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka, it's great to yet again have the prospect of sending volunteers to such a stimulating country and at such an interesting time in the nation's history.'

With an average of 200 volunteers overseas each year, 2008-2009 saw only 183 school-leavers travel abroad to gain work experience across the Americas, Asia and Africa with Project Trust. For the year 2010-2011 volunteer numbers are at 275. Total enquiries to the organisation are currently 150 percent up on last year's figures.

Advertisement for Krisp Print: Get ready for the season! If you haven't already ordered your promotional printing for the 2010 summer season then now is the time to do so. Krisp Print offer excellent prices on medium to long run colour brochures and leaflets as well as short run digital printing. We also offer a professional design service to help you make a good first impression where it counts. www.krispprint.co.uk

## Isle of Coll on course for community hall and bunkhouse project

THE FINAL financial hurdles are being jumped over by Development Coll to get all the funding in place to build An Cruidhe, a new community hall and bunkhouse for the island.

Yesterday (Wednesday) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee of Argyll and Bute Council was being asked to release £50,000 it had pledged to the £2.4 million project.

A report before councillors outlined the financial position so far, which includes funding from the Big Lottery, European Regional Development Fund, Scottish Natural

Heritage, Green Energy Trust, SportsScotland and the Gannochy Trust, with agreement in principle from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Community Land Unit and Community

Energy Scotland. Councillors were told that assurances had been given that the capital costs were realistic, there were arrangements in place to manage the cash flow of

such a major project and that it was financially sustainable. It was recommended that the money should be conditional on the full funding package being

secured and the funds be released for the first £50,000 of construction costs. Development Coll hopes to start building in January next year.

# Raid sends hard hitting message to Oban drug dealers

'There will be more doors going in and it will be done when the dealers won't be expecting it.'



Officers prepare to break down the door of a flat in the Dunollie area of Oban 07\_124drg02

TWO people have been arrested in a weekend police raid on an Oban property occupied by suspected drug dealers.

Using a hand-held battering ram and police dogs, officers gained access to a flat in Dunollie with a warrant to search for drugs and money on Sunday morning.

They surrounded the address before two plain clothed officers entered the close and broke down the door of the property. A detailed search with a sniffer dog was then carried out.

Constable Claire Brown, the officer in charge of the operation, confirmed a man and a woman had been detained as the result of enquiries at the weekend and were being reported for offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act, one of them in relation to Class A drugs.

She said it showed Strathclyde Police would not tolerate drugs in the town: 'It really is taken extremely seriously by police. This is a nice town and it doesn't need to be spoiled by Class A drugs.'

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** by Christine McCartney cmccartney@obantimes.co.uk

Oban police called in support from outwith the area to help with the operation and PC Brown added officers had volunteered to come back to work after the nightshift to assist.

Chief Inspector Glen Bland said Sunday's bust was part of a wider operation to tackle drug dealing in the town.

'This is just the start of targeting the drugs dealers. There will be more doors going in and it will be done when the dealers won't be expecting it.'

If people are taking drugs or supplying drugs, we are going to be targeting them.'

He added the issue was a priority for local police and they were keen to work with the community to address it: 'When I first came to Oban and attended community meetings everyone was saying there was a problem with drugs. I have listened to those concerns, looked at the evidence and gathered more information.'

'It's not a huge problem; it is a minority of people that are doing it, but we want to disrupt that.'

'If members of the public have any information or see any suspicious behaviour, we want a call from them to help fill in the bigger picture.'



Robert MacIntyre with the trophy for winning the 13-year-old age category in the US Kids Golf European Championship. 08\_124rob01

## Robert is European golf champion

OBAN has a European golfing champion in schoolboy Robert MacIntyre after the teenager became the first Scot to win the US Kids Golf European Championship in his age group.

The 13-year-old Glencruitten Golf Club member defeated the six-foot German Michael Hilmer in a three-hole play-off last weekend to win the 13-year-old age category at Gullane Golf Club, East Lothian.

On Monday Robert and Michael were paired to represent Europe in the Van Horn Cup, a junior version of the Ryder Cup, which Europe won 13-0.

Robert said: 'It was a great three days but I was really nervous, especially on the last few holes and in the play-off.'

Robert only had to make par on the 18th hole of his third round to win the title outright but three-putted to bogey the hole.

'I thought I had lost it then,' he said. Fortunately, Robert recovered to comfortably win the play-off and take the title at his first attempt.

The Oban High School pupil was joined by caddy Ally MacLean, also from Oban, who was introduced by the announcer as 'Super Ally'.

Robert is the son of Glencruitten Golf Club groundsman Dougie and their house splits the local course.

The US Kids Golf European Championship attracted the cream of the world's young golfing talent, with competitors from eight different countries winning titles.

The tournament's courses are modified for each age group in order to provide the same level challenge, meaning holes are progressively shorter as the age groups get younger.

Around 500 players - up more than 100 from last year - from around the world, including Venezuela, India, Panama and Thailand, competed over four historic courses in East Lothian for the individual European Champion crown as well as for places at the US Kids Golf World Championship in Pinehurst later this year.

## Smoke alarm saves Oban man

A FLAT fire at Kerrera Terrace, Dunollie, Oban, in the early hours of last Sunday morning, saw a man saved thanks to his recently fitted smoke alarm.

Fire fighters in breathing apparatus used a positive pressure fan to clear smoke filled rooms. A spokesman for Strathclyde Fire and Rescue said: 'The smoke alarm in this flat potentially saved this man's life.'

For free fire safety visits contact Oban Fire Station on 0800 0731 999.'

## Bute man charged with 73-year-old mother's murder

AMAN has appeared in court charged with murdering his 73-year-old mother on the Isle of Bute.

David McNeil, 39, was arrested after his mother was found dead at the home they shared in Rothesay on Saturday. It is believed the pensioner was stabbed.

McNeil made no plea or declaration when he appeared, in private, at Rothesay Sheriff Court on Monday charged with murder and carrying an offensive weapon.

He was remanded in custody and is expected to appear again on June 14.

## Probation after baseball bat attack

A VOLUNTEER worker who attacked her partner with a baseball bat after suffering 'verbal and physical abuse' has been placed on probation.

Isabel MacArthur, aged 35, of Room 3, Dunmore Lodge, appeared at Oban Sheriff Court last Friday on a deferred sentence, having been found guilty in April of assaulting the man by repeatedly striking him on the head with the weapon.

Defence agent Heather Wilson said: 'There was considerable provocation in this case, both physically and mentally.'

Ms Wilson also explained that MacArthur had since 'taken control of her life' and had been nominated for the Argyll and Bute Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Sheriff Paul Crozier placed MacArthur on probation for 12 months to be of good behaviour, adding a condition of 100 hours' community service.

## Thief broke into restaurant where he worked

A RESTAURANT worker who broke into his place of work to steal alcohol and cash was told at Oban Sheriff Court he had 'betrayed' his employer.

Malachi Leiper, aged 20, of 29D High Street, Oban, who worked at the

restaurant at the time of the offence, committed on April 19-20 this year, and his co-accused Mohammed Abdul, aged 16, of Killorn, Albany Street, Oban, appeared on a deferred sentence last Friday. Both Leiper and Abdul gave full confessions to the police

when interviewed.

Sheriff Paul Crozier told Leiper: 'You betrayed your employer's trust by breaking into the premises and that is a dreadful thing.'

Sentence was deferred until October 4 for both men to be of good behaviour.

## Tiree gets top acts on board

HEADLINE acts at Scotland's newest festival are sure to make waves on the island of Tiree.

The two-day event in July will feature some of the biggest names in Scottish music including Sandi Thom, Skerryvore, Skipinnish, Crooked Reel, Gunna Sound, Trail West, Fortunate Sons and Torridon. Organisers said: 'The Tiree Music Festival (TMF) is an open air event suitable for all ages. The festival will include interactive workshops, a children's ceilidh, whisky tasting, BBQs etc - all of which will take place on the grounds of An Talla, Tiree's community hall.'

Daniel Gillespie said: 'From touring with Skerryvore to various festivals I was always thinking it would be amazing if Tiree had a festival of its own - so I am extremely excited about the first ever Tiree Music Festival (TMF).'

'To capture an international act such as Sandi Thom for our debut festival is fantastic and we hope that this year's event will help build the foundations to allow TMF to be an annual success for Tiree and the community.'

Sandi Thom is looking forward to her first Tiree gig. She said: 'I'm really excited and honoured to be part of the first Tiree Music Festival - I promise Tiree a rocking show.'

Argyll and Bute payment is £20.1 million this year alone

## Huge debt on private finance initiative and public private partnerships, says MSP

REPAYMENT on private finance initiatives (PFI) for public-private partnerships (PPP) to build public buildings, like schools and hospitals, in Argyll and Bute is costing £20.1 million this year alone.

The figure has been revealed by Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather after the costs for Scotland's use of PFIs was estimated by Scottish government's finance minister John Swinney.

Mr Mather said: 'It has been revealed that for the lifetime of those contracts the Scottish people will be paying a total of £27.7 billion in the period up to 2041 - a figure close to the total

of Scotland's annual budget under present arrangements.

'The irony here is that in the current recessionary scenario with the UK government imposing restrictions on the annual settlement, the Scottish government is also facing increasing repayments to pay off the folly of PFI.'

**Peak** 'This will total £820 million in the current year, will peak at £1,097 million in 2024 and will not finish until 2042.'

'To illustrate this in local terms the sum for annual PFI/PPP unitary repayment for Argyll and Bute is £20.1 million in the current year and £20.3 million

in the following year. That level of debt is a huge burden and will only increase.

'The folly of PFI/PPP has been cruelly exposed at a time when public finances are under severe pressure from other directions.'

'Every penny paid out in financing these 'off the book' exercises is a penny less for the provision of healthcare over the next 30 years.'

'The NHS and the people of Scotland will be paying the price of this reckless policy, foisted upon them by the coalition of Labour with Liberal Democrats, for years to come.'



Mairi Crawford pictured after the marathon with parents, Colin and Liz.

Marathon effort from former Oban High School pupil OBAN'S Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre is £1,000 better off thanks to a marathon effort by former Oban High School pupil, Dr Mairi Crawford.

Mairi completed the Edinburgh marathon on Sunday, her first attempt at the distance, in a time of three hours and 35 minutes finishing just behind

another former Oban school pupil, Jennifer Henderson.

Mairi, who works in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, said she was delighted with her time and thanked everyone who sponsored her and her friends and family who cheered her on during the race.

**West Highland MOBILITY**

a division of John Preston  
www.johnpreston.co.uk

- Scooters
- Power Chairs
- Wheelchairs
- Walking Aids
- Daily Living Aids

**Combie Street, Oban**

For more information on all our products telephone 01631 565 949

**Beaver Timber LTD**

**Barcaldine, by Oban**  
Telephone: 01631 720 353 • Mobile: 07861 247 237  
www.beavertimber.co.uk • email: info@beavertimber.co.uk

**Established over 30 years**

**Garages from £1750 Fully fitted**

**Robinsons**  
Member of Association of GREENHOUSES

**BEAVER TIMBER WILL DISMANTLE YOUR OLD SHED, DELIVER AND ERECT YOUR NEW SHED**

**Brochure & Free Quotations on request**  
All our buildings are made from 19mm boards and come complete with 18mm flooring.  
**GARAGE BASES PREPARED**

- Summer Houses
- Sheds
- Garages
- Fencing
- Stables
- Dog Kennels
- Log Stores
- Bespoke Buildings

OT

**Mull Lines**

MULL'S archaeological sites will be in the spotlight this summer thanks to a new UK-wide marketing drive from VisitScotland.

Archaeological Treasures Trail will highlight the island's archaeological gems and sites of historic interest - including the recent finds near to Balliscate, Tobermory.

The marketing campaign was launched by Tony Robinson, presenter of Channel 4's Time Team, who said: 'The islands of Scotland are the perfect place to visit during the summer months and this trail is the ideal way to incorporate an archaeological quest into your trip.'

'Who knows what else is buried out there just waiting to reveal its treasures and tell us more about our ancestors of old.'



MULL rally organisers are busy fundraising for the event in October.

Mary-Jean Devon, a member of the steering group, said: 'We have got various teams of fundraisers who are looking at funding from sources such as businesses, sponsors and individuals.'

'Our website is up and running at www.mullrally.com and it is not long now until the registration papers go out. It is all systems go.'

'We are still looking for volunteers for the rally, if anyone would like to help they should phone Steve Davis or myself.'



A FOOTBALL tournament in memory of soldier Robert MacLaren will be held in Bunessan on Saturday, June 12, with a celebration dance in the evening.

The tournament will mark a year since Robbie's death. Friends from the island and beyond will make up four teams competing for cups presented by PDK Shellfish and MacCallum's Garage.

A team consisting of Robbie's old teammates who triumphed in the under 16s and under 17s Scottish Cup will be joined by a team from The Black Watch and a team from Bunessan.

Spectators are very welcome with some basic camping available for those wishing to stay overnight. Tickets for the dance cost £5 from Euan Mackie on 07850 048800.

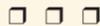


IONA Heritage Centre will be holding a 20th anniversary celebration on June 23.

Admission at the centre will be free all day with a cake cutting ceremony at 2 pm.

Guest of honour will be Dr Mairi MacArthur. The historian prepared the original displays and has continued to help update displays, most recently with islander Gordon Bruce.

Organisers Crawford Morison and Joyce Watson are inviting people to remember what was happening on Iona and the wider world in 1990 and share these memories at the celebration.



IT HAS been a busy week on Mull as the white-tailed eagle chicks have been ringed, had DNA taken and been measured.

With expert tree climber and eagle handler Justin Grant ably assisted by Roger Broad, they scaled towering trees and precipitous sea cliffs to reach the remote eyries under special Scottish Natural Heritage licence.

In one nest, one chick from twins was not quite big enough to ring as his sibling had clearly been getting the lion's share of the food coming in.

The final tally of chicks will be known in a few weeks time. At last, after a short absence, Frisa and Skye have reappeared for the visitors at Loch Frisa and are going about the tiring business of moulting.

They have been slightly knocked off the top spot by the star buzzard chick visible at the hide on live 'buzz-cam'. See them by booking a ranger-led trip Monday to Friday on 01680 812 556.



The damaged train carriages are shrouded by leafy trees as the forward carriage hangs over a 15 metre drop onto the A85 road below and the cold waters of Loch Awe 07\_124train10

# Days of road and rail closures

IT COULD take between three and seven days to remove the damaged train left by Sunday's accident and re-open lifeline rail and road routes.

Network Rail engineers have been on site since the accident, working to stabilise the carriages and plan for their removal.

A Network Rail spokesman said it hoped to start the removal operation by Thursday, but it could be several days before transport connections are restored.

He said: 'It is a complex operation for our guys because of the geography involved. They only have a narrow road to work with and the road, in itself, has a complex structure.'

A causeway section of the A85 below the crash site will need to be strengthened to take the weight of a 1,000-tonne crane needed to lift the unstable carriage away. The train will then be removed from the site on the back of a flat-bed truck.

Even then repairs to the railway line could take some days, added the spokesman. He said: 'Our engineers are currently assessing how best to strengthen the road and allow for the recovery of the carriages. While we are committed to reopening the

railway and road as soon as possible, the recovery work will last for several more days.'

Chief Inspector Glen Bland of Oban police said heavy rain, forecast for this week, could cause further problems if it caused the unstable carriage to slip down the embankment or onto the road.

With the main A85 road between Oban and Glasgow closed, Scotland TranServ has postponed night-time closures on the A83 between Inveraray and

*"It is a complex operation... because of the geography involved"*

Network Rail spokesman

Ballachulish with no service to stations in between.

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch has launched an enquiry into the cause of the accident and investigators examined the scene on Monday.

British Transport Police said initial enquiries suggested the cause was large boulders on the line.

Train driver Willie Dickson reported seeing 'two huge rocks on the track' and applying the emergency brakes in the seconds before the accident.

The last major incident on the line, the derailment of a train on April 5 1997 less than a mile away, was caused by a landslide after heavy rain.

However, a rockfall warning system, made up of four miles of tripwires and semaphore signals, has been in place since the 1880s.

Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute, said its workings must be reviewed, 'to find out why the tripwires failed to detect the boulders falling onto the line'.

Emergency services have planned a joint debrief on their response.

Two police helicopters, an air ambulance and a Royal Navy sea king helicopter were scrambled to the scene, along with ground crews from the police, coastguard and fire and rescue.

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue deployed their Major Incident Unit from Clydebank and a Heavy Rescue Vehicle from Glasgow as well as appliances from Oban, Dalmally, Inveraray and Arrochar.

Eight passengers out of around 60 were transferred to hospital in Glasgow, Oban and Lochgilphead, two with minor spinal injuries. Others walked away with cuts and bruises.



Emergency services at the scene of the derailment on Sunday evening. 07\_124tm01

**Oil boom protects loch from train diesel spill**

A BOOM has been put in place beneath the scene of the derailment to contain diesel leaking from the train's fuel tank, ruptured in the accident.

Jim Frame, Argyll manager for the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, said each carriage could carry about 1,600 litres of fuel.

'Until the incident site is declared safe, we cannot confirm whether any diesel has been lost or spilled from the derailed carriage,' he added.

**ScotRail supports passengers**

TRAIN company ScotRail has already written to passengers aboard Sunday's ill-fated evening service from Glasgow.

Steve Montgomery, ScotRail's managing director, paid tribute to the traincrew and also thanked customers for their efforts during the incident.

He said: 'I would also like to thank our customers for their support and efforts in ensuring that everyone disembarked safely. As many customers are now without their luggage, we are providing subsistence support.'

**Politicians praise passengers and staff**

ELECTED representatives for Argyll and Bute have praised the actions of train staff and passengers on Sunday evening.

Jim Mather MSP said thanks only to 'a combination of good luck, train staff awareness and passenger good sense, nobody was seriously injured.'

Alan Reid MP praised the quick thinking of crew on board.

Meanwhile Highlands and Islands Jamieson MSP, who lives in Dalmally, has written to the Scottish transport minister to ask how the line will be protected from future rockfalls.

**Check the latest on The Oban Times website's BREAKING NEWS section for updates on the travel situation and the investigation into the cause of the accident.**

**www.mgmtimber.co.uk**

**Stunning solid & engineered oak flooring available now at MGM TIMBER**

**Special June Offers!**

**MGM Timber also supplies: Bathrooms, Decking, Doors, Fencing, Insulation, Kitchens and much, much more. Call in today and see what we can do for you!**

**t: 01631 563948**

Perth - Inverness - Oban - Dundee  
Glasgow - Dunfermline - Glenrothes  
Edinburgh - Wishaw - Grangemouth  
Prestwick - Hillington

**www.mgmtimber.co.uk**

**Oban improvement project seeks town manager**

A TOWN manager is being sought to take forward the project to create a Business Improvement District Scheme in Oban.

Following a meeting in the town in January, to find out if there was support for such a scheme, a steering committee was formed to take it forward.

This in turn saw a Scottish government grant for £20,000 released to employ a BIDS manager over a period of 18 months to take the process forward.

The manager will consult with all businesses in the town on what their wishes and needs are to improve the town centre and take it forward for the future.

From this a manifesto of community projects will be produced to present to business people and then a ballot held on whether or not to implement the scheme.

John MacGregor, who is on the steering group, said: 'Should the majority carry the day in favour of the BIDS scheme then

everyone is in, regardless if they voted no.'

A levy would then be applied to all businesses based on a percentage of their rateable value towards carrying out the improvements to the town centre.

The manager, who will have to have a deep interest in Oban, must be self-motivated and be a 'people' person, is to be employed on a part-time basis initially.

'It is so important that everyone has their say,' said Mr MacGregor.

'This will be an open and democratic process. No decisions will be made behind closed doors; everything will be out in the open.'

BIDS has been established by the Scottish government to support and encourage the development of Business Improvement Districts across Scotland and to aid the regeneration and management of towns and villages, business parks and tourism and visitor areas.

**Man charged following alleged stabbing in Oban housing estate**

AN OBAN man has been charged with repeatedly stabbing a teenager on the head and body to his permanent disfigurement at a flat in Soroba during an alleged fight in the early hours of Monday morning.

Dean Cassells, aged 22, of 11 Lunga Road, Soroba, Oban appeared from custody on Tuesday, June 8, at Oban

Sheriff Court. He made no plea or declaration and his case was continued for further enquiry. Cassells was released on bail.

The 19-year-old victim was treated at Lorn and Islands District General Hospital, Oban, before being discharged the same morning. A police spokesperson confirmed that metal staples were removed from the victim's neck.



Catriona Gunn and Ewen MacGillivray kept up the pace through their 12-hour triathlon to raise funds for the Anthony Nolan Trust 07\_124tri01

**Round-the-clock triathlon raises funds for leukaemia charity**

TWO ARGYLL athletes have completed a round-the-clock triathlon to raise funds for the Anthony Nolan Trust.

Ewen MacGillivray and Catriona Gunn took it in turns to run, row and cycle over a 12-hour period, completing an impressive 209 km between them.

Ewen said it was a tough challenge, but they were delighted to raise more than £1,500 for the cancer charity.

He said: 'I just want to thank everyone that donated and Energie Fitness for the help with training and on the day.'

**Mountain bike stolen at Glencoe**

AN EXPENSIVE mountain bike was stolen from Glencoe Mountain Resort on Saturday.

The bike, a 17-inch 2010 Stinky Six, worth £1,500, was on loan to the resort from manufacturer Kona as a demonstration model for riders to try out.

The bike was stolen around 11 am from the front of the main building where it was on a rack alongside some of the resort's hire bikes. The resort was busy with bikers on their way to the Fort William World Cup and cycle over a 12-hour period, completing an impressive 209 km between them.

Police are keen to hear from anyone with information on Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

**Algal toxin warning**

PEOPLE are being warned to beware of eating shellfish from the Sound of Kerrera area. Raised levels of naturally occurring algal toxins have been found which may pose a risk to human health through shellfish such as cockles, mussels or razor clams.

Commercial shellfish gatherers have been notified and notices to warn members of the public have been posted.

Argyll and Bute Council's environmental health team also warned of increased levels of the algal toxins at Stonefield on Loch Fyne and in the Sound of Gigha.

Lorn Lines



Oban Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition winners, from left: Daniel Wright, Dunbeg; Katherine Tamplin, Lochnell and Nathan Harris, Lochnell.

TEN OF Argyll's top young public speakers competed in the annual Oban Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition.

The competition, judged by members of the Oban Speakers Club, recently took place at the Regent Hotel in front of over 50 enthusiastic supporters.

Each pupil had to balance entertainment with fact to deliver an interesting speech with the theme of 'Wealth of the Sea'.

Lochnell Primary School displayed its dazzling oratory talents when two of its pupils took home prizes. Katherine Tamplin achieved first place and collected the third Rotary Club of Oban Public Speaking Quaich to be won by Lochnell Primary in five years, while fellow pupil Nathan Harris secured third place.

Daniel Wright, the only speaker from Dunbeg Primary School, was also triumphant and was awarded second place. All the winners were awarded book tokens.

The other schools involved were Oban's Rockfield, Park and St Columba's schools.

The competition ran in conjunction with the Festival of the Sea, an event organised by the Scottish Association of Marine Science (SAMS), which had provided informative workshops for the pupils.



THE next meeting on the future management of Loch Etive will be held on Tuesday, June 15.

The meeting, part of a series to develop an integrated coastal management plan for the loch, will focus on aquaculture, including predator control, navigation and the effect commercial fishing has on marine life.

The meeting, starting at 7pm at Connel Village Hall, Connel, promises to be filled with lively debate and discussions, as well as plenty of information about maintaining our precious aquatic heritage.



PROFESSOR Tony Sherwin, an oceanographer from the prospective University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) at Dunstaffnage, is participating in a two-day climate change summit this week.

He is one of three specialists from the Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) giving talks on mankind's involvement in global warming.

Professor Sherwin will be delivering a lecture entitled: 'Are we warming our planet? Evidence from an under-sampled ocean.'

He said: 'The case for greenhouse gases playing a vital role in determining the Earth's climate is based on solid, long-established science. My talk will discuss the problems faced by oceanographers in monitoring change in the global oceans, with particular emphasis on the seas to the west of Scotland.'

The summit includes a debate between TV presenter Johnny Ball and environmental campaigner Tony Juniper, who have contrasting views on the subject.

The event will take place at the public UHI Climate Change Summit at Eden Court Theatre in Inverness.



GEORGE Berry has taken his quest to climb Glen Nevis a stage further this week as he lost a further four pounds in weight.

The Man Versus Mountain challenger has shed a total of three stones.

Andrew Johnston from Energie Fitness said: 'George is doing very well and is continuing to lose weight from all over his body.'

'He is achieving this by working on a combination of resistance work and metabolism increasing exercise.'

The next challenge for George, and anyone else who would like to join him, is between Kinlochleven and Fort William on Sunday June 20.



Sponsored by  
**MacQueen Bros.  
Charitable Trust**

Community Charity Shop, White Buildings, North Pier  
Donations of bric-a-brac, collectable, ornaments, books and paintings always  
wanted and greatly appreciated  
Tel 01631 564848  
Charity No. SC041044

# 'I shouted across the water and got cries back for help,' tells witness Loch Awe inquiry hears frantic 999 calls

RELATIVES wept as an inquiry into a fatal accident on Loch Awe last March heard 999 calls from the tragic night.

Edward Colquhoun was part of a camping and fishing trip during which Craig Currie, Steven Carty, William Carty and Thomas Douglas lost their lives. He woke in the early hours of March 21, 2009, to find the other four men had not returned after taking a boat across the loch to visit the pub.

In taped emergency calls made between 3.40am and 4.30am, Mr Colquhoun was heard shouting desperately to his friends, while muffled calls came back across the loch.

He told call operators from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Strathclyde Police there were people in the water at Loch Awe. Staying on his mobile phone while he called out to the men to find out if they were with their boat and their location, he told operators: 'It's really misty, I can't see a thing.'

He was heard calling out: 'Can you hear me lads?' and then told the operator: 'They



The empty campsite on the eastern shore of Loch Awe the morning after the three fishermen lost their lives

are shouting for help.'

At one point during the calls, Mr Colquhoun said: 'It's all went quiet.'

**"Can you hear me lads?"**

**They are shouting for help**

**Edward Colquhoun**

Giving evidence to the inquiry, Mr Colquhoun said he had been fishing with the group several times before. On the night in question, all five of them had been drinking alcohol at their campsite, near Kilchurn Castle, before the other four decided to visit The Tight Line pub in Loch Awe village. Mr Colquhoun chose to stay behind.

He told the inquiry at Oban Sheriff Court: 'At about midnight, Steven phoned me to say they were coming back at 1am and I was to stock up the fire and lantern. I did that then went to bed.'

He woke up just after 2am and saw he had three missed calls on his mobile phone from Steven. After he was not able to reach the men by phone, he checked another

tent and found it empty before he discovered the boat was missing.

Mr Colquhoun said at this point: 'I shouted across the water and got cries back for help from William and Craig. Then Craig shouted 'Dial 999, get help'.

'I phoned 999 but I was in a state of panic. I can't remember what I said or who I asked for help. I just remember asking for help.'

'I don't remember if I thought they were okay, if they were winding me up, if it was serious. I just don't know; it was chaotic.'

With visibility reduced to a few metres, Mr Colquhoun poured petrol on the ground and set fire to it, in an attempt to create a beacon to guide the men back to shore.

When the emergency services arrived, Mr Colquhoun said there were still two voices shouting back but they were getting quieter. When they faded, he was taken to a police van and later asked to return to the shore and identify the bodies of Craig Currie and William Carty.

The fatal accident inquiry at Oban continues.

## Dunoon police make arrest following stabbing

One dead, another seriously wounded after stabbing

DUNOON police have arrested 35-year-old man on charges of alleged murder and attempted murder following stabbings in the town last Thursday night.

Thirty-year-old Christopher Ferns was stabbed after a fight broke out at a house in Church Square, Dunoon.

A 29-year-old man was also seriously injured during the incident and was airlifted to Paisley's Royal Alexandra Hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

His condition was described as serious but stable.

Emergency services were called to Church Square shortly after 8pm but Mr Ferns died at the scene.

Apost mortem examination will be held to establish the exact cause of death.

Detective Inspector Douglas Wilson said: 'Police inquiries are continuing and I would appeal to anyone with information to contact Dunoon Police Office on 01367 763000.'

# Angry parents take councillors to task over 'walk to school' changes

'It seems this has been brought in through the back door so that the issue could cool down over the school holidays'

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** by Euan Paterson  
epaterson@obantimes.co.uk

**"It seems bonkers that we are saving such a small sum of money to risk such serious repercussions."**  
**angry parent**

ANGRY and confused parents made an impassioned plea to Argyll and Bute councillors to continue the status quo for school bus runs in and around Oban.

The council decided at the budget meeting in February to cut £46,000 from its school transport budget by redefining the Parental Responsibility Distance for school travel. Now pupils who live within two miles of school must make their own way there, whereas the previous plans allocated bus travel to every pupil outwith a mile radius of their school.

The frustration and confusion brewing amongst parents came to the surface at a meeting last Wednesday at Glenclutten Church Centre's Undercroft.

Despite all eight Oban, Lorn and Isles councillors receiving an invitation, only two - Roddie McCuish and Elaine Robertson - came to meet the Oban and district parent council representatives.

Councillors McCuish and Robertson explained every councillor voted for the budget, with the condition that all school routes would be assessed on safety grounds and children on 'unsafe' routes would retain their bus service.

Parent Joanie Garvin said:

'For me, a road with no pavement, a trunk road or a road through a town that has tourist traffic is unsafe. We need an understanding of how these roads are going to be assessed.'

'It seems bonkers that we are saving such a small amount of money to risk such serious repercussions.' Parents highlighted further implications to the school transport cuts, such as rush-hour gridlock in the town centre; the need for more school crossing patrollers and confusion over which service buses would continue to run.

Parent Frances Parkinson said: 'This is the most touchy subject with all parents in Oban.'

'If we had all sat down and discussed this before the decision was made we could have found other ways to make cuts.'

'It just seems like this has been brought in through the back door so that the issue could cool down over the school holidays. I get very

cross about it.'

Councillors McCuish and Robertson agreed with many points made but explained that the council currently spends £5.9 million on school transport as part of an overall education budget of £82 million.

Councillor McCuish said: 'I would urge this group to help flag up any route that they don't think is safe. Get involved in this assessment - don't wait until you are asked.'

A plan by parents to stage a 'Drive your child to school' day to demonstrate how gridlocked the town centre could get was not ruled out at the meeting.

A similar meeting, attended by councillors McCuish, Neil Mackay and Duncan MacIntyre was held at Oban Rugby Club on Monday. Councillors there urged parents to make representations to the council. Only 14 objections from a possible 69 at have been received from Rockfield.

## Charges dropped as trial fails four times

CHARGES against a Lochgilphead man accused of having cannabis have been dropped after four attempts to bring the matter to trial failed.

At Oban's Justice of the Peace Court last week, procurator fiscal Laura McPherson asked for an adjournment of the scheduled trial diet because a key witness was unable to attend.

But defence agent David Watt said this would be the fourth adjournment. 'My client has attended personally all the trial diets, so I think the case has really gone on too long through no fault of the accused.'

Justice of the Peace Ian Smyth agreed the man had faced enough disruption and ruled the case should be deserted.

## Oban trainee doctor vacancies

A RISK assessment has rated recruitment of trainee doctors at Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban, as 'amber'.

The NHS Highland board heard last week after the first round of recruitment, two posts were still vacant, out of eight junior doctors at the hospital.

An NHS Highland spokesman said the recruitment process was currently ongoing for the jobs, due to start in August 2010. Should any posts remain vacant, they would be staffed by locum staff with no disruption to patients or services, he added.

## Ardfern man punched victim

AN UNEMPLOYED Ardfern boatbuilder has been fined £120 after he admitting assaulting another man in the village.

Oban Justice of the Peace Court heard last week that Robin Nolan, of Scarbh House, had a heated exchange with another man before punching him in the face.

Defending the 39-year-old, Edward Thornton said it was 'quite clearly out of character' for Nolan, who had never committed a violence offence before.

## National Smile Month comes to Oban

NHS HIGHLAND oral health improvement team is helping to spread the message of healthy mouths and gums in Oban by organising an event for National Smile Month.

The campaign will focus on the importance of looking after the mouth in order to keep the body healthy.

Oral health educators Yvonne Sloss and Clare Marren re-created a dental practice for national smile month at Soroba Young Families nursery. Yvonne said: 'We re-created the dental surgery in the nursery with our blow-up dental chair and screen.'

'Children were able to dress up as dentists and nurses and act out what would happen at a dental visit. Our aim was to show the children that the dental surgery is friendly and welcoming.'



Ernie MacPherson, left, of Lighthouse Caledonia presents a cheque to Brid McGahan and Maggie Wallace of FATHOMS.

## Cairndow staff give £1,000 to local charities

Vending machine profits help local causes

SELF-INDULGING staff at Lighthouse Caledonia, Cairndow have raised £1,000 for two local charities.

Hyperbaric oxygen charity FATHOMS, and CLASP, a special needs charity, both received £500 cheques from Lighthouse Caledonia's vending machine profits.

Processing plant manager Ernie MacPherson, who manages the scheme, said: 'We charge a flat rate for everything in the vending machine.'

'The small profit made on that really adds up by the end of the

year meaning we can give a substantial amount to worthy local causes.'

This is the second year that the company has donated to local charities. Staff nominate deserving charities to receive a donation.

Ernie's daughter, Laura MacPherson and his grandson, John McGladdery, benefit from the service provided by CLASP which cares for children with special needs and their families.

Brid McGahan of FATHOMS offered a big thank you to the kind staff at Lighthouse Caledonia for this generous donation.

Your Digital Edition is AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW at [www.obantimes.co.uk/digital](http://www.obantimes.co.uk/digital)

Frustrated waiting for your Oban Times? Our new E-Edition is delivered directly to your inbox on the day of publication.

0800 081 8989

Quotations hours: Mon to Fri 9am-7pm | Sat 9am-4pm

[adrianflux.co.uk](http://adrianflux.co.uk)

ADRIAN FLUX

**ISLAY**

**Your correspondent is Susan Campbell: 01496 850215**

**Islay beach rugby**

ISLAY Rugby Club hosts the annual Islay Beach Rugby Tournament on Saturday.

Limited to 32 teams, 22 mens and 10 womens, teams from Islay, other areas of Argyll, the Central Belt and the Borders will take part in one of rugby's most sought after invitational events of the year.

The tournament, sponsored by Bruichladdich Distillery, will again take place on the White Hart Beach, in front of the White Hart Hotel in Port Ellen.

The exhausting five-a-side games on sand last four minutes each way and no footwear of any kind is allowed on the pitch.

There will be a Friday night beach barbecue and Saturday night ceilidh to round off the event.

**Islay successes at music and dance festival**

AT THE recent 27th Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival in Oban, entries in the Highland dancing section were of a very high standard in all competitions.

Ella Edgar dancers who won prizes were: Abbie Morris, Sophie Baker, Isla MacCalman, Iona Scott, Emily Logan, Elise Proctor, Eilidh Macdonald, Katie McNiven, Stacy Baker and Ashley Harrison.

Eilidh Hughes was taking part in her first competition and danced well without being placed. Mair MacGillivray competed in both dancing and fiddle classes and gained fourth place in the Slow Air (Traditional) fiddle competition for 12 to 16 years.

**Quilters Grand Exhibition**

ISLAY Quilters' 2010 exhibition of recently completed works will be held in Ballygrant Hall from July 14 to 21.

Entries are invited for quilts and wallhangings. Details from Ruth Clark, 01496 850 244.

**Volunteers needed**

VOLUNTEERS are urgently required for Aquacare sessions at the Mactaggart



**North Lorn Schools' £1,000 cash boost**

The North Lorn Schools P7 Group, which consists of Ardchattan, Barcaldine, Strath of Appin and Lismore, received a £1,000 cheque from David Dunlop of Yeoman Glensanda. This donation is to help with the schools' outdoor residential trip to Lochgoilhead. Every year the P7s from the four schools get together for a three-day residential trip prior to moving on to Oban High School.

Leisure Centre, to assist clients in both the changing room and in the pool. Expert tuition will be given by Liz Renfrew at the pool, on a date to suit you and existing volunteer helpers.

Aquacare runs two sessions weekly during term time, Wednesdays 11am to 11.45am and 11.45am to 12.30pm and one session during school holidays - except summer - Wednesday 12.30pm to 1.15pm.

For information please contact Florrie or Karen at the Mactaggart Leisure on 810767.

Over the past three years, a handful of band members have marched the course but for the first time this year, there were enough to make a full band - six pipers and four drummers.

'The side drum is pretty heavy,' said drummer Gordon Connell. 'We had to have a couple of young guys marching alongside us to hold the side drums when we weren't playing although Bernie Smith, the bass drummer, carried his the whole way.'

Asked if he would take part in a similar march next year, Gordon replied: 'I will tell you in a couple of weeks when I've recovered!'

The band had played on the beach in front of An Talla for a record 135 runners at the start of this fifth Tiree 10K, sponsored by local businesses and Active Schools.

Race organiser Will Wright said: 'We had lots of locals taking part, which was good to see.'

'Four members of the Tiree running group, West End Runners, took part and all of them finished strongly.'

The new course took the entrants to Hynish and back to An Talla, where they enjoyed a ceilidh in the hall with Trail West.

Top ten results: 1 George Miller, Radley, 36:31; 2 Owain Williams, Pitreavie, 39:16; 3 Neil Carmichael, 39:46; 4 Euan Cameron, 40:18; 5 Richard Buckley, 40:56; 6 Peter West Lothian, 41:12; 7 Matthew Scott, 42:25; 8 Andrew Cochrane, 42:45; 9 Hugh Daly, Perth, 43:14; 10 Christine Milne, Lothian, 43:28.

**BENBECULA**

**Army cadets commemorate St Valery**

WESTERN Isles army cadets have commemorated the 70th anniversary of St Valery with a parade and service in Griminish, Benbecula.

The island cadets are thought to be the only regimental organisation in the Highlands and islands to remember the events of St Valery-en-Caux, where in June 1940 a detachment

of troops from the British Expeditionary Force were ordered to stay behind as the rest were evacuated from Dunkirk.

They were the men of the 51st (Highland) Infantry division, with a significant percentage coming from the islands.

They were eventually forced into retreat and surrender by Rommel's 7th Panzer division and sent to prisoner of war camps in Germany and Poland.

Following the 50th and 60th anniversaries of the event, and with the passing of nearly all the remaining veterans, the St Valery Veterans Association decided to cease commemorating the incident.

But in the Western Isles, the cadets resolved to continue to remember St Valery even after the last two remaining veterans, Murdo MacCuishof Sollas and Archie MacVicar of Claddach Kirkibost, both North Uist, passed away.

On Thursday, 60 cadets from the 1st Battalion the Highlanders Western Isles Company, which includes cadets from Lewis, Harris, Benbecula and the Uists, marched on the war memorial in Benbecula, where prayers were led by the Reverend Andrew Downie of Griminish Church and the Reverend Fraser Stewart of Contin, chaplain to the company. A two minute silence was held, wreaths were laid and local piper Norman Johnson played Lord Lovat's Lament.

Major Norman MacLeod, commanding officer of Western Isles Company army cadet force, said: 'The cadets felt it was important to continue to remember what happened at St Valery and the significance and meaning of it.'

**KILLIN**

**Your correspondent is Judy Forster 01567 820298**

BUILDING work has started on six new homes in Ballechroisk.

The four houses and two bungalows, all for rent, are being developed by Stirling Housing Association.

Work is expected to be completed around January 2011. The development has been the subject of detailed consultation with community council representatives. The latest meeting discussed ways in which the wider community could be informed about the homes.



HRH Duke and Duchess of Rothesay unveil the plaque to commemorate the Royal visit. Also pictured are the Lord and Lady Provost of Argyll and Duncan MacLachlan, chairman of Arrochar and Tarbert Community Development Trust.



HRH Duke of Rothesay talking with members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Army Cadet Force outside Three Villages Community Hall.

**Royal couple unveil plaque at new community hall**

PRINCE Charles and Camilla were in Argyll last week to officially open a new community hall.

The Royal couple, also known as the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay, travelled to Arrochar to unveil a plaque at the new Three Villages Community Hall.

The hall was designed by Bruce and Neil Architects in Oban and provides entertainment and learning opportunities for Tarbert, Arrochar and Succoth.

Duncan MacLachlan, chairman of the Community Development Trust, which has campaigned for more than 10 years to increase community spirit, said:

'We're delighted to showcase this amazing facility today. We can at last provide a good reception for our visitors and provide facilities for our vibrant communities.'

The Duke and Duchess were given a tour around the new hall and even learnt a thing or two from the eager locals. Pupils from Arrochar Primary School gave the Royal visitors an informative lesson about archaeology, proudly displaying a variety of artefacts found at the nearby award-winning High Morelaggan Community Project Archaeology Site on Loch Long.

Architect Ronnie Neil explained to the Duke and Duchess the benefits of the different

energy efficient systems that had been incorporated into the building.

The Duke and Duchess also met with the main contractors, M and K MacLeod of Lochgilphead, as well as representatives from the building's funding partners, such as The Big Lottery, Leader, Argyll and Bute Council and all the local community organisations and individuals who had played a vital part in fundraising and supporting the trust. Campus Manager Liz Baillie said: 'The Duke of Rothesay recognised that it had been people power and the community itself that had taken the lead to give the area a new lease of life.'

**TIREE**

**Pipe band marches round 10K course**

TIREE 10K winner George Miller from Oxfordshire completed the event's new course in just 36 minutes and 31 seconds - but the hardy Tiree Pipe Band will have taken a lot longer.

The pipe band, complete with bass and side drums, marched the whole course after playing for the runners at the starting line.



Tiree Pipe Band set off on their 10K march.

**Visitors enjoy 16th annual charity cream tea**

A MIX of sunshine and showers didn't deter a large number of folk from Appin and beyond from making their way recently to Drumneil House, Port Appin, for the 16th annual cream tea.

With the proceeds being split between Marie Curie Cancer Care and Friends of Oban Hospice, there was

support from all quarters and thanks to the generosity of visitors more than £1,300 was raised.

Mrs Janet Glaisher, who hosts the event at her house, said retired GP Dr Iain McNicol had originally asked her if she would consider hosting the event for Marie Curie Cancer Care and it had just continued

each year. 'It has always been the most lovely family afternoon,' she said.

Dr McNicol said everyone had been extremely generous, especially as only the week before Christian Aid week had raised nearly £1,000 in Appin.

As well as the baking and cream teas, there were fundraising stalls with everything

from lucky squares to lucky corks to guess the weight of the cake and number of sweets in the jar, a bottle stall, face painting, plant stalls and games for children on the front lawn.

Appin Historical Society sold its new Appin and District Visitor Guide with profits donated to the two charities.



**Sailing club open day success**

PLOCKTON Small Boat Sailing Club's first open day on May 15 was a success despite windy conditions stopping boats from sailing.

Large crowds attended and enjoyed the visits of Kyle and Portree lifeboats. Plockton senior citizens funds were boosted by more than £400 from teas in the village hall where there were other events including a visit from the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society. Caley Marina, JP Watersports, Ocean Youth Trust Scotland, Skye and Lochalsh Kayaking Club, RYA Scotland and Plockton Horticultural Society also contributed to the event.

At the close, Plockton High School's Am Bata project launched its third boat, pictured above.

The open day was organised by new sailing membership secretary Lyndsay Avern.

**Around the Rurals - Kilmore**

THE KILMORE branch of the Scottish Women's Rural Institute held its annual general meeting on Wednesday May 12, bringing to an end a very successful 2009/2010 session.

President I Smith welcomed members who then discussed the golds and silvers from the Federation Show at Dunoon. Another topic of conversation was the severe marking by this year's judges.

Mrs I Smith won the Coligan Cup this year and

Mrs M Whitton won two cups for handcraft - one at the Lorn Group Rally and one at the Federation Show.

Mrs A Sorley won the cup for art at Dunoon for Federation.

Thanks were extended to the two ladies from Oban WRI who counted the votes. A new committee was formed and many thanks were given to Mrs R Thomas, retiring secretary, for all her hard work.

Wine and savouries rounded off the evening.



Drumneil House, where the cream tea was hosted. 07\_t21tea04



Andy Ritchie with some of the plants he was selling. 07\_t21tea03



Janet Glaisher has hosted the cream tea afternoon at Drumneil House for the last 15 years. 07\_t21tea02



Annie Gill and George Pagan showing off their painted faces.



Linzi Allward was helping out for the first time, on the guess the weight of the cake and sweets in the jar stall. 07\_t21tea01

**Company in running for £50,000 prize**

SKYE-BASED start-up company Highland Wi-Fi Ltd had been picked by Barclays Bank as one of three Scottish finalists from an entry of 218 for its 'One Small Step' competition. The winners receive £50,000 to expand their business. Co-founder and technical manager of the Portree firm Calum MacDonald said a win would give 'a huge boost' to their aim of creating an extensive, efficient wireless network throughout the Highlands. See Business, page 13.

**SportLochaber distributes directory**

SPORTLOCHABER is distributing its first clubs directory to all local schools and clubs next week. Every schoolchild in Lochaber will receive the pocket-sized booklet containing 48 pages of Lochaber sports clubs contact and training details, photographs and useful information. SportLochaber's Jane Blanchard said the guide aimed to publicise sporting activities and boost club membership. She said: 'The huge variety of clubs and their locations means that there should be something for everyone - young or old, able-bodied or disabled, resident or visitor.'

**Tackling coastal erosion on South Uist**

OXFAM Scotland is to host a public meeting in St Peter's Hall, Daliburgh, on tackling coastal erosion of crofting land on South Uist. The meeting follows several visits to the island by Oxfam staff to highlight the issue. Events co-ordinator Caluna Campbell, a native of Uist, told *The Oban Times* the meeting would focus on how to fund coastal barriers, what money is available and who will take responsibility for the process. She said: 'It is basically cards on the table time. It is about the community being able to participate with local issues that affect them personally.' The June 22 event starts at 7.30pm.

**NEWSDESK**  
01631 568000



Room 13 junior artist Aaron Watson, 14, from Fort William, proudly shows off one of the panels he helped create to Shona Robison, Room 13 artist Claire Gibb and Provost of Lochaber Allan Henderson. 10\_f24under01

**Gleaming new town underpass opens**

FORT William has a gleaming new thoroughfare after the underpass between the town centre and the bus and train stations was officially opened on Saturday. Minister for Public Health and Sport Shona Robison MSP cut the ribbon on the revamped walkway around 12.30pm to allow hundreds of waiting local people and visitors to flood down the steps and admire the artwork panels lining the stainless steel-clad walls. More than 750 people attended

workshops led by young people's arts organisation Room 13 to produce the imaginative artworks, which reflect Lochaber's history, culture, music, sport and landscape. The underpass also features new lighting, feature banner lighting poles, external artworks, new soft and hard landscaping, a new colour scheme and CCTV cameras. The £118,000 renovation is part of a £500,000 town centre regeneration scheme for Fort William. Work on a makeover for Gordon Square - the

new start and finish point for the West Highland Way - is ongoing. Junior artist Aaron Watson, 14, from Fort William said: 'People have got the underpass they wanted. It will bring a lot more visitors to Fort William. We should all be really proud of what we have done.' Ms Robison praised the 'fantastic' way in which hundreds of local people had contributed to creating the new underpass. 'You have really captured your beautiful area in the artwork,' she said.

**Champion gears up to take on world's elite**

SCOTTISH motorbike trials champion Gary MacDonald will take on the world's elite in the 2010 SPEA FIM Trial World Championship round at Nevis Range, Fort William, from June 25 to 27. The 26-year-old weekend rider from Kinlochleven earned an invite from the Federation Internationale

de Motocyclisme (FIM) to compete in the World Junior class after heading the 2010 ACU British Trials Championship (Expert A). Joiner MacDonald, a five times Scottish trials champion and the sole Scottish rider in the 60-strong field, said: 'I am going into the World Championships at Nevis Range thinking I can win. I have been given a fantastic opportunity to ride on the world stage on home soil with the support of a home crowd and I don't want to let anyone down. I think local knowledge and experience of the Nevis Range natural sections will be a real advantage.'



Bidding for victory: Gary MacDonald. 10\_f24down03

**Ben's race disappointment**

WEST Highlands rider Ben Cathro was cruelly denied a chance to lead the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup at Fort William on Sunday after mechanical problems forced him to freewheel the final half mile to the finish. With only 12 riders to follow him, Cathro powered through the second split fastest when the front gearing ring on his chain gave way. Unable to pedal the lower flat sections, the Benderloch man coasted home in front of a roaring 11,000 crowd to finish an eventual 19th out of 82 starters. His split time was seventh fastest overall. A disappointed Cathro told *The*

*Oban Times*: 'We had already fixed the chain after it got damaged in final practice. I was half a second ahead at the split and I reckon I lost at least three seconds by the finish. I don't think I would have got a podium place, but it would have been close. I didn't get to sit in the hot seat [for the race leader] which was a shame - but I'll just take it on for the next race and do better in that one.' Cathro lines up at Innerleithen this weekend before heading for Leogang in Austria for the next World Cup round on June 20. See World Cup picture special on back page.



Ben Cathro gives *The Oban Times* the thumbs up before his bid for glory in the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup at Nevis Range. 10\_f24down03

**Care home action group rally appeal**

LOCHABER residents are being urged to turn a demonstration to save a local care home into the biggest rally since the 2003 campaign to retain the Belford Hospital.

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

Invernevis Action Group (IAG) met in the Nevis Centre on Tuesday evening to finalise plans for the June 19 march through Fort William in support of a new 30-bed Invernevis House care home at Caol. Highland Council meets on June 24 to decide whether to scrap a previous pledge to build the home and rely instead on the private sector to provide care for the elderly. Invernevis House needs major refurbishment or replacement to meet stringent Care Commission standards. IAG member John MacIntosh said huge public support was vital. Around 10,000 leaflets had been distributed and huge banners will be put up before the march, he told the meeting. The campaign website, www.invernevis-ag.net has

already received more than 1,000 hits. The march, with pipers ahead, will leave Monzie Square at 11am, proceed along High Street and on to the A82, where police cars front and rear will escort them to King George V park for a rally. Highland SNP MSP Dave Thompson and Independent Lochaber councillors will be among the speakers. IAG member Philip Nolan said Fort William Shinty Club second team players were likely to join the march before their game later that day. Mr MacIntosh said: 'We have police permission and we are all set. The more people we get, the merrier.'

Letters have been sent to Fergus Ewing MSP, Charles Kennedy MP and Danny Alexander seeking their backing. None have replied as yet. Councillor Brian Murphy said: 'The churches were very much involved in the Belford Hospital campaign and I think they would probably get involved in this. There are councillors who don't have any of the five planned care homes in their area and there are others who are very much against them. Hopefully the decision will go the right way but if it does not, we have to look at other possibilities, for example deferring closure.'

Karen MacDonald from Fort William, whose mother-in-law is an Invernevis resident, warned if Invernevis closed, families faced travelling long distances to keep in touch with elderly relatives rehoused in homes outside Lochaber. She said: 'When the weather is good we can pop in and take her out for a run, but if she was stuck somewhere else, she would lose that contact and so would we.'

A further rally is planned at 9.30am on Inverness on June 24.

**Skye statue group to appoint consultant**

A GROUP planning to erect a 1.5metre bronze statue at Sligachan on Skye in honour of two famous Cuillin climbers are looking to appoint a consultant to raise funds for the project and increase its profile. The Sconser-based Collie and Mackenzie Sculpture Group has already raised £8,000 since last summer by issuing certificates

to sponsors who have 'purchased' varying weights of the bronze required for the monument. Four electrical poles have already been undergrounded at the scenic site earmarked for the sculpture, which is expected to cost nearly £400,000. Group secretary Donald Kennedy told *The Oban Times*: 'We are hoping to hear back from applicants in

the next few weeks. What we are looking for is somebody prepared to do a half day or a day per week for a period of two months.' The statue will commemorate the achievements of Sconser man John Mackenzie and his internationally renowned climbing companion Norman Collie. Highland Council is backing the initiative.

**Gardening contest success**

KINLOCHLEVEN Primary School pupils were among the prizewinners at Gardening Scotland 2010 at Ingleston on Friday. The whole school designed a pallet garden and were delighted to win a Silver Gilt award. The nursery entered a planter and won third prize. Aaron Hartley, Tyler Murphy and Bethany Duffy attended the event and met with First Minister Alex Salmond to discuss their project. Head teacher Cheryl Allan said: 'This is the first time we have entered a national competition such as this. We see it as an extension of our gardening project led by our learning support auxiliary Mrs Jeanette Johnston.'

**25 Years Ago** Those Were The Days  
*The Oban Times* Thursday June 12 1985

**No public toilets for 42 miles**

ROAD travellers between Crianlarich and Oban will be completely without toilet facilities for the entire distance following the closure last week of the Dalmailly Station toilets. For over a decade Argyll and Bute District Council have paid British Rail for rent and toilet requisites including cleaning, so that the public can use the toilets. Last week the District Council withdrew the contribution at the annual review of such subsidies, saying that British Rail had increased the amount of rent they wanted from £100 to £150, and from £170 to £475 for cleaning. A District Council spokesman said that the money had been withdrawn for two reasons: firstly because of cutbacks in expenditure as a whole, and secondly because a portaloo was due to be sited at Taynuilt.

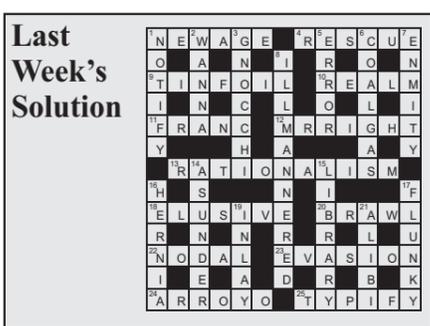
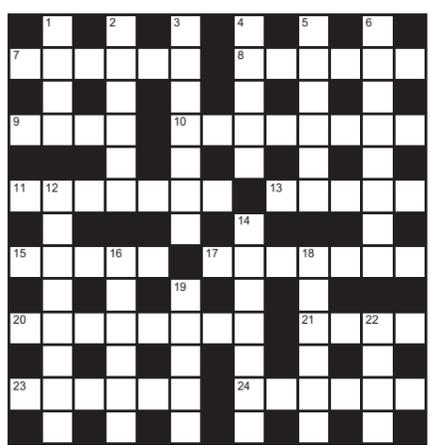
The portaloo destined for the village, which is 14 miles further on the road to Oban, is at present in Oban where it stands-in for the permanent public conveniences closed for renovations. The portaloo will not be moved until the renovations are complete - scheduled for the end of this month. With the closure of the public toilets at Tyndrum several months ago, and the District Council subsidy withdrawn from the toilets at Loch Awe, there are now no toilets between Oban and Crianlarich - a distance of 42 miles.

**Roads boost for Aonach Mor**  
LOCHABER was rejoicing this week as the "all systems go" was announced for the exciting Aonach Mor ski development project, which promises to bring a wealth of jobs to the area. Highland Regional Council have given their backing to a proposal to build a road up the mountain at a cost of £1,800,000.

This was the main stumbling block which has been holding up plans for some time. And Lochaber district council chairman Colin Neilson said this week: 'We are more delighted than ever. It will be all systems go now as far as I am concerned. Hopefully it will all be off the ground next spring.' The Highland region agreed at their roads committee meeting to back plans to provide a road up to 160 metres up the mountain. This was an amendment to an original proposal to fork out £5, 200, 000 on an access road which would run higher up Aonach Mor. Skiers will be transported up the remaining section of the mountain by gondola or chairlift - keeping the road costs down. A research report estimated that the development could create up to 272 jobs after five years. The spin-offs are likely to be great too, in terms of new jobs arising from new businesses.

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD**

- Across**
- 7 Act to impress (6)
  - 8 Corrections to slip ups (6)
  - 9 Spread (4)
  - 10 White flowered shrub (8)
  - 11 Graceful mammal of Asia and Africa (7)
  - 13 Hold off (5)
  - 15 Acquiesce (5)
  - 17 Jagged, toothed leaf type (7)
  - 20 Blind (8)
  - 21 Hooligan (4)
  - 23 Not fair (6)
  - 24 No longer a teen (6)
- Down**
- 1 Hang loose (4)
  - 2 Scram! (6)
  - 3 Delicate (7)
  - 4 Sort (5)
  - 5 Be stiffened by loss of heat (6)
  - 6 Discordant (8)
  - 12 With cheese (2,6)
  - 14 LXX (7)
  - 16 Conceit (6)
  - 18 Slang for hat (6)
  - 19 Spoken in a whisper (5)
  - 22 Toward (4)



Sponsored by  
Wallace Optometrists

For people who really care about their eyesight

Call today and book your comprehensive eye examination

Wallace Optometrists  
0845 230 EYES (3937)

OT



Tutor Carolyn McKee is all smiles after leading Brae Lochaber Gaelic nursery to success in the under-5 singing competition. 10\_f24mod01

### Exceptional performances at Lochaber Provincial Mod

THE FUTURE of the Lochaber Provincial Mod looksafterlastweekend's competition saw some exceptional performances and an increased numbers of entrants.

Fears has been expressed that last year's poorly attended event could have been the last, but a determined effort by the local committee appears to have paid dividends.

Around 45 competitors from across Lochaber took part in the traditional music and Gaelic festival at Lochside Primary School on Friday evening and Saturday, with entries up in most sections compared to 2009.

Mod chairman Charlie MacColl was greatly encouraged by the high standard and increased interest - and hoped the revival boded well for the future.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'It makes me really glad that the language is still going to go on.

'We're not a very big committee and I thought last year was the end. But we are all cheered and it will go ahead next year.

'The singing was of a very high quality and the chanters were up too. It was much better than the previous year. The children came from as far as Mallaig, so that was encouraging too. We had conversations where the child talks to the adjudicator in Gaelic and he replies, and we have never had that for a long time.'

Mr MacColl singled out Robert Robertson, who won the overall singing prize, and 11 year-old Ally Weir from Fort William RC Primary School, who won the Gaelic storytelling competition, for their outstanding performances.

## Arisaig Community Trust works with charity to develop blueprint for future

ARISAIG Community Trust is working with a charity specialising in sustainable development to help it draw up a blueprint for the future.

The trust, formed last year, already has a 'wishlist' of projects it would like to progress and is now looking to produce an overall plan, with backing from the 400-strong community, designed to attract financial backing from potential funders.

To help draw up the document, ACT is working with Paisley-based Conservation and Development in Sparsely Populated Areas (Cadispa) which helped Sleaf Community Trust (SCT) put together its development statement five years ago.

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

SCT subsequently pulled in more than £500,000 in funding for key projects and representatives have since visited Arisaig to offer encouragement and advice.

SCT vice chairman Duncan MacInnes told *The Oban Times*: 'Our statement has proved very, very useful in funding, because if you hand your funders a quality document it shows that you are serious, that there's an element of professionalism in what you are doing and that you are looking long term. My message to Arisaig would be grab your chance

and take the opportunity.'

ACT has already outlined five priority areas:

- Negotiating a lease for the playing field in Arisaig and making improvements for local youngsters
- Negotiating land for allotments in the village, to include children's plots
- Consultation with Community Energy Scotland to undertake research into renewable energy options for community buildings and private householders
- Working with local crofters, whose Grazings Committee propose to develop an environmental plan
- Marketing of the area for tourism, setting up a website with free access

Cadispa's Rhona Anderson said the aim was to produce a five to ten year community development plan for Arisaig to give the trust the 'community mandate' it needed to approach funders.

'The document will be of huge value to them when drawing up funding bids,' she said. 'When they go, for example, to the Lottery they will have the hard facts which say this is what the community wants.'

ACT's Gordon Stewart said: 'We are having another meeting with Cadispa at the end of this month to see if there are any other ideas we want to target.'

# Men admit lying in statements Courtroom admission lands pair in cells

TWO LOCHABER men were dramatically handcuffed in court and taken to the cells after admitting lying in signed statements to police officers.

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

Allan MacMaster and Daniel Mendel were giving evidence in the trial of Darren McCann, who admitted punching and kicking MacMaster in self-defence at a town bus stop on March 17 while on bail from Inverness Sheriff Court, but denied assault.

The pair had told police McCann drove up in his silver Peugeot 206 to the busy Middle Street bus shelter, got out, walked up to MacMaster, punched his nose, kneed him in the face, kicked him on the face while he was on the ground, then drove off.

But in court they changed their story to say MacMaster threw the first punch and the assault was less serious.

Sheriff Douglas Small warned lying to police was a criminal offence and they could incriminate themselves, but unemployed MacMaster, 18, still maintained his statement was not true.

Prosecutor Simon Crabb asked: 'You were scared of Darren McCann then and you are scared of him now - that's why you came into court today and told a pack of lies.'

Denying there had been intimidation, MacMaster said: 'I hit him first and then he assaulted me after that.'

Mr Crabb reminded MacMaster of his statement: 'Darren told Daniel to tell me I was dead when he sees me.' MacMaster said that also was a lie.

Caol baker Mendel, 20, also denied changing his story because he was scared of McCann, admitting he had 'not really' told police the truth. 'I was taking that M-Cat - it fries up your head,' he said.

Sheriff Small ordered the pair to be detained before Iain Murdoch Stewart, a self-employed 55-year-old, took the stand to say he saw 'a man in a yellow t-shirt' get out of a car to hit a man at the bus stop. He could not identify McCann in court.

By the time he phoned police the assailant had gone, leaving MacMaster's face 'covered in blood'. 'There were women and children at the bus stop,' he said.

Another witness, college student Emma Lauder, 18, of 17 MacMillan Place, Caol, was with Mendel and MacMaster. She could not corroborate Mr Stewart's evidence as she had run away. 'I don't like fights,' she said.

Giving evidence, McCann, 20, of Room 4, The Willows, Achintore Road, Fort William, said his leg was in plaster when he was told MacMaster 'was going to break my other leg'.

He spotted MacMaster at the bus stop and went 'to talk with him' about the threats.

'I had a stookie on - there was no way I was going to fight with anybody,' he said, claiming MacMaster had punched him first.

He admitted he had 'taken things a wee bit too far' in punching and kneeing MacMaster, but he believed his opponent was on drugs and he 'would have got jumped' if he had turned his back. 'It was me or him,' he said.

Sheriff Douglas Small ruled he was 'not satisfied' the prosecution had disproved McCann's special plea of self-defence and found the case not proven.

MacMaster and Mendel appeared later from custody to be told their actions would be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### Man assaulted in Glencoe

A MAN was assaulted near the Clachaig Inn, Glencoe, around 5am on Saturday morning.

It is understood the man was punched in the face by one of a group of five or six males as he was making his way back to the Red Squirrel campsite.

The victim received treatment for his injuries at Belford Hospital, Fort William.

Police are asking any person who was in the Clachaig Inn between 9pm on Friday and 12.30am on Saturday to contact them.

They are also keen to speak to any person who was walking or driving on the road between the Clachaig Inn and Glencoe village around the time of the assault. Police can be contacted on 01397 702361 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

### Intoxicated teenagers

THREE heavily intoxicated youngsters aged between 12 and 14 were taken to the Belford Hospital during a Fort William police crackdown at the weekend.

Officers ran Operation Prone in an attempt to prevent anti social behaviour during the Mountain Bike World Cup.

High visibility foot and mobile patrols throughout the town and surrounding areas saw 'a large quantity' of alcohol seized from underage teenagers in and around the town centre.

Two teenagers, aged 14 and 16, were arrested for alleged disorder offences and will be reported to the Reporter to the Children's Panel and the Procurator Fiscal. Enquiries are continuing into incidents where adults bought alcohol for minors.

### Ardnamurchan Mod

THE ANNUAL Ardnarmurchan Mod takes place all day tomorrow (Friday) at Ardnarmurchan High School, Strontian.

Organisers report a big entry again this year and are anticipating a very busy day. Competitions begin at 9.30am and continue throughout the day.

The Prizewinners' Concert in the evening in the Sunart Centre, Strontian, starts at 7pm and will be chaired by Seumas Campbell from Stirling.

### New chairman appointed

HIGHLAND Alcohol and Drugs Partnership has appointed NHS Highland director of public Health Dr Margaret Somerville as its new chairman.

Dr Somerville takes over the role from Councillor Jaci Douglas, who stood down from the post in May.

The multi-agency group oversees strategies for addressing alcohol and drug issues in the Highlands.

### Newsdesk

01631  
568000

### Alan B Hayman's work on show at Resipole Studios

RESIPOLE Studios between Strontian and Salen is hosting artist Alan B Hayman's first solo exhibition since his sell-out show in Gleneagles 20 years ago.

Visitors travelled from as far as Dundee to attend a private viewing of 46 paintings depicting west coast landscapes and wildlife. Hayman's paintings are collected

around the world. Novelist Wilbur Smith owns a number of his works.

He said: 'When painting or sketching out doors you can't sit in one place for any length of time without seeing something - even if it is way off in the distance.'

The exhibition is open to the public until June 30.

## ARGYLL CLEANING SOLUTIONS

### OBAN

Commercial and Domestic  
No job too big or too small

**KITCHEN EXTRACTION SYSTEMS**

OVENS AND UTENSILS

FULL DEEP HYGIENE CLEANS

TO HVCA TR19 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AFTER COMPLETION.

**HOME VALETING SERVICE INCLUDING CONSERVATORIES & WINDOWS, GUTTERS & DOWNPIPES, CARPETS & UPHOLSTERY**

Argyll Cleaning Solutions can offer you

- **Competitive Quotes**
- **A monthly payment plan tailored to your own requirements**
- **Domestic & Commercial Maintenance**

**Telephone James for your free quote**  
01631 567448 or 07747 598030



Bunsgoil Shlèite (Sleaf Primary School) pupils show their artwork to Creative Scotland chief executive Andrew Dixon at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

### Unique display at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig

A UNIQUE art exhibition by children from Bunsgoil Shlèite - Sleaf Primary School - and Tollcross Primary in Edinburgh went on display at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig last weekend.

More than 100 Gaelic medium pupils from the schools produced the artworks under a ground-breaking visual arts project, Air Iomlaid, meaning 'On Exchange'.

The 18-month initiative through The Fruitmarket Gallery was conducted through Gaelic and saw the children learn to look, draw and paint in the urban and rural landscapes of Edinburgh and Skye.

The pupils shared their drawings and experiences online and visited each other's schools during the exchange.

Creative Scotland chief executive Andrew Dixon said: 'This is a ground-breaking education project.'

## GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT!

Work undertaken on all commercial and residential properties of all sizes.

**Wall Rendering** - Installation of all rendering systems to a finish of your choice

**Wall Coatings** - Never need to paint the exterior of your property again!

**Wall Insulation** - We can supply and install external wall insulation systems

**Rising Damp** - We offer a damp proofing course treatment to eliminate the problem

**Penetrating Damp** - We offer a damp proof course treatment with a 25 Year Guarantee

**New Roof** - We supply and install new roofs to any size of property

**Flat Roofing** - Flat roofs now available with a Life Time Guarantee

**Roof Coatings** - We offer a 15 Year Guarantee with our roof coating service

**Roof Cleaning** - We offer a roof cleaning service for any size of properties in your area

**Solar Power Roof Tiles** - Get paid to produce your own electricity

We offer Free Quotes and Advice on all services above  
Call us now on 08450 569 374 Open 24 hours



Fergus Ewing, right, with Alfie Ingram, Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team leader John Stevenson and Glencoe Mountain Rescue Team leader John Grieve at the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team base on Friday.

### Mountain rescue cash boost

COMMUNITIES Minister Fergus Ewing toured Lochaber Mountain Rescue team's new base at Claggan on Friday night and announced a new £300,000 funding package for Scotland's mountain rescue services.

Present at the ceremony was Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland chairman Alfie Ingram, who released figures showing that 27 people died on Scotland's mountains in 2009, seven more than in the previous year. Callouts were up 15 to 402, while teams assisted 220 casualties and 560 people, compared with 198 and 518 last year.

Mr Ewing said Scotland's mountain rescue teams represented 'the best traditions of community service'.

## Residents warned as 'Office of Fair Trading' becomes latest telephone scam

WEST coast residents are being warned to be on their guard after a scam involving phone calls from individuals who claim to be from the Office of Fair Trading in London. Argyll and Bute Council

trading standards team received six complaints last week regarding this particular scam.

Experience suggests only a fraction of those targeted inform trading standards therefore a number of

residents may also be victims.

### Foreign accent

In every call the caller has a foreign accent with a poor quality phone connection - at least once he has given his name as James Gillespie.

The caller has stated he wants to send the individual a cheque that is supposedly for amounts between £2,400 and £3,000, claiming it is in relation to bank charges or mortgage interest refunds - the caller is vague about

exactly what the refund relates to.

The victim is told that they have to go to the Post Office and make a payment of £199 and this will ensure that a cheque is hand-delivered the next morning.

Councillor Daniel Kelly, chair of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee, said: 'This is undoubtedly a scam and I would advise anyone who receives such a call to report it.'

'In the meantime, I would strongly recommend that no-one should ever send money in response to unsolicited calls of this type.'

Argyll and Bute's trading standards team can be contacted on 01546

## Woman dies following fall from ambulance

A WOMAN has died at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow after falling from the rear of a moving ambulance in Dunoon.

The 46-year-old was being transported to hospital when the incident occurred on High Road in Dunoon at around 8.30pm last Thursday night.

Strathclyde Police are appealing for information as an investigation gets underway to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact road policing officers at Lochgilphead on telephone number (01546) 702225.

## SSPCA voices concerns over dogs left in cars during hot weather

WITH THE arrival of hot summer weather the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) has issued a warning not to leave dogs in hot cars. The animal charity's plea follows more than 100 incidents and two deaths in 2009.

Scottish SPCA Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn said: 'The heat from the sun is intensified in a car.

The dog will pant to try and cool down, which can lead to severe dehydration and hyperventilation. Opening a window a little or leaving a bowl of water is simply not enough.' The SPCA advocates leaving pets at home and making arrangements for feeding and exercise.

## Funding for Dunoon primary school confirmed

FUNDING for a new primary campus in Dunoon has been confirmed by the Scottish government.

The £6.7 million project is one of 35 new schools to be funded across Scotland through the Schools of the Future programme and will see St Mun's, Kirm and Dunoon primary schools and associated nurseries amalgamated into one campus.

Argyll and Bute Council has welcomed the news that indicated that funding would be available in 2013-14.

Council leader Councillor Dick Walsh said: 'Although the project is still at an early stage of development, it is one which we believe represents an exciting and innovative solution to the significant challenges posed by Dunoon's deteriorating primary school buildings.'

'Over the next few months, we will continue to develop an outline business case in consultation with our partners, including the Roman Catholic Diocese of Argyll and the Isles.'

'We will of course be consulting with parents and all other interested parties as the plans progress and we start to draw up a firm proposal.'

## St Valery remembered - but no Oban parade this year

MSP calls for the actions of the 51st Highland Division not to be forgotten

COMMEMORATIONS for the 70th anniversary of the battle at Saint Valery en Caux during World War Two will not be going ahead in Oban this year.

Because of the lack of members in the Oban Branch of the Royal British Legion there will be no official parade. However, Argyll and Bute MSP Jim Mather is urging people not to forget the horrific events of June 1940.

He said: 'In its scale and in its successful conclusion it was a truly astounding occasion.'

'The events at Saint Valery that took place almost two weeks after Dunkirk, yet had an equally profound effect on communities all over the Highlands and should be recalled with equal pride.'

He continued: 'A remnant of the British Army was given the task of fighting a rearguard action to hold up hugely superior German forces, including Panzer regiments, advancing on the beaches.'

'Within this force and fighting alongside French troops were soldiers of the



51st Highland Division who were penned-in at the small fishing village of St Valery where, on June 12, surrounded and running out of food and ammunition, they were ordered to lay down their arms and surrender. This was done with extreme reluctance.

'General Erwin Rommel, prior to his desert experiences, was in command of the German army and paid tribute to the courage of the forces he had encountered.'

'For most of those captured the war was over. They were involved in long forced marches across Northern France and through Germany to Prisoner of War camps in the East. Many died through hunger, wounds and exhaustion. Some

hardy individuals managed to escape and encountered amazing experiences crossing France and Spain to get back to the UK to rejoin the war effort. The Highlanders reformed and played a crucial part in the successful campaigns across North Africa and through Sicily and Italy.'

'Our French allies remember the price paid at St Valery and a memorial high on the cliffs above the town, inscribed in English French and Gaelic, is the site of annual parades to commemorate what took place. It reads 'La a bhlairst math na cairdean' - 'On the day of battle it is good to have friends'.'

'There are very few veterans of St Valery around to recall the events of June 1940 but we should remember what took place there, the price that was paid and the reason why St Valery has a very special resonance within our communities.'

Ex-service men and women wishing to join the Royal British Legion should contact Bert MacBrayne on 01631 720561.



Amanda Coates, NCT breastfeeding counsellor and midwife Liz Crawford are offering support to families who want to try breastfeeding. 15\_123baby02

## Oban launches bid for baby friendly status

NEW MUMS in Oban and the surrounding area are set to get extra support with breastfeeding.

Amanda Coates qualified as a National Childbirth Trust breastfeeding counsellor and will take on a role of promoting breastfeeding in the area. 'My role as a volunteer is to offer mums information and support to establish breastfeeding,' she said.

Amanda will be holding an informal drop-in alongside the well-established Bumps and Babies group on Mondays between 11am and 12noon in Dunmar Court, Oban.

Jaki Lambert, lead midwife at Lorn and Islands Hospital maternity unit, explained Oban was working towards a UNICEF award for supporting those families that choose breastfeeding.

Jaki said: 'Women are the best to be supporting other women who are breastfeeding.'

Midwife Liz Crawford, added: 'All frontline staff, GPs, midwives, health visitors, and practice nurses are in the process of doing the UNICEF training.'

'We are going to launch a shop scheme during national breastfeeding awareness week this month.'



The hammerhead arrangement pontoon at Barcaldine is moored in deep water and has three metres of depth at low water.

## New pontoons installed at Loch Creran marine centre

THE DEVELOPMENT of facilities on the west coast for water sports and related leisure activities continues with the opening at Barcaldine Marine, Loch Creran, of short-term berthing and landing pontoons to improve the service to yachts on long term moorings, and to visitors.

### New pontoon

Located close to existing waterside car parking, the new pontoon was recently constructed by Fusion Marine, which is based at the Marine Resource Centre, home of Barcaldine Marine.

The hammerhead arrangement provides temporary berthing for up to six vessels at a time allowing ease of access for loading/unloading. The pontoon is moored in deep water and has three metres of depth at low water.

Barcaldine Marine currently has 50 deep-water swinging moorings in a minimum depth of six metres. These are professionally laid and serviced and are suitable for vessels up to 11.6m in length or 15 tonnes gross weight, although larger or heavier

vessels can be accommodated on request. In addition visitors' moorings are available for occasional overnight use.

Martin Waterhouse, chief executive of Barcaldine Marine, said: 'The introduction of this temporary loading pontoon is a significant stage in the development of Barcaldine Marine. We currently have 50 swinging moorings and our plan is to extend this to 100 as demand for moorings increases. The availability of the pontoon adjacent to waterside car parking and installed with freshwater supply, WiFi, and night lighting will complement the existing range of services available. Barcaldine Marine has been established as a winter storage facility for 10 years offering indoor and outdoor storage options, the afloat facilities now give the complete year-round package for the yacht owner seeking a base on the west coast of Scotland.'

More information on the range of services at Barcaldine Marine is available on the website: www.barcaldinamarine.co.uk

## It's the taking part that counts.

First prize might not always be a trophy. It might not even be coming first. For kids, their first prize might be hearing someone cheer their name or just being part of the team.

That's why we're proud to support National School Sport Week, to help kids in Scotland get active and enjoy taking part in new sports.

So no matter what place your child finishes, they'll always come away with something.

**Helping kids from over 500 schools take part in sport from 7th to 11th of June.**

The Oban Times  
**HOTLINE**

If you have a story to share, call us on  
**OBAN 01631 568000**  
**FORT WILLIAM 01397 703003**

**Sizzling Summer Deals**

**BBQs**  
**Garden Features**  
**Garden Furniture**  
**Outdoor Heaters**

**HIS**  
Highland Industrial Supplies Ltd  
Unit 2, Ben Nevis Industrial Estate,  
Glasgow, Fort William, PH33 6PR  
Tel 01397 705159 Fax 01397 700722

View our new Outdoor Living range, with Special Offers on selected Gardening Products in store

# The Oban Times

& WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

## Handful of heroes

'When the going get tough - the tough get going' is an old and often over used phrase, but it sums up the actions of a small band of rail travellers who found themselves thrust into a situation that, initially, only they could get themselves out of.

Sunday night's derailment of the Glasgow-Oban train on the West Highland branch line at Loch Awe could have easily resulted in deaths and serious injuries. The fact that there wasn't is nothing short of miraculous.

However, the events immediately after the impact, the reaction and interaction of passengers and rail staff, ensured that those who required help received help and a highly dangerous secondary situation was averted. Perhaps through an underlying human instinct for survival the passengers and crew became a community, finding strength and power by operating collectively. From first-hand accounts of Sunday night, individuals became 'quiet' heroes, doing what needed to be done, saying what needed to be said and creating the positive vibe that overcame a hugely negative situation.

All are full of praise for each other without viewing their own role as important.

The response from all emergency services was swift and efficient as a well-rehearsed action plan, designed specifically for such a horrific incident, swung into play.

The national media focused firmly on the technicalities of a crash that leaves a rural location without its main transport arteries of both road and rail, but the real story behind Sunday night's drama is about people, their bond and their will to survive.

### GLASGOW LETTER

#### West End Festival

FROM small beginnings in 1995, the West End Festival has grown to be a major festival which provides for the huge diversity within the area and beyond.

The Gaels have, of course, been an important part of this diversity and this role is reflected in a number of the events on this year's programme.

Sunday June 13 will see the return of the Mardi Gras to Kelvingrove Park, where it was extremely successful last year. If you are interested in getting a taste of Gaelic, then Partick Library and Learning Centre, on Dumbarton Road, is the place to be on both June 17 and June 24 from 6.30pm to 8pm. This is free but must be booked by phoning Sine MacLean on 0141 339 2022.

I have frequently commented in this column on the excellent facilities for concerts at the College of Piping and it will be the venue for several traditionally related events which are as follows: Sunday June 13, Alastair Savage Trio; June 15 and 16, a Traverse Theatre production 'Lost in Scotland'; June 17, the Whistlebinkies; June 18, the Sugarboat Reivers; June 18, Uilleann piping with Pat McNulty; June 24, Ken Campbell's Ideal Band and on Friday June 25, Donald Black and Friends.

I shall provide more details about the Donald Black concert next week but last year his concert was a sell-out so it would be advisable to buy tickets early. The telephone number for the college is 0141 334 3587.

During the day on Saturday June 26 there will be Highland Games at Hillhead Sports Club, Hughenden Road, from 10.30am until 5.30pm with all the usual activities associated with such games. This will be followed that evening with a Festival Final Fling Ceilidh from 7pm until midnight where music will be provided by Kinlochard Ceilidh Band.

The above is only a

small part of the festival. The whole programme can be viewed on www.westendfestival.co.uk. There is plenty to be enjoyed for all tastes, both indoors and outdoors.

#### Reminder

TICKETS have been selling fast for the concert in the City Halls to celebrate 10 years of Sgoil Ghaidhlig Ghlaschu on Monday June 14.

The evening will feature pupils from the school together with Kathleen MacInnes, Cathy Ann MacPhee, Sineag MacIntyre, Catriona Watt and tutors from the school Norrie MacIver and Djorge Gajic. Tickets are available from the City Halls or from the school.

#### Gaelic quiz

THE NEXT Gaelic Quiz evening will take place in the Argyll Hotel, Sauchiehall Street, next door to the Snaffle Bit, on Wednesday June 16 at 7.30pm.

With an entry fee of only £2 and music also being provided this is an opportunity for a good evening of fun. For more details contact Sine MacLean at telephone 0141 339 2022.

#### Diary dates

**Thursday June 10:** A Celebration of Scotch Whisky with Iain MacFarlane and friends, Tolbooth, Stirling, 8pm. Gaelic Service, Partick Downvale Free Church, 7.30pm.

**Friday June 11:** Jenna Reid's Jan Baalsrud and the Shetland Bus, Tolbooth, Stirling, 8pm.

**Sunday June 13:** Alastair Savage Trio, College of Piping, 7.30pm.

#### Pub scene

MUSIC in the Park Bar this weekend will be provided by Andrew MacDonald's Band on Friday, Monach Isles on Saturday and Stewart Cameron/Simon Moran on Sunday while in the Islay Inn it will be Parting Glass on Friday and Crooked Reel on Saturday.

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

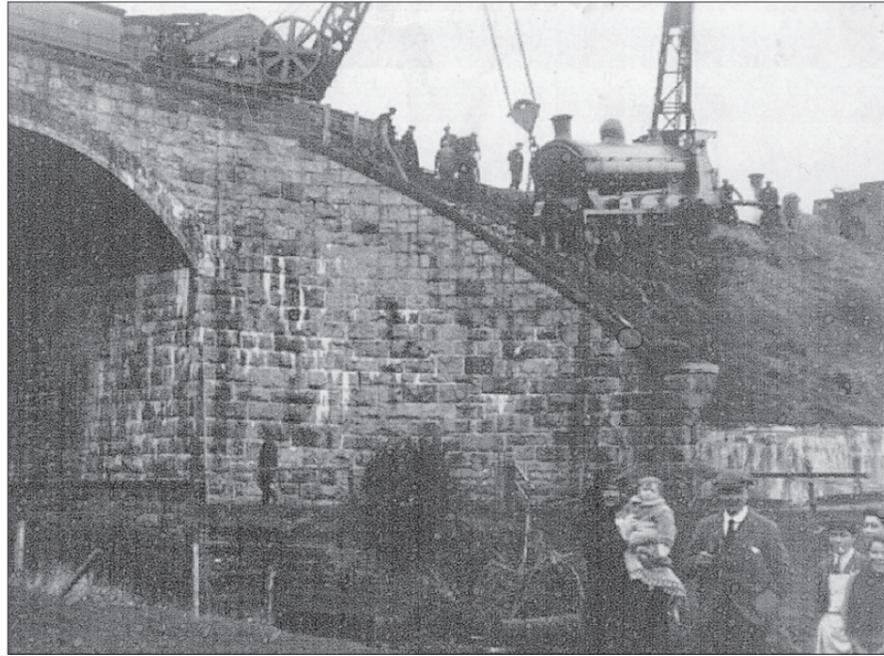
### PRESS POLICY

WEAT The Oban Times do our utmost to make sure that all our reports are fair, accurate and balanced, but we accept that, on occasion, mistakes can occur in the hectic process of producing the biggest local newspaper in the West Highlands.

It is the policy of The Oban Times Group to correct any errors in print. If you find an error of fact on our pages please write to The Editor, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB giving your daytime telephone number where possible. This statement of policy will appear on this page every week along with any corrections or clarifications.

The Oban Times adheres to the Press Complaints' Commission's Code of Conduct.

The views expressed in The Oban Times are not necessarily those of this newspaper.



## Connel Bridge train accident - early 20th century

Just a week before Sunday's derailment on the Glasgow to Oban line, Les Stewart from Connel had been given this picture of a train accident on Connel Bridge at the beginning of the 20th century. The picture is owned by Oban barber Tommy Fagan. We would like readers to send in flashback photographs. Please send prints to *The Oban Times*, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, or email editor@obantimes.co.uk. Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

## Letters to the editor

PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB  
email: editor@obantimes.co.uk

www.obantimes.co.uk

Telephone: 01631 568000  
Fax: 01631 568001

### Stop youths drinking at McCaig's Tower

Sir,  
Oban is rightly proud of McCaig and the tower which he left as his architectural legacy.

The tower is a rewarding visitor attraction for all those willing and able to climb the 60 metres from George Street.

So why, in the evening, when people come to admire the sunset over Mull, do we allow it to be taken over by youths swilling alcoholic drinks? Why do we promote it as a symbol of the town, yet allow visitors to feel uncomfortable, especially having made the climb?

Why do we tolerate the empty drinks bottles and other litter that is left by the uncaring?

The same can be said of Jacob's Ladder, which has become an evening no-go area for ordinary people and a litter-ridden eye-sore at all times.

We need a drink prohibition in these parts of the town so that they remain an attractive place to visit. Even though enforcement will be

difficult, an order sends a signal that the majority do not want the town's reputation to be tarnished. **Professor Ian Reid, Duncraggan Road, Oban.**

### Inch Kenneth always accessible to the public

Sir,  
In response to the article 'Inch Kenneth now accessible to the public', Inch Kenneth has always been accessible to the public, especially in the last five years that we have been caretakers.

Tourists and locals have contacted us and whenever possible we have taken them across. Ask any member of Mull Historical Society or the Clan Maclean Gathering.

At this time of year we always try our best to stay away from the beaches where birds are nesting, making sure that visitors are aware of this and avoid the shoreline.

After meetings with Mull Charters, it was agreed that they would land at a designated spot which is away from the house and nesting areas, and also allowed access to the Chapel and the rest of the island.

Sadly, this has not been the case. Imagine twice a week, maximum 12 people walking over a beach on which oyster catchers and other ground nesting birds are nesting. Surely this is detrimental to wildlife preservation? **Wayne Hamilton, Hamilton estate manager.**

### Keep the Lochaber archives open

Sir,  
I recently learned there are plans to close the Highland Council archives at Lochaber College in Fort William.

As a serious researcher studying emigration from Lochaber to Canada in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, I would like to voice my strong opposition to such a move.

I have spent about 10 days in Fort William in each of the past two years identifying and assessing the resources available to do a comprehensive study of emigration from the region.

I was so delighted with the archives at the college last year that I spent three full days going through some of the Lochiel records and I was hoping to spend even more

time there in September 2010. Darren McFadden was especially helpful in suggesting various records and accommodating my needs. I greatly appreciated such ready and easy access to documentation on an area in the Highlands where there is such a dearth of early information.

It would be a great pity to close such a wonderful research facility.

Although I understand the need to curtail unnecessary spending at all levels of government in the UK in these difficult economic times, I feel it would be a mistake in the long run to close the archives.

There has been a recent surge of interest in Highland social history throughout Australia, New Zealand, the US and especially Canada in recent years. Lochaber has long been neglected by social historians.

A knowledge of history creates a sense of identity which is central to facing the challenges ahead. I would therefore urge Highland Council to keep the archives open at Lochaber College in Fort William.

**Cecil McPhee, MA, Quebec, Canada.**

### ISLAY LETTER

#### New president

GLASGOW Islay Association has elected Malcolm Campbell, a former vice president, as the new head of the organisation.

He takes over the reins from Peter Campbell who, over the past three years, has tirelessly served the association's cause and promoted its aims.

The new president, who is principal technician at Govan High School, is the only son of Margaret and Islay Campbell of Bowmore. He and his wife Elizabeth, nee Crawford, also from Bowmore, live with their daughters Alison and Clare in Erskine.

The group's new secretary is Sheila Loach and treasurer Janette MacArthur continues to control the purse strings. Three new names have been added to the committee and 19 new members have joined the association ranks over the past year.

The funding appeal for the renovation of the Iain Og Ile monument at Bridgend, originally provided by An Comunn Ileach, is ongoing and a special tartan has been struck to mark the association's 150th anniversary in two years' time.

The Glasgow Ilich will again have a presence at the Islay Show on August 12 and all money raised will help fund the anniversary celebrations.

We all wish Malcolm a successful term of presidency and commend Peter on keeping the Islay flag flying high and proud in Glasgow's Gàidhealtachd.

#### Beach rugby

PORT Ellen will be bursting at the seams on Saturday when the annual

beach rugby extravaganza takes place thanks to the continuing sponsorship of Bruichladdich Distillery.

A record number of 32 teams have entered and they are certain to attract a large contingent of local and mainland supporters. Even Caledonian MacBrayne is getting into the act with the diversion of two of its ferry services to Port Ellen to meet demand.

Events kick off at 1pm and culminate with the beach rugby dance which is not for the faint hearted!

#### Fire station open day

BOWMORE community fire station is holding its first open day on July 3 from midday until 4pm.

An exhibition on fire safety in the home will be a feature along with a barbecue and sideshows. All proceeds will go to the Anthony Nolan Trust.

#### Volunteers recognised and sought

MSP JIM Mather handed over a number of certificates to a group of young island volunteers in recognition of their contribution to local charitable organisations.

Following the presentations, lunch was enjoyed at Ionad Chaluim Chille Ile.

Other volunteers are sought for the community garden at Bridgend where the growing season is well underway. Potential green fingered helpers should contact 07767 688051.

#### Memorial dedicated

THE MEMORIAL to the nine airmen who lost their lives when their

Sunderland flying boat crashed at Blackrock on the night of January 24 1943 was officially dedicated at the crash site on May 26.

Around 70 people attended the ceremony which was conducted by Episcopalian clergyman the Rev Ken Skipper. This was followed by a flypast by a Lossiemouth-based RAF Tornado piloted by Flight Lieutenant Dan Kurnow.

The memorial, built by Nerabus contractor Douglas Smith, was inspired and financed by Squadron Leader Alan Deller who was based in Islay when the crash occurred. The dedication was masterminded by the Museum of Islay Life and its representative Dr Malcolm Ogilvie addressed those gathered to pay their respects.

Sadly, advancing years and increasing frailty prevented Squadron Leader Deller from attending the dedication but in a letter to the organising committee he wrote from his home in Kent: 'Let us now have in our minds renewed thoughts of the many traumas endured, in some cases even for seconds, by all those in any way concerned; let us then be glad that, by the efforts of so many others, the memory of those who perished and those who lived on, in a great and noble cause, is now appropriately celebrated.'

#### Congratulations

MANY happy returns to Rhinns Gael Donald MacFadyen who celebrated his 80th birthday on June 6. Meal ar naidheadh agus a h-uile beannachd. **Hugh Smith, 4 Flora Street, Bowmore, Islay, PA43 7JX. Telephone: 01496 810658.**

## A view from the tower

by McCaig

### Bring on the dinosaurs!

FROM early on in the recent General Election it was obvious that those political parties in Scotland which were making rather absurd claims of quite substantial potential gains were either kidding themselves or using very poor polling methods in constituencies, or resorting to 'It will be alright on the night' expectations, or furiously stroking a white rabbit's foot.

Anyone with reasonable knowledge of the mood of the electorate knew that no matter how often Alex Salmond claimed that the SNP would have 22 seats in Westminster - as he did to me in a radio interview less than a week before election day - he was kidding himself and no-one else.

Similarly, the Tories' dream of winning 10 seats in Scotland was fantasy, utter fantasy.

And so it proved to be as neither party increased their representation despite working extremely hard.

It has to be said that both leaders worked indefatigably to try to win over hearts and minds but with apparently little success.

For the Tories particularly it was a bad result. The seats in Scotland they failed to win denied David Cameron an overall majority and forced him into a coalition - a good thing to my mind.

But where does this leave the Scottish Parliamentary leader Annabel Goldie? Surely, it is past time that David Cameron, as the UK Tory Party Leader, stepped in and took drastic action.

But, no, he seems to have washed his hands of the situation for the present and allowed the hierarchy of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association to make even bigger blunders than ever before by digging out the 'dinosaurs' of yesteryear and asking them to solve the party's current and future problems.

Two aged figures in particular seem to have been dragged in: Bill Walker, former MP, right-wing fundamentalist, again the Scottish Parliament and probably still a 'hanger' and a 'flogger'. Add Lord Sanderson of Bowden - almost 80 - a minister under Margaret Thatcher and almost a replica of Bill Walker although a much more pleasant character, and a few other 'has-beens' and downright failures and there you have the Commission to sort out the Tory Party in Scotland.

David Cameron needs to step in urgently if he wants to have a right-of-centre party in Scotland. Who does he replace all the dead-wood with?

It should be Lord (Michael) Forsyth of Drumlean, a former Secretary of State for Scotland and an MP who held his Stirling seat

against hellish odds. It might even help further that he is currently chairman of a major merchant bank!

### Honour Iain in a practical way

WHILE I agree that the late Iain Crichton Smith, a major Scottish poet and former English teacher at Oban High School, should be honoured, I'm not sure that a plaque is the way in which Iain would like to be remembered.

I can hear that distinctive laugh of his at such an idea.

He was essentially a humble man who set no great store by honorary degrees, literary awards or even his OBE.

I reckon I was the first Oban High School pupil who was seized by him as he arrived at the school on his first morning and was told in his heavy Lewis accent: 'Take me to the gents staffroom, boy, if you can find it through the smog of tobacco smoke!'

As I was going into sixth year I wasn't quite sure whether I was pleased about the 'boy' but as soon as he spoke I knew who he was.

He was 'the Weed' and will always be so in a most affectionate way.

During that year, and for all the years until he died, he was a good, kind friend and - as a poet should be - a slight eccentric. I well remember meeting him heading for Kerrera Ferry to talk to the ferryman Mr Beaton.

On inquiring why he explained that 'The Observer' newspaper was sending a photographer to take his picture to go with one of his poems and he wished to make arrangements with Mr Beaton about the photograph and whether he would be happy to be in it.

When I said to him that Mr Beaton was on the telephone and that his number was such and such, he seemed dumbfounded, thanked me for the suggestion but said that such serious business needed to be dealt with between two gentlemen in person!

A couple of weeks later, the famous female photographer turned up and was overpowered by Iain reciting the poem which duly appeared the following Sunday and on a number of subsequent Sundays with a selection of his poems.

By all means have the plaque at Oban High School, but let's see if we can raise funds for a scholarship in his name. I know that would please him much more than a plaque.

McCaig

### YOUR LETTERS

THE EDITOR welcomes letters of approximately 300 words in length for publication on this page. The editor also reserves the right to shorten, to amend or to refuse to print them. Names and postal addresses must be supplied, including on emails, to indicate good faith. A daytime telephone number is also required for verification. Anonymous letters or those supplied without a contact telephone number will not be printed. Please write or fax to: Letters page, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB. Fax: 01631 568001. Email editor@obantimes.co.uk.

# Quality not quantity counts at Oban mòd



Còisir Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige, Rockfield School, Oban, won the Puirt-a-Beul for under 13s as well as a number of individual prizes. 07\_t24mod01

THE ENTRY in Oban and District Provincial Mòd was smaller than in recent years, but of a high standard, organisers have said.

Oban High School was the venue for 50 speaking and music competitions with entrants from Argyll and beyond.

Secretary Alex MacLean said: 'It was a smaller meeting than we hoped, unfortunately there were lots of withdrawals. But it was a good mòd and there were some excellent standards. I think probably the outstanding result would be Malcolm Clark, who achieved 92 for music and 92 for Gaelic in both of his competitions.'

Malcolm has made a third bid for

the silver pendant, but due to lack of entries in the qualifying male singing competitions, the coveted title could not be awarded. In fact, Malcolm's uncle, Jack Anderson, was the last man to receive the silver pendant at the Oban mòd more than a decade ago.

The standard of Gaelic being taught in Argyll's Gaelic Medium Units was also marked out for praise by one adjudicator watching the junior competitions.

Four senior choirs competed: Còisir Ghàidhlig an Eilean Mhuilich, Còisir Ceann an Tuirc, Còisir Ghàidhlig Thigh an Uillt and Oban Gaelic Choir.



Bun-Sgoil Lios Mòr, Lismore Primary School, took part in the action song class, all about the day they went to Glasgow. 07\_t24mod19



Fifteen-year-old Malcolm Clark made his third bid for the silver pendant, only to be denied because the qualifying classes were too small. 07\_t24mod04



Merle Harbrun won the 13-15 year-old violin competition. 07\_t24mod06



There were three entrants in the clarsach competitions: Samantha Parkinson, Megan Keys and Jessica Swan. 07\_t24mod07

Na Liosaich from the island of Lismore the folk group competition. 07\_t24mod18



Calum McLuckie, aged seven, picked up a prize for poetry reciting. 07\_t24mod09



Taynuilt Gaelic Choir were delighted to win both their competitions, the Puirt-a-Beul and open mixed. 07\_t24mod20



Shannon MacLean took home the Annie Lindsay MacLellan Cup for her version of An gille dubh cha trèig mi in the girls solo, aged 9-12 class. 07\_t24mod17



Còisir Ghàidhlig an Eilean Mhuilich made the journey over from Mull to take part in the Oban mòd. 07\_t24mod24



Sandy NicDhòmhnaill Jones from South Uist travelled all the way from Inverness to take part. She won gold in two singing classes. 07\_t24mod14



Oban Gaelic Choir with conductor Sileas Sinclair. 07\_t24mod23

Local Origins Rural Network  
**Woolfest**  
17th & 19th June  
Benderloch  
local food & crafts demonstrations  
displays / courses  
gaelic walking groups  
Contact 01631 720223  
woolfest@lorn.org.uk  
www.lorn.org.uk

**Oban and Lorn Tourism Association**  
www.oban.org.uk the definitive web guide to Oban that enjoys 20 million hits per year.  
We can help you to help your business. Visit: **www.oban.org.uk** TODAY!

**TIMES FORUM**  
WWW.OBANTIMES.CO.UK

what's on	
CINEMA LISTINGS >	Highland Theatre
SEX & THE CITY 2	CERT 15
Fri 8.00 Sat/Sun 5.00, 8.00 Mon-Thur 7.00	
FOUR LIONS	CERT 15
Fri 6.30, Sat/Sun 3.00, 6.30, Mon-Wed 7.30, Thurs 6.30	
BAD LEUTENANT	CERT 18
Fri, Sat, Sun, Thurs 8.30	
ALICE IN WONDERLAND	CERT PG
Fri 6.00, Sat/Sun Matinee 3.30	
Throughout June >	Jean Feeney
FW Holroyd, Balachullish	
Thursday 10 June >	Woolfest Benderloch
Saturday 12 June >	Agricultural Show Camusdarach, Arisaig
Sunday 13 June >	Mountain Bike Race Nevis Range

WHAT'S ON  
in association with the Highland Cinema, George Street, Oban Tel: 01631 562444

**ARGYLL ANIMAL AID**

**MAX**  
collie cross. Nice nature. Needs a companion with plenty of time for him.  
Contact Jean on 01631 566406  
aaa.rescueteam@btconnect.com  
www.smallpaws.co.uk  
Reg. charity SCO13211

**gig argyll** your essential guide to live music in argyll

Every Thursday >	Karaoke
The Woody	
Every Sunday >	Quiz Night
Markie Dans	
Thursday 10 June >	Live music
Markie Dans	with Sandra Macbeth - 9.30pm
Friday 11 June >	George Noble
The Woody	
Friday 11 June >	Live music
Markie Dans	with Scott MacDonald - 9.30pm
Friday 11 June >	RSAMD Students Tour
Skipinnish Ceilidh House	
Saturday 12 June >	Danny Carroll
The Woody	
Saturday 12 June >	Singles Pool Competition
The Woody	2pm
Saturday 12 June >	Daimh & Buille
Sunart Centre, Strontian	
Friday 18 June >	Brass Monkeys
The Woody	
Wednesday 7 July >	Spiers & Boden Saltfishforty
Eden Court, Inverness	
Friday 23 July >	Crooked Reel
Skipinnish Ceilidh House	
Monday 2 August >	Skerryvore
Skipinnish Ceilidh House	

## YOUR STARS WITH PATRICK ARUNDEL

**ARIES Mar 21st - Apr 20th** 090 6612 4520  
The big mover this week is Venus. Well, that is for a tiny planet. But she glides into the most glamorous of the zodiac signs, Leo, and in the most super, funky part of your horoscope. This also sets up a delicious link with both Jupiter and Uranus in your zodiac sign. If you are looking for a new start in love, the portents are superb. A real sense of excitement is clear. Call for more...

**TAURUS Apr 21st - May 21st** 090 6612 4521  
You can gain enormously from someone's wisdom. This could be an inspiring teacher if you are a student or if you're interested in personal development, a new source of information can give you greater understanding of yourself and life, which can prove both comforting and reassuring. People with unique ideas, can resonate that much more strongly. Call now for more news and advice...

**GEMINI May 22nd - Jun 21st** 090 6612 4522  
You can be a bubbly person and this week's astral picture is going to do everything to help you to show this to the full. Expect to be Popularity Central with all sorts of interesting invites and people making a beeline to gain from your buzzy vibe. Your imagination can also be awesome. This is a time of very rare celestial magic. Do use it to the full Gemini. Call for your in-depth forecast...

**CANCER Jun 22nd - Jul 23rd** 090 6612 4523  
Your business and financial horoscope is looking exceptionally promising. However, to make this count, you might need to take a break from the past. So, if an unusual job is advertised or your boss asks you to take on a different type of role, it may turn out to be one of the best things that's ever happened to you. Stay open-minded and on your toes! Call for your financial scope in full...

**LEO Jul 24th - Aug 23rd** 090 6612 4524  
Is there anyone prowling around the astral jungle who is quite as beautiful as you Leo? Absolutely not and of course, I'm showing temerity by even begging the question. After all, I wouldn't want to hurt your pride...But seriously, as glamour girl Venus arrives in your sign, this is your chance to strut your stuff. So, puff out your chest and dazzle and beguile. Call me for your love scope in full...

**VIRGO Aug 24th - Sep 23rd** 090 6612 4525  
If you're in a love relationship where one of you tends to be rather controlling, this can be a crucial phase. You'd be wise not to take a partner for granted. Secrets can have a habit of tumbling into the open, or are you going to surprise yourself by a compulsive attraction to someone new and rather mysterious? If you're cautious, continue to mull things over. Call for your love scope in full...

**LIBRA Sep 24th - Oct 23rd** 090 6612 4526  
Your love life is going to be a time of thrills, and yes perhaps the odd skirmish. Why? Because you are starting to crave excitement, but at the same time you must understand you can't just get this from the person you are interested in, fancy or live with. It has to come from a change in your outlook too. So, don't settle for second best, but be proactive. Call me now for your love scope...

**SCORPIO Oct 24th - Nov 22nd** 090 6612 4527  
Polish your image. Giving an air of capability comes naturally to you, but now your stylish persona can open the doors of possibility at work too. Your relationships with a boss can improve or someone influential can take you under their wing and try to guide you. Novel ideas can do well, so win over a skeptical audience by giving a slick presentation. Call for more news and advice...

**SAGITTARIUS Nov 23rd - Dec 21st** 090 6612 4528  
One of your greatest gifts is your inquisitiveness. Some people take life at face value, but not you, the more you can probe and journey into new and exciting vistas, the better. Between now and August can be a very positive period to engage in the new and the exotic. In relationships, you might find yourself being pulled to someone very spicy indeed. Call now for your love scope in full...

**CAPRICORN Dec 22nd - Jan 20th** 090 6612 4529  
You are the sign of the traditional, but some of your interests and ideas have been anything but in recent years and now you can apply your inventiveness to the home. This may see you suddenly up sticks and move to a new environment or search on-line to understand who your ancestors were. Your abode can also be used for gatherings or a party plan night. Call me now for more news...

**AQUARIUS Jan 21st - Feb 19th** 090 6612 4530  
Venus sweeps into your opposite sign and even the trickiest of opponents or rivals can seem that much less daunting to get along with. Your mind is working superbly well too and if you need to find the right choice of words to make a good impression, you can come across in a quirky but very genuine way, one which can help to melt any barriers to you. Call your prediction line for more...

**PISCES Feb 20th - Mar 20th** 090 6612 4531  
Finding cash hard to come by? Stay resolutely assured that you can unlock the solutions to this. Modern technology is a sure fire way to improve things and even if you just sell a few unwanted goods on-line, it can give your confidence a boost and put some extra dough into the kitty. Part-time roles may also be of interest - especially if you can do more than one. Call for your financial scope...

SP: Pronto Ltd, PO Box 52785 EC1P 1TY  
Calls cost 60p per minute from standard landline  
For entertainment purposes only

## Little learners take to the catwalk

THERE were some very young models strolling down the catwalk at a charity fashion show in Oban last week.

Staff, children and friends of the Little Learners Nursery at Dunstaffnage got dressed up in the latest fashions at M&Co in the town to raise funds for new equipment.

'Great' Manager Kathleen McNiven said the event raised £426, which will be spent on their outdoor garden area and new computer equipment. She said: 'It was really great; everyone enjoyed it. I would like to thank Mackays and also the Argyll College hair and beauty students for doing our hair and make up.'



Young models from Little Learners took to the catwalk, to raise funds for the nursery. 07\_t24fash01

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Craig Lodge, Dalmally  
01838 200216  
**Garden Fête**  
In Aid of  
Mary's Meals  
Garden Open to Visitors  
Plants for Sale  
Cream Teas  
Children's Activities  
**Sunday 20th June 2010**  
1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

**Lorn School of Dance**  
Summer Show  
'Dancers Tales'  
Friday 25th June  
7pm  
St Columba's Cathedral Hall  
All welcome. Free Entry  
Bring a bottle!

To advertise in the  
**WHAT'S ON COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**  
Telephone:  
**01631 568000**

Scottland's Garden Scheme  
Charity Number SC011337  
**Lip na Cloich Garden Nursery**  
Ulva Ferry, Isle of Mull  
**GARDEN OPEN**  
11.00am - 5.00pm  
12th & 13th June  
Homemade Teas  
Admission £3.00

**Ewes and lambs in demand at Dalmally**

UNITED Auctions held their annual June sale of all classes of cattle and sheep at Dalmally Auction Mart last Saturday.

Store cattle sold at levels comparing favourably to current trends.

Bullocks sold to 208p per kilo from Bragleenmore and Salum, Tiree.

Heifers sold to 196p per kilo for Shorthorn crosses from Pitcastle Farms.

Breeding cows sold to £1,400 for a cow and calf from 103 Caman, South Uist.

Ewes and lambs sold at enhanced values and to £137 for cross ewes and twins from Clachan, Tiree.

Eild ewes sold to £85.50 from 18 West Gerinish, South Uist.

A catalogued entry of 132 cattle and 1,097 sheep were cleared at satisfactory rate

**Prime trade eases at Dingwall**

DINGWALL and Highland Marts Ltd sold 64 prime cattle and 68 prime sheep at Dingwall last Tuesday.

Prime bullocks averaged 158.5p (-1.0p) and sold to 183p per kg for a 580kg Limousin cross from Findon Mains, Culbokie to Fraser Brothers Butchers, Dingwall, and £1,138.25 for a 725kg Simmental cross also from Findon Mains.

Prime heifers averaged 158.2p (-3.4p) and sold to 177p per kg for a 460kg Limousin cross from Bridgend Farm, Dingwall and £1,051.35 for a 645kg Charolais cross from Mountrich Farm, Dingwall.

New season lambs averaged 198.4p and sold to 220.9p per kg and £95 for 43kg Texel crosses from Wester Moy, Urray, to Fraser Brothers Butchers, Dingwall.

Old season lambs averaged 145.6p (-17.7p) and sold to 160.9p per kg and £74 for a 46kg Suffolk crosses from Rhevackin, Kiltarlity to John M. Munro Ltd., Dingwall.

**Stirling prime sale**

UNITED Auctions sold 2,202 prime sheep including 1,548 hogs averaging 153.98p (-6.16p), and 378 spring lambs averaging 205p (-1.9p), plus 276 ewes and rams at Stirling last Thursday.

Texel lambs from Abbey sold to £108.50, with Continentals from Penston to £108 and 208p.



Luing cows with calves at foot were in demand at Walleys Marts, Castle Douglas during the herd reduction sale for Messrs Cadzow Brothers, Isle of Luing

**Luing herd reduction attracts keen interest at Castle Douglas**

WALLEYS Marts Castle Douglas Limited met a very strong trade for quality breeding cattle when the company staged a reduction sale of 243 Luing cows and calves, 11 yearling heifers and six stock bulls, on behalf of Messrs Cadzow Bros, Ardlarach, Island of Luing, at Castle Douglas.

**Busy ringside**

This was the largest sale of Luing cows to ever have been held and, as such, drew a ringside of enthusiasts from all over the country.

Trade for all classes was excellent throughout with stronger cows and heifer calves being in particular demand.

The 122 cows with heifer calves averaged £1800.49 whilst 121 cows with bull calves averaged £1460.89, giving an overall average of £1631.39.

**Breeding cows**

With the cows all recently calved and ready to go back to the bull a joint top price of £2,520 was achieved on no less than three different occasions.

Firstly Lot 105, Achafollos



There was much interest in the Luing sale at Castle Douglas with many of the audience having travelled from the north west coast

4K36 - a 2008 born heifer - with her polled heifer calf sold to Messrs Crawford, Blairhour Farm, Dalmally.

The next up was Lot 126 Ballycastle 6J670 - a 2007 born cow - with her polled heifer calf sold to J Fawcett & Co, Merklund, Thornhill.

Final call at £2,520 was Lot 148 Clachan 8G33 - a

2005 born cow - with her heifer calf at foot which sold to Mulholland Contractors, Ettrickschaws, Ettrick Bridge.

Yearling heifers also met a flying trade to top at £1,491 and average at £1,151.50.

The six stock bulls met a with plenty of interest with the top bid at £5,775 for

Luing Gaffer, a five-year-old homebred bull which sold to Messrs Dalglish, Burnfoot, Sanquhar.

Next highest call was £3,360 paid for Nunnerie Hendy - a four-year-old bull bred originally by Mr A McArthur, Elvanfoot. The six bulls averaged £3,062.50.

**Minister runs an eye over Isle of Mull eagles**

ENVIRONMENT minister Roseanna Cunningham visited Mull, at the invitation of NFU Scotland (NFUS), to meet farmers who are trying to strike a balance between managing the habitat of white-tailed sea eagles and successful farming businesses.

The minister visited Knock Farm, near Salen, home to Lachlan and Donald Maclean. The farm hosts golden and white-tailed sea eagles and includes sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Protection Area (SPA).

The visit then extended to viewing points on Loch Ba to study the proximity of nest sites and the density of the white-tailed sea eagle population in relation to the extensive nature of farming in the area.

Mull's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) officer Dave Sexton who is responsible for monitoring nest sites and liaising with farmers, crofters and the wider public joined the group.

NFUS member Lachlan Maclean, who hosted the visit, said: 'We illustrated clearly to the Minister how the white-tailed sea eagle's presence has had a relatively small area of Scotland, with knock-on impact on fragile hill farms and crofts on the island.'

'Farmers recognise that the reintroduction of the white-tailed sea eagle has been a real success in terms of conservation but that farmers have had to bear some of the cost of this, with no obvious benefits in return.'



'Our aim is to work with the Scottish Government and conservation groups to find practical ways of minimising these effects while fulfilling the potential for conservation and farming to go hand in hand.'

'In particular we are studying means of improving lambing percentages and the productivity of hill lambs, while finding ways of preventing live lamb predation without jeopardising the white-tailed sea eagle.'

'We believe a happy medium can be found where conservation's gain is not farming's loss and vice versa, and were grateful that the Minister came to Mull so that we could discuss this with her in person.'

Environment Minister Roseanna Cunningham said: 'The reintroduction of sea eagles to Mull has been a conservation success story, enhancing biodiversity and attracting additional tourists and boosting the island economy.'

'The farmers I have visited today are demonstrating how we can balance conservation with farming and economic development.'

'There are many challenges in striking the right balance between our immediate economic needs and longer-term conservation needs but I wholeheartedly believe that this can be found.'

**Hogs with lambs sell to £165 at Stirling**

UNITED Auctions sold 431 store cattle and 70 cast cows and 157 hoggets with lambs at foot including at Stirling last Wednesday.

Texel hogs with Beltex singles at foot from Netherwood sold to £165, with Mule hogs with twins from Gibblaston also fetching £160.

Bullocks averaged 177.24p (+5.26p) and sold to 232p per kg for a 287kg Limousin cross from Dyke and £925 for a 554kg Limousin cross from Craigend.

Bullocks from Skipness sold to £790 and 222.6p per kilo. Heifers averaged 164.32p (-0.28p) and sold to 183.8p per kg for a 246kg Charolais cross from Bowleys and £880 for a 609kg Limousin cross from Craigend.

Cast cows averaged 105.73p and sold to 148.20p Limousin cross from Craigend and £945 for a Saler cross from Craigend.

**Skye crofters investigate 'soft' option**

THE SCOTTISH Crofting Federation (SCF) has responded to the increasing demand for soft fruit in remote areas of the crofting counties with a two-day study tour designed to help crofter-growers increase their own production.

Under SCF's Crofting Resources Programme, part of which aims to train and mentor food producers, 16 soft fruit growers from crofts mainly in Skye and north-west Sutherland visited fruit farms in Moray and the Black Isle to learn about techniques which could be transferred to their smaller operations.

The group toured farms accompanied by specialist horticulture tutor Dr Audrey Litterick, of Audrey Litterick Consulting.

She said: 'The tour visited four very different growers from small organic to hi-tec systems, and offered a range of practical and technical sessions with plenty of space to ask questions. By the end of the tour, the growers felt they had thought as hard as they could about the issues, and had gathered ideas to help them move their own production on.'

Ian Brown of Skyeberries, Edinbane grows open-air blueberry, raspberry and currant production under challenging soil and climatic conditions. He is chairman of Skye and Lochalsh Horticultural Community Interest Company, and supplies to top-end markets like the Three Chimneys and Kinloch Lodge.

Mr Brown said: 'Although I won't be directly copying any of the production methods I saw on the bigger farms, the tour helped me see more clearly what I need to do to renovate and regenerate my business.'

SCF's project co-ordinator Donald Murdie said the tour had left producers feeling optimistic about their prospects. He said: 'Most of the people were established growers, and they came back enthused, wishing to try out different techniques.'

'There is a massive demand for local soft fruit in the islands and west coast which is not currently being met. It's a good paying crop with a guaranteed market.'

**Market reports**

**DALMALLY United Auctions**

**Bullocks**  
CharolaisX: £725  
Bragleenmore £650 Salum, Tiree £640(2) and £520 Bragleenmore.

LimousinX: £775 103 Caman, Uist £725 Salum, Tiree £695(2) Clachan, Tiree £685(2) Salum £640(2) Clachan £630 Salum £625(2) Ellary Farms Ltd £600 Garraron and Melfort Farms £590 Salum.

ShorthornX: £500(6) Ellary Farms Ltd.

SimmentalX: £670 Dunans.

**Heifers**  
CharolaisX: £655 Salum, Tiree £585 and £580 Bragleenbeg £560 Salum.

LimousinX: £640(2) Salum £635 Clachan (2) and Salum (4) £610(2) Clachan £590(2) Ellary Farms Ltd £585(2) Clachan.

ShorthornX: £800(2), £620 and £560 Pitcastle Estate.

SimmentalX: £640(2) and £525 Rhoin, Campbeltown.

**Bulls**  
Limousin: £725 103 Caman, Uist £615(2) and £545(2) Garraron and Melfort Farms.

**Breeding cattle**  
Cows with bull calves at foot: £1400, £1180, £1150, £1120 and £1000 - 103 Caman, Uist. £1380 1 Airidhmbuillin, Uist. £1000 and £900 Killean Estate Farms.

Cows with heifer calves at foot: £1350, £1250, 1200, £1100 and £900 103 Caman, Uist. £1000, £950 and £900

Killean Estate Farms. Heifers with calves at foot: £1050 and £1000 Killean Estate Farms.

In-calf heifers: £1080 103 Caman, Uist.

**Prices per kilo**

**Bullocks**  
CharolaisX: 208p, 203p(2) and 191p Bragleenmore.

LimousinX: 208p and 196p(2) Salum, Tiree 193p Ellary Farms Ltd and Brackley.

**Heifers**  
LimousinX: 183p - Clachan, Tiree (2), Salum, Tiree (2) and Ellary Farms Ltd.

ShorthornX: 196p(2) Pitcastle Estate

**Sheep**  
Cross ewes with twins: £137 Clachan Tiree £134 Ellary Farms Ltd £133 83 Borge,

Barra £132 Dunans £131 Clachan, Tiree £114 Ellary Farms Ltd.

Cross ewes with singles: £112 Silvercraigs £107 Clachan Tiree £100 Tigh Na Mara, Barra.

Blackface ewes with twins: £106 Strathorchy and Ellary Farms Ltd £104 Ellary Farms Ltd £102 Silvercraigs.

Blackface ewes with singles: £97 Strathorchy £85 83 Borge, Barra and Ellary Farms.

Eild ewes: £85.50 18 West Gerinish, Uist £75 83 Borge, Barra £61 108 Upper Borge, Barra £60 18 West Gerinish, Uist

Hoggs: £67.50 15 Ardmhor, Barra £60 and £59 6 Leanish, Barra

**STIRLING United Auctions**

**Bullocks**  
Up to 250kg - Bowleys £460, 219p; 251-300kgs - Dyke £665, 232p;

301-350kgs - Skipness £740, Dyke 222.6p; 351-400kgs - Skipness £790, 213.1p;

401-450kgs - Auchencloigh £840, 197.5p;

451-500kgs - Craigend £850, 177.8p;

501-550kgs - Craigend £890, 168.9p;

551-600kgs - Craigend £925, 167p;

601-650kgs - Castle £880, 141.5p.

**Heifers:**  
Up to 250kg Bowleys £450, 183.8p;

251-300kg - Altewan £540, 180p;

301-350kgs - Barbae £580, Almont 172p;

351-400kgs - Auchencloigh £680, 179.4p;

401-450kgs - Auchencloigh £760, 175.9p;

451-500kgs - Craigend £785, 166.7p;

501-550kgs - Craigend £775, 143.7p;

551-600kg - Castle Farm £770, 132.8p;

601-650kgs - Craigend £880, 144.5p.

OTM Cows: Craigend (Sal) £945, 113p;

Langraw (Lim) £885, Craigend 148.2p; Titwood (AA) £855, Wester BLeaton 126.6p

OTM Bulls; Binn (Lim) £1100, 111.4p; (AA) £1015, 107.1p.

**DESPERATELY WANTED FOR EXPORT**  
all used tractors from 1960 to 2010  
top prices paid, immediate inspection and payment  
from Belarus Zetor to Fendt, Johndeere, Massey Ferguson.  
Newholland Valtra Same, Deutz Fahr Landini Case ih

any condition from old tractor  
with green moss lying in the corner of  
your farm to nice shiny 2010 model

**WE BUY THEM ALL**  
Don't delay, call us today.  
Burns Tractors on 07766522751

**COVENTRY for FENCING**

**Scotland's No. 1**  
WIRE, STOCK FENCING,  
BARBED, HIGH TENSILE,  
MILD STEEL - BEST PRICES

**TIMBER DIRECT FROM OUR SAWMILL**  
Depots throughout Scotland • Delivery available  
For a competitive quote please call 01631 566866

**CKD Galbraith**

**ARGYLL, AUCH SOUTH, TYNDRUM OFFERS OVER £575,000**  
Productive, commercial plantation with direct access to A82.  
Tyndrum 2 miles. About 728.5 acres (294.82 ha).  
Mainly Sitka spruce.  
58% of timber area over 40 years old.  
Sporting rights included. Set in scenic area.

EDINBURGH 0131 240 6960  
Email: edinburgh@ckdgalbraith.co.uk  
PERTH 01738 451111  
Email: perth@ckdgalbraith.co.uk  
Ref: HE/11/05 - PA36 4AD

**WWW.CKD GALBRAITH.CO.UK**

**SELLING YOUR FARM STOCK?**

The Oban Times  
A WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

Be seen by over  
40,000 readers  
Tel: 01631 568000  
www.obantimes.co.uk

**07 LANDINI 105 TOP CW HYDRO LIFT LOADER**

Quality used tractor for sale.  
1700 hours, big tyres in super condition.  
Only reason up for sale man gave up farming

Tel: 07766522751 for info

**BURNS TRACTORS**

**ARGOCAT CONQUEST**

WITH MOUNTED SPRAYER KIT AND EXTENSION LANCE  
Ideal kit for Rhododendron/Bracken/Muirburn Control  
All in VG Condition

Tel: 01951 200365

**£6,000**

**MF 2620 TRACTOR**

in good condition for an A REG 5500hrs  
tyres good, starts and drives very well - 100hp

Tel: 01852 500271 or 07738 032787

**£4250 o.n.o.**

## Highland Wi-Fi voted UK's top small business

A SMALL Skye-based company has been voted top small business in the UK by business group Smarta100.

Highland Wi-Fi fought off the cream of enterprising entrepreneurs across the length and breadth of Britain to win the fiercely contested competition.

The Smarta panel of highly respected judges, including Deborah Meaden of Dragons' Den fame and Bebo founder Michael Birch, managed and supervised the competition where the winner was chosen by popular vote from the Smarta list of UK's top 100 small firms.

Smarta co-founder Sha Wasmund presented Highland Wi-Fi co-founder and technical manager Calum MacDonald with the winner's prize at an awards ceremony at the One Alfred Place conference centre in Mayfair, London, last month.

Mr MacDonald said: 'We're absolutely delighted to receive this award - it means a great deal to the whole team who have put in so much effort over the last few months. 'Our aim to create an extensive, efficient wireless network operating throughout the Highlands and beyond is gradually becoming a reality and this award is recognition that we're on course to deliver our promise.

'Everyone should have the capability to surf the internet, send emails or watch a live football match, no matter where they are.'

Highland Wi-Fi uses its own bespoke digital technology to

provide broadband wireless internet access in the more isolated towns and villages across the Highlands and Mr MacDonald reckons his company is well placed to expand as strict new laws go live.

He said: 'I believe the recent passing of the Digital Economy Act will severely curb the activities of many free wi-fi establishments across the country.

'This new law now makes the wi-fi provider totally responsible for any illegal internet usage - the costs involved in keeping records of users' internet activities, will be prohibitive.

'Fortunately we've covered ourselves for this eventuality, and do keep a record of all our internet users' details.

'This gives us a real edge for future network expansion and we'll also be in a great position to fill the 'digital black-holes' left by the closure of many free wi-fi operations.'

Highland Wi-Fi has been in operation since August 2009 and currently manages various hotspot areas in Dunvegan, Portree, Gairloch, Dornoch, Uig and Arisaig. Services are aimed at hotels, hostels, independent campsites and caravan parks, giving them the opportunity to offer pay-as-you-go internet access that can be used at all Highland Hotspot locations.

Local councils or businesses can also use the network to announce up-coming events, provide useful information or promote their service to visitors.



Alistair Ferguson with his mother Anne who officially opened the new depot at Corpach.

## Diageo announces four special whisky bottlings

THERE are new bottlings of Oban and Lagavulin whisky for collectors and fans to buy - but they will have to go to the distilleries to get them.

Diageo has announced four special bottlings of its single malt whiskies - Lagavulin, Oban, Glenkinchie and Blair Athol that are only on sale at each distillery.

Like other Diageo distillery-only bottlings sold at Talisker, Caol Ila, and Clynelish, these new expressions are bottled at natural cask strength and without an age statement.

Nick Morgan, spokesman for Diageo's Classic Malts Selection, said: 'When visitors take the trouble to visit our distilleries, it's nice to be able to give them the option of buying something that they couldn't get anywhere else.'

The Lagavulin distillery-only bottling sold well during last week's Islay Festival and prices for the bottlings range between £55 and £70.

Oban Distillery said it had sold around 100 bottles in the first week alone.



Oban Distillery tour guide John MacGregor eyes up one of Oban Distillery's special bottlings. 07\_t23whisky01



Philip Bowden Smith examines one of the last remaining rhododendrons at the Braevallich Nursery closing sale. 07\_t23bar01

## Braevallich Nursery sells its last plant

NEARLY 40 years after it opened for business, the family-run Braevallich Nursery, near Eredine, on the shores of Loch Awe, has sold its last plant.

The nursery held a closing-down sale at Oban Cattle Mart last Saturday and although the business has been winding down for the past four years, it has taken this long to clear all of the stock.

There was a rush to buy the best of the remaining stock on the morning of the sale, with all the plants being sold off by that afternoon.

Latterly, the business has specialised in large plants, some up to nine feet tall.

### Effort

Philip Bowden Smith, whose father Andrew started the business in 1972, said: 'You put a lot of time and effort into growing these large plants some as many as 15 years - so you can't just dump them, you have to sell them off gradually.'

'My dad has just turned 70 and I am doing a MSc at Stirling University, so it was time to call it a day. It is the end of an era.'

Although the business will cease to operate, Highland Heathers will lease the site from the nursery.

## Scottish Hydro offer boiler discount

SCOTTISH Hydro is offering a £400 discount to customers when they replace an old boiler with a new A-rated model.

The cash offer is part of a new scrappage scheme launched by the company this week. The discount is in addition to the Scottish Government scheme in which anyone with an out-dated G-rated boiler can apply for a £400 voucher towards the cost of replacing it. An A-rated boiler could save a household up to £235 per year in energy costs and help the environment by significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

# Family firm opens new HQ

A FAMILY business based in Lochaber for more than 50 years has opened a new operations headquarters at Annat in Corpach.

Ferguson Transport worked with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) on the ambitious £1.2 million facility.

As well as its own investment package, the business has attracted more than £180,000 from HIE and more than £120,000 through grants from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Ferguson's, a multi-award winning company, over the years has expanded from road haulage to offering shipping, craneage, warehouse and storage services, and supports many key Lochaber businesses.

Managing director Alasdair Ferguson said the new base, which replaces Ferguson Transport's former HQ at Spean Bridge, would bring 'huge benefits' to the firm.

'Having our maintenance and service facilities, yard and offices in this one space will make us more efficient, put us right on the doorstep of three of our major customers and give us scope to expand our business into the future,' he said.

'The move to our new premises has gone very smoothly thanks to a tremendous team effort by all our staff. A special tribute must be made to the main principal contractor RE Campbell Joinery of Spean

Bridge, which has done a tremendous job on time and on budget, supported by a number of local firms throughout the build period. The financial support we received from HIE and the ERDF was crucial in the decision to go ahead with this significant investment despite the current economic climate.

'As a company we are determined to continue to invest; in the future with plans for steady growth in mind; in our employees who are invaluable to the success of our business and in our customers.'

The business, which employs 90 plus staff, provides an integrated road and sea transport service through its Kishom port facility. Their main contracts support the region's timber and aquaculture industries with their clients serving international markets.

Helen Cameron of HIE said: 'HIE is delighted to be working closely with Ferguson Transport and to have supported the creation of a facility which will make such a practical impact on their business and that of their customers.'

'The growth of the company in recent years is testament to the capabilities of the family group who are passionate about seeking out new markets and providing good customer care. Offering hands-on support to businesses which want to grow is one of HIE's main priorities.'

## Oban guesthouse wins AA award

AN OBAN guest house has won the AA guest accommodation of the year for Scotland award.

Blarreen House, situated on the shores of Loch Etive, was announced the winner at the AA Bed and Breakfast Awards, held last week.

Shelley Perkins, who owns and runs the guest house with her husband Steve, said: 'We are so thrilled to have won this award. Our location on the edge of the loch is always a winner and guests are always delighted

when they enter their room and see the view.'

Giovanna Grossi, group area manager for AA Hotel Services, said: 'Offering relaxed yet professional service in a tranquil setting, this establishment is fully deserving of the AA guest accommodation of the year for Scotland title.'

The AA Bed and Breakfast Awards is an annual event which recognises the excellent services provided by the UK's best B&B establishments.



Shelley and Steve Perkins accept their award from Giovanna Grossi of AA Hotel Services.

**I.C.B. Qualified Professional Bookkeeping Service**  
**NEW TAX YEAR SPRING SPECIALS**

**\*New Business Start ups Special £299**  
**\*Seasonal Services (B&Bs/small guest houses) Easter - October £450**  
**\*Small Restaurants/Bistros From £450. Can Be seasonal.**  
 Our Software is HMRC approved, online & secure. No more lost data.  
 Great Reviews, easy to use and no extra upgrade or support fees.  
 Sage & Quickbooks user offers also available. Get in touch.  
 Got Staff? Give yourself a break. We also do Payrolls  
**Contact Penny Brass or Logon to try Kashflow**  
 0845 459 7007 / 01770 303111  
 info@scottishbookkeepers.co.uk www.scottishbookkeepers.co.uk

**Practical help, advice and support for new and growing businesses**

business gateway

To find out how Business Gateway can help your business, contact the local office on 01546 605 459 or visit [www.bgateway.com](http://www.bgateway.com)

Supporters of the Oban Times Business pages

Argyll & Bute COUNCIL

## Getting the most from your marketing

YOU WILL find it hard to persuade potential customers to buy your product if you don't understand what makes them tick.

However good your product or service is, no one will buy it if they don't need it and you are unlikely to persuade them to buy what you're offering unless you know what it is your customers really want.

By developing a marketing strategy, you will be able to identify potential customers and target them with appropriate products or services. It will also help ensure that your efforts to attract customers are focussed and efficient and that your products and services meet your customers' needs.

'A marketing strategy is fundamental to the success of any business and vital in helping to understand your customers, as well as attracting new business and building important relationships with your customer base,' said Councillor Robert Macintyre, Argyll and Bute Council's spokesperson for Economy, Environment and Rural Affairs.

'Business Gateway, with its team of advisers, can work with you to identify and

utilise marketing initiatives that will help drive business growth and which are so crucial to winning customers.'

Marketing doesn't have to cost the earth and it is a common misconception that businesses need to spend large amounts of money on marketing to gain significant benefits. In tough economic times such as we are experiencing, cutting costs may seem like the obvious answer, but even a modest marketing investment can deliver both short-term and long-term benefits to a business.

**Cost-effective solutions**  
 Whether you are a start-up business on a tight budget, or an established business considering reducing your marketing spend, there are a number of cost-effective solutions open to you. An example, offered through Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway, is the popular Build Your Own Business Website workshop.

The workshop gives participants the opportunity to create their own, cost effective working website, which can become a valuable marketing tool for their business.

For Mark Carter, of Marine Concern, who attended the Oban workshop, the event enabled him to develop a website from scratch.

'The site is still in its early stages and I am still learning but the information and web and server ideas were a great help. I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and judging by the site I developed on the day, it was definitely well worth it.'

www.bgateway.com has also developed a guide, Marketing on a Tight Budget, which can help you review and evaluate your current marketing spend. The guide also explores customer relations and how to maintain your regular customer base, whilst attracting other potential customers to your business.

It also outlines a number of low-cost, high-value strategies for public relations on a budget.

For information about future workshops, or to arrange an adviser appointment, e-mail [business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or call 01546 605459.

**In a recession you need to reach your customers the most cost effective way.**

**The Oban Times**  
 tried • tested • local

Call Fiona on **01631 568000** to find out how we can help promote your business. **We are here to help**

**S&S Services Subaru** Tel: 01292 880080/880440 www.sandsservices.co.uk

**THE NEW RODEO RANGE FROM £11,664**

**UNLIKE OTHER CARS. THE SUBARU FORESTER.**

CALL IN OR CALL US TODAY TEL: 01292 880080/880440

ISUZU RODEO EVEN WORKS EXTRA TIME

UNCOMMON ENGINEERING UNCOMMON STABILITY UNCOMMON ROADHOLDING UNCOMMON SENSE SUBARU

**ABBEY FREESTYLE 470 SE (2004)**



2 berth caravan, is fitted with a powerlath caravan mover, is CRIS registered and has a spacious end bathroom with basin, cassette toilet and separate shower. - Large skylight V.G.C. Inside and out. Ready to go.

Tel: 01631 564987 or 07765820857

**£5900 o.n.o.**

**RED MAZDA RX-8**



VGC 23000 miles MOT 10 months Road tax end Oct. 2010. Built in Sat. Nav and many other extras.

Tel: 01838 200672

**£8,000**

**E.M. COMMERCIALS LTD**



58 MITSUBISHI L200 Raging Bull double cab, auto, full spec, leather, canopy, blue tooth, 20k £14,450  
 08 MITSUBISHI L200 Animal double cab, full leather, roll bars, roller cover, black 50k £12,950  
 05 MITSUBISHI L200 Warrior double cab pickup, full spec, met silver, 40k £12,750  
 07 MITSUBISHI L200 Elegance double cab pickup auto full spec, leather, 40k £11,950  
 07 MITSUBISHI L200 Animal double cab pickup, leather, black, 47k £11,750  
 07 MITSUBISHI L200 Warrior double cab pickup full spec, met silver 50k £10,950  
 07 MITSUBISHI L200 4Life double cab pickup, air con, grey, 30k £9,250  
 07 MITSUBISHI L200 Club Cab pickup 4wd, cd, black, 40k £8,450  
 07 MITSUBISHI L200 Club Cab pickup 4wd, load liner, cd, white, 40k £8,450  
 07 MITSUBISHI L200 club cab pickup 4WD cd, met grey, 30k £8,950  
 06 MITSUBISHI L200 Trojan double cab pickup, leather, full spec, grey £7,950  
 06 MITSUBISHI L200 double cab pickup, Truckman canopy, white £6,950  
 06 MITSUBISHI L200 4Life single cab, canopy, electric pack, air con, 40k £8,250  
 07 NISSAN Navara SE double cab pickup, full spec, alpac, alloy, air con, cd, tow bar, black £11,350  
 07 NISSAN Navara SE double cab pickup, full spec, alpac, alloy, air con, cd, tow bar, black £9,750  
 07 NISSAN Navara King Cab pickup, silver, alloy, air con, 40k £9,650  
 07 NISSAN Navara double cab pickup, v pack, cd player, met silver, tow bar £9,250  
 05 NISSAN Navara Outlaw King cab pickup, alpac, cruise control, silver 60k £8,450  
 07 FORD Transit 350 TDCI Crew Cab Tipper alloy body, white £9,450  
 07 FORD Transit 350 TDCI Jumbo LWB hightop van, white £7,950  
 07 FORD Transit 350 single cab tipper pickup, new shape, white, 55k £8,950  
 05 FORD Transit 280 SWB Van, white, 50k, choice £5,650  
 07 VAUXHALL Astra van club model, apick 0 speed, cd, met silver, 60k £5,950  
 07 VAUXHALL Combo CDTI 1.7 Crew Van SLD, rear seats, white £4,750  
 06 Mercedes Sprinter 311cd, mwb crew van, 5 seater, storage area, white £9,950  
 05 MERCEDES 311 CDTI 12 Seat Mini Bus, mwb, high roof, 30k, 60k, white £7,950  
 55 TOYOTA HILUX HLZ single cab pickup, 4wd, air con, alpac, towbar, red £7,750  
 98 NEW HOLLAND 95 wheeled excavator, 4 in 1 bucket, 4 wd, 4000 hrs, very clean £14,950  
 03 DAEWOO DLS602 Skid Steer, 0.7 cubic bucket, 400 hours, very clean £7,950  
 06 NEW HOLLAND TC21 compact tractor 4wd hd mid mount mower + grass collector 350 hrs £9,950  
 05 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT TOURNEAU LWB, Hightop, SLD, white, 60k £5450 no vat

Many other vehicles in stock All above vehicles plus VAT at 17.5%

Kilwinning, Ayrshire  
 Tel: 01294 554098 or 077696 88110  
 Fax: 01294 554560  
 www.emcommercials.co.uk

**new car index**

**TOYOTA**  
 Helensburgh  
 5 John Street,  
 Helensburgh  
 Tel: 01436 672779  
 www.helensburgh.toyota.co.uk

**RENAULT**  
 W.D Semple  
 Inveraray &  
 Lochgilphead  
 Tel: 01499 302150

**ISUZU**  
 S & S Services  
 Old Bridge Road,  
 Heathfield, Ayr  
 Tel: 01292 880080 /  
 880440

**SUBARU**  
 S & S Services  
 Old Bridge Road,  
 Heathfield, Ayr  
 Tel: 01292  
 880080/880440

**VOLKSWAGEN**  
 Hawco  
 Caol, Fort William  
 Tel: 01397 700900  
 www.hawco.volkswagen.co.uk

**HELENSBURGH HONDA**  
 www.helensburghhonda.co.uk  
 101 East Clyde Street  
 Helensburgh, G84 7PJ  
 Tel: 01436 675 777

**TO PROMOTE YOUR NEW CAR DEALERSHIP PLEASE CALL: 01631 568000**

**NISSAN NAVARA AVENTURA**



May 2007, Double cab, Diesel Auto, Immaculate condition. Top of the range Aventura spec - full leather, climate control, sunroof, satnav, blue tooth integration, 6CD player, ABS, heated electric seats, etc. Nissan load liner and Armadillo locking roll top. 63500 miles. One owner since new, full main dealer service history, 12 months MOT & 6 months tax. No commercial use and never towed. New rear tyres. Phone 01631 710229 (work hours) or email navara2007@hotmail.co.uk

**£12,000**

**VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB, MPV**



1600 petrol 2007, 29,000 miles  
 7 seats grey, taxed and 12 months MOT.  
 V.G.C. good family car.

Tel: 01688 302251

**£5800**

**54%**  
 of people travel 10 miles or less to buy a second-hand car

Regional press is the relevant choice for motors advertising.

Regional Press closer to home

**TIMES FORUM**  
 Have your say on the forum at  
 www.obantimes.co.uk

**FORD MAVERICK XLT**



4x4, Automatic V6, 2003, Very Low Mileage(53,000), FSH, Excellent Condition, Tax Sept, 2010 and similar MOT, 6 CD Player, Black Leather Interior.

Tel: 01967 402121 (after 6pm)

**£3800**

**03 RENAULT SCENIC ALIZE 1.6**



6 months tax and mot'd to August. 1 owner f.s.h. Very reliable car.

Telephone: 01499 500216

**£2250**

**AUDI A4 TDI ESTATE**

S Reg, Roof Bars, Full Leather, Alloys, Met Bronze, MOT/Tax, FSH, 50mpg.

Telephone: 01855 811196 or 07786 589282

**£1100 o.v.n.o.**

**WANTED**

Landrover 90 or 110, new or old models, also Toyota Hilux and Land Cruiser, Range Rover and all Japanese models, high miles, damaged, anything considered.

Contact James 07866 590583 or 07966 293996

**FORD TRANSIT CAMPER VAN**

x reg, 2.5 diesel, extra long wheelbase, high top, taxed 5 months, MOT expired, walk through, fully fitted inside, CD Player, Tow Bar.

Telephone: 01855 811196 or 07786 589282

**First Offer Over £1,500 secures**

**FORD TRANSIT 280 100PS**



2003, 2 litre diesel, Semi hi-top, Metallic silver, Long MOT, Wood lined, Tow bar, Power steering, CD player, 4 good tyres, Good mechanically.

Telephone: 07799 164311

**£2250 o.n.o.**

**CARAVAN COMPASS ENCORE**



4 Berth, V.G.C. Year 2000  
 All usual appliances and full size awning  
 Very little use

Tel: 01631 710670 or 07771 608985

**£4500 o.n.o.**

**MERCEDES VITO 109**



Cdi Long, MOT and Road Tax Sept 2010, 55 plate, 56,000 miles

Tel: 07786 543868 or 01397 712119 (after 7pm)

**£4500 o.n.o.**

**SCRAP CARS WANTED**

MOT failures, cash paid.

Telephone: 07930346252 or 01389 721278, 07949584077

**TOYOTA RAV4 2.0 VVT-1 XT3**



3 door, 05 Reg, black, petrol, manual, 69,000 miles, air con, alloys, remote central locking, ABS, one owner, taxed and tested, good condition.

Tel: 01631 770214 or 07751 333828

**£5700 o.n.o.**

**FIAT DOBLO SX**



Diesel car, reg 2002, 59,658 miles, good condition.

Telephone: 01583 421196

**£1800 o.n.o.**

**IFOR WILLIAMS 506 BLUE**



Approx 10yrs old, will carry two horses. Aluminium floor, front unload, new marine ply rear ramp.

Phone: 07730676957

**£1400 o.n.o.**

**STATIC CARAVAN**

6 berth quiet site  
 Loch Long,  
 near Dunoon.

Telephone: 01369 810256

**£4995 including full balcony.**

**FORD FIESTA ZETEC**



5 DOOR HATCHBACK 1.4 (PETROL) 2002, SILVER ,69K MILES. MOT UNTIL 30/4/11. NOT TAXED. RECENTLY SERVICED.

Tel: 01631 710385 mob: 07979050299

**£1950 o.n.o.**

**VOLKSWAGEN SHARAN S TDI**



1.9 Auto Diesel 2007 (07) 5 or 7 seats, black, usual refinements. Service History. Tax. MOT

Telephone: 01770 (Arran) 302168

**£10,500 o.n.o.**

**FORD TRANSIT LWB LUTON VAN**



500kg electric tail lift  
 White one owner 55 reg  
 Mot till december, good condition

Tel: 07500786612

**£5500 o.n.o.**

**MITSUBISHI L200 TROJAN**



2.5 Turbo Diesel, Year 2006, 44,000 Miles, Leather Interior, Tow Bar, Liner, 1 Year MOT, 6 Months Road Tax, Hardly Ever Towed, Excellent Condition

Tel: 07795461886

**£8500 + VAT**

**AUDI A4 AVANT TDI SPORT**



130 BHP 1st Reg Sept 2004  
 Mot Feb 2011, Tax 31/10/10  
 Miles 72,000

Tel: 01631 710670 or 07771 608 985

**£7200 o.n.o.**

**PASSAT 1.9 TDI SPORT**



High spec, great condition, 1 years mot, taxed till August. 2 owners from new, first to view will buy.

Telephone: 01631 564878 or 07788993874

**£2995 o.n.o.**

**NEW OR USED CARS TO SELL?**

The Oban Times & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

Be seen by over 40,000 readers

Tel: 01631 568000  
 www.obantimes.co.uk



**PEUGEOT 205 ROLAND GARROS**



1992, 40,328 genuine miles, MOT March 2011, Tax January 2011, Very good condition inside and out.

Tel: 01546 870621

**£2200 o.n.o.**

**WANTED TOYOTA HILUX 4 X 4 OR 2 WHEEL DRIVE**

petrol or diesel, any condition, top prices paid.

Telephone: 01250 884306 or mobile 07885 203020

**Need an MOT?**  
 From Cars to Light Commercials

Contact Donald or Neil  
 Quarry Road MOT Centre  
 Quarry Road, Oban  
 Tel: 01631 564614

**Motoring Times**  
 For the latest local deals on new and used cars In association with Quarry Road MOT Centre

**The Quarry Road MOT CENTRE FLIT**

**SEAT IBIZA 1.9 TDI 2002**



85,000 miles, 5 door hatchback Diesel, very economical & reliable 6 months Tax & MOT until December  
 Tel: 07851607816 / 07751240261

**£2395 o.n.o.**

**TOYOTA CELICA 1.8 STD COUPE**



Silver 1999 (V Plate), 73,000 miles, T & T January 2011, FSH, Excellent Condition  
 Tel: 01586 551437 or 07740407743

**£3500 o.n.o.**

**VAUXHALL MV6 1999**



EXCELLENT ORDER THROUGHOUT, RARE MANUAL MODEL WITH 225BHP TAXED APRIL 2011, MOT SEPT 2010, WELL BELOW AVERAGE MILES 6 DISC MULTICHANGER, TELEPHONE, LOTS OF SERVICE HISTORY, OLD MOTS ETC, ANY INSPECTION WELCOME  
 Tel: 01583 431212 or 07743 871646

**£1495**

**NISSAN ALMERA (2002)**



3 door, blue 49,000 miles MOT April 2011, Tax September 2010.  
 Telephone: 01770 700626

**£1100 o.n.o.**

**VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8i VVT LIFE**



2006 Reg, Silver, 5dr hatchback, 52,800 miles, FSH, MOT'd for 1 year, Good condition, one owner.  
 Telephone: 01586 551146

**£4,000**

**YAMAHA GP760 WAVERUNNER**



110 hours use Comes with trailer and cover.  
 Telephone: 07701 039382 or 01586 553563

**£1,800**

**RENAULT MEGANE SPORT**



R reg, 2 door, 1.6 injection, Alloy wheels, CD player, Boot spoiler, Sun roof, Electric windows, 7 months MOT, 85,000 miles, Good condition for year, Very good run around.  
 Telephone: 07780 514399

**£550 o.n.o.**

**SEAMASTER 815 24FT SLOOP**



Well maintained, well equipped, new survey available. Full details from telephone 01866 822383 email gardinken@hotmail.co.uk.  
**£11,250 o.n.o.**

**Proposed Assniation of a Croft**  
 John Fletcher, crofter is applying to the Crofters Commission for consent to assign the tenancy of the croft at 3 Balephuil to Terlach MacDonald of Main Road Farm, Treen. If you have any objection to the proposal, you may submit representations in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofters Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW by 31st July 2010, specifying your interest in the application and your reasons for objecting. A copy of any representations made will be forwarded to the applicant.

**crofters commission**  
 ughdarras nan croitearan  
 The following decrofting Direction has been granted: **Croft House Site and Garden Ground** Achnaskiach, Arisaig & Moirdart  
 Direction dated 1 June 2010 granted to David MacMillan. Area ext to 0.068 ha. Conditions: 1. Complete enclosure of the land with a stockproof fence within 4 months. 2. Maintenance of the fence by each successive owner or occupier of the land.  
 Case Number: 4.85.23779

**EVENT TO PUBLICISE?**  
 The Oban Times  
 A WEST HIGHLAND TIMES  
 Be seen by over 40,000 readers  
 Tel: 01631 568000  
 www.obantimes.co.uk

**Oban Times PUBLIC NOTICES**  
**Oban Times PUBLIC NOTICES**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
 The applications listed below, along with plans and other documents submitted with them, may be examined between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) at the AREA PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS OFFICE, FULTON HOUSE, GORDON SQUARE, FORT WILLIAM, PH33 6XY; online at www.highland.gov.uk and, where given, the alternative location(s).  
 Written comments should be made to the Area Planning and Building Standards Manager at this office within the time period indicated from the date of this notice. Anyone making a representation about this proposal should note that their letter or email will be disclosed to any individual or body who requests sight of representations in respect of this proposal.

Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description	Alternative locations where application may be inspected and time period for comments
10/02120/FUL	Clachdhion Monument Park Stronhian Acharacle	Attic conversion	Acharacle Service Point (14 days)
10/02165/FUL	Library and Visitor Centre Leven Road Kinlochleven	Installation of external ATM	Kinlochleven Service Point (14 days)
10/02282/FUL	Grand Hotel Gordon Square Fort William	Section 42 application for the variation of existing consent 09/00200/FULLO including amended elevational treatment, rearrangement of upper floors of hotel, change of use to public house/restaurant in units 1 and 2, including outdoor seating.	Lochaber Area Planning & Building Standards Office (14 days)

Area Planning and Building Standards Manager, Ross, Skye & Lochaber: Dafydd Jones, Highland Council, Fulton House, Gordon Square, Fort William, PH33 6XY  
 Tel: (01397) 707015 Fax: (01397) 707022  
 e-mail: planning.lochaber@highland.gov.uk

**HIGHLAND NHS BOARD ANNUAL REVIEW**  
 The Minister for Public Health, Shona Robison, will meet NHS Highland for its Annual Review on Tuesday, 22nd June 2010 at the Scottish Association for Marine Science, Scottish Marine Institute, Dunstaffnage, Oban from 1415 until 1645  
 Members of the public are invited to attend.  
 The final 30 minutes of the Review will be a public Question and Answer session when members of the public attending the Review, at any of the locations, will be invited to ask questions of the NHS Board or the Minister for Public Health / Scottish Government.  
 Please note there are no written questions this year. There will also be a live web cast of the Annual Review. For further information or to register your interest, please contact the eHealth Business and Administration Team on nhshighland.ehealthmanagement@nhs.net or telephone 01463 705660

**69%** of the business community read the regional press

**Regional Press** closer to home

Source: Business Choice II, The Newspaper Society

To find out more about living and working in argyll & bute visit us @ [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Argyll & Bute COUNCIL**

**PLANNING**  
 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
 Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at Lorn House Albany Street Oban PA34 4AR, at the location detailed below and by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Lorn House Albany Street Oban PA34 4AR within 21 days of the appearance of this notice. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

**SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS**

- Ref No: 10/00921/PP  
 Applicant: Miss C Mitchell  
 Proposal: Change of use from footway to footway with removable patio area comprising of 4 tables and 8-12 chairs.  
 Site Address: Coffee Corner Station Road Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4LL  
 Location of Plans: Oban Area Office
- Ref No: 10/00410/PP  
 Applicant: Treen Rural Development  
 Proposal: Erection of a 20kw wind turbine on 15 metre mast  
 Site Address: Treen Rural Centre Crossopol Isle Of Treen Argyll And Bute  
 Location of Plans: Treen Area Office
- Ref No: 10/00669/PP  
 Applicant: Mrs Heather Donald  
 Proposal: Temporary installation of 80 metre high meteorological mast.  
 Site Address: Corryform Kinliver Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4UX  
 Location of Plans: Lorn Area Office
- Ref No: 10/00732/PP  
 Applicant: Argyll Community Housing Association  
 Proposal: Erection of 24 flats - amended design to planning consent 09/01166/PP  
 Site Address: Phase 6 Land At Glenshellach Road Oban Argyll And Bute  
 Location of Plans: Oban Area Office
- Ref No: 10/00766/PP  
 Applicant: Mr Frank Reid  
 Proposal: Installation of septic tank and formation of soakaway  
 Site Address: The Old Schoolhouse Port Appin Argyll And Bute PA38 4DE  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Ledaig
- Ref No: 10/00778/PP  
 Applicant: Mrs Heather Donald  
 Proposal: Temporary installation of 80 metre high meteorological mast.  
 Site Address: Corryform Kinliver Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4UX  
 Location of Plans: Lorn Area Office
- Ref No: 10/00785/PP  
 Applicant: Mr Norman Hickson  
 Proposal: Erection of 3 detached dwellings (one with detached garage).  
 Site Address: Land At Pennygate Lodge Craignure Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Craignure
- Ref No: 10/00837/PP  
 Applicant: Iain MacLellan  
 Proposal: Removal of condition 3 of planning permission reference 08/00186/DET  
 Site Address: Land At Corry Farm Craignure Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Craignure
- Ref No: 10/00840/PP  
 Applicant: Mr And Mrs P Laurie  
 Proposal: Amended design of garage approved under planning permission reference 07/01483/DET.  
 Site Address: The Smiddy Ballygowan Ulva Ferry Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA73 6LU  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Dervaig
- Ref No: 10/00843/PP  
 Applicant: Mr K Lave  
 Proposal: Erection of extension to provide additional toilet facilities and cellar.  
 Site Address: Argyll Arms Hotel Bunnass Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA67 6DP  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Bunnass Isle Of Mull
- Ref No: 10/00849/PP  
 Applicant: Shirley Milligan  
 Proposal: Installation of a patio door and formation of new patio deck area.  
 Site Address: Flat A 23 Kerrera Terrace Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 5AT  
 Location of Plans: Oban Area Office
- Ref No: 10/00923/PP  
 Applicant: Mr And Mrs Macdowell  
 Proposal: Erection of an extension and attic conversion  
 Site Address: 22 Bentalia Crescent Salen Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA72 6JH  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Salen

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Council's website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).  
 A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
 Take notice that the applications in the following schedule may be inspected during normal office hours at 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX, at the location detailed below and by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Anyone wishing to make representations should do so in writing to 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX within 21 days of the appearance of this notice. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

**SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION PLANS**

- Ref No: 10/00860/PP  
 Applicant: Mr And Mrs Whitelaw  
 Proposal: Formation of parking bays, installation of four rooflights, installation of replacement windows and doors, demolition and replacement of existing 'portico' and replacement of rainwater goods  
 Site Address: 9 Crom Street Port Wemyss Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA47 7ST  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Portnahaven

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997**  
 Applications for planning permission listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be examined at 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX and the location detailed below between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and by logging on to the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk and clicking on Online Planning Applications. Written comments for the following list of applications may be made to Planning and Regulatory Services 67/69 Chalmers Street Ardrishaig PA30 8DX by the 01/07/2010

- Ref No: 10/00820/PP  
 Applicant: Finlay Geisic  
 Proposal: Erection of detached garage, workshop and store room  
 Site Address: Tigh Nan Uruisg Upper Kilchattan Isle Of Colonsay Argyll And Bute PA61 7YR  
 Location of Plans: Sub Post Office Isle Of Colonsay

Argyll and Bute Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST. An extant list of planning applications can be viewed on the Council's website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).  
 A weekly list of applications can be viewed at Planning and Regulatory Services, Dalriada House, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8ST and Argyll and Bute Council Libraries.  
 Any letter of representation the council receives about a planning application is considered a public document. Please therefore note that representations will be made available for public inspection and, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, will be copied on request. They will also be published on the council's website.  
 The author of such a representation is solely responsible for its content and accuracy. Anonymous representations will be "shredded" and those marked confidential will be returned to the sender. Neither will be taken into account when the application is being considered.  
 Details of representations we receive on planning applications can be viewed on the council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/publicaccess)

**MAXUM 2400 SCR**



Offshore Cruiser 5.7m. mercruiser inboard 8hp auxiliary engine. Twin axle trailer GPS, DSC Radio, Fishfinder, 6 Berth Seats 12. Many other extras.  
 Tel: 07801590235

**£21,000 o.n.o.**

**BOAT FOR SALE**

**Twin Skin G.R.P.**  
 Length 9ft 4ins  
 With new Yamaha 4HP, 4 Stroke long shaft engine  
 New Oars  
 Touring trailer, new tyres.  
 Telephone: 01770 303500

**£800 o.n.o.**

**HUSTLER 30**



Fitted out and first launched 2007. Good sail wardrobe, Volvo 2020 diesel. Lots of gear  
 Mooring available in Crinan Harbour by separate arrangement.  
 Tel: 01546 603685 / 07795 286795

**£15,000**

**15 FOOT FIBREGLASS BOAT WITH TRAILER**



Also fitted for remote steering. Can be viewed at Clachan.  
 Tel: 01880 740250

**£650**

**ORKNEY 590TT BOAT FOR SALE**



50hp Yamaha four stroke engine, VHF radio, depth finder and road trailer.  
 Tel: 01852 316294

**£11,950**

**SUMMER BERTHS AVAILABLE**

**CRAOBH MARINA**  
 Craobh Haven by Lochgilphead  
 Tel 01852 500222 craobhmarina@talk21.com



**BEST FOR NEWS, VIEWS & PHOTOS**  
 The Oban Times  
 A WEST HIGHLAND TIMES  
 Tel: 01631 568000  
 www.obantimes.co.uk

**An Comunn Gaidhealach**  
 Meur Chruachain (Cruachan Branch)  
**A. G. M.**  
 TAYNUILT VILLAGE HALL  
 Committee Room  
 Monday 14 June, 2010 7.30pm  
 All Welcome  
 To enter please use back door

**Oban Times Oban Times**  
**PUBLIC NOTICES PUBLIC NOTICES**  
**Oban Times Oban Times**



Frank and Irene Holt, left and right, with museum founder Donnie MacFarlane, patron Kenneth MacKinnon and curator Bill Leech. 07\_t24museum02

## Oban War and Peace Museum welcomes 400,000th visitor

OBAN War and Peace Museum has welcomed the 400,000th visitor through its doors since the museum started in 1995.

But Frank and Irene Holt from Invermoriston, near Fort Augustus, were left to argue between themselves who had been over the threshold first in order to claim the title.

Both were presented with a celebration quich by museum patron Kenneth MacKinnon, which had been engraved accordingly, watched by visitors

and volunteer watchkeepers, including museum founder Donnie MacFarlane.

**Glenmoriston**  
Frank and Irene, who run Glenmoriston Stores and Post Office – which stocks The Oban Times – were on a day-trip to the town after Irene visited for the first time in 33 years just three weeks ago.

'It was a gorgeous day and I got back and said to Frank, you have got to go and visit this place because it is just lovely, and we

decided today was the day,' said Irene.

The couple moved to Invermoriston from Rossendale Valley, north Manchester, in December 2008 after Irene's brother moved to the area and they fell in love with it when visiting him.

Frank said: 'We came up 13 times for weekends and decided it was cheaper to move there!'

'This has kind of made our day. We'd like to thank the museum for the quich,' he added

## 'Green power' meeting for Argyll and Bute

A MAJOR event involving renewable energy organisations and developers and Scottish government and National Grid representatives is to take place later this year in Argyll and Bute.

This follows a visit last week by a senior executive from National Grid, Alison Kay, to Argyll and Bute Council.

### National grid connection

While the area has the potential to generate renewable energy using wind, wave, tides, hydro schemes and biomass, one of the major issues has been connecting to the national grid and the higher connection charges associated with being furthest from centres of demand.

Council leader Councillor Dick Walsh said the local authority had ambitions to be at the forefront of the provision of renewable energy for Scotland.

'Some of the challenges we face are significant but not insurmountable,

a key one being how we feed green energy into the national grid.

### Important economic driver

'Alison's visit was an opportunity for the leaders in renewable energy in Argyll and Bute to convey to National Grid what we perceive as the challenges we face, and we are confident that this will form the basis for future productive discussions on what is becoming an increasingly important economic driver for Argyll and Bute.

'We have agreed to set up a major event later in the year at which the issues which concern us most in this regard can be fully explored,' he added.

Ms Kay said: 'By working together, National Grid, Argyll and Bute Council, our colleagues in the Scottish electricity transmission companies and all the other interested parties can help ensure this potential is realised in the area.'



Officers show off the new newsletter to youngsters from Tobermory. 16\_t23police1

## Strathclyde Police take the message to Mull online

ISLANDERS on Mull, Iona and Ulva will shortly be able to receive news about policing on islands directly to their home email address.

The new Strathclyde Police newsletter, due to be launched next month, will keep local people up-to-date with crime alerts, witness appeals, local campaigns and island-based events involving the police.

Chief Inspector Glen Bland wants local people to let him know if they'd like to receive a copy to their e-mail inbox.

Chief Inspector Bland said: 'Mull, Iona and Ulva is a huge geographic area and the internet seems like an ideal solution to getting up-to-date information out to people on a monthly basis.'

'We hope to use the newsletter to inform rural residents about community policing matters, crime on the island and contact numbers for all the local officers. We will also use

the distribution list to let people know about any 'real time' incidents on the islands, for example, if bogus callers are operating in the area.

'Over the next month we will be promoting the newsletter and gauging local demand to get a better sense of how many people want to receive police news this way. We are also asking the community to help us shape the content by letting us know what kind of information they would like included.'

'Mull community police sergeant Mark Stephen will be managing the newsletter. If members of the local community would like to receive a copy please let Sgt Stephen know by emailing MullPoliceNewsletter@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk by the end of June.'

'If it's easier just pop into your local police office and pass on your details and ideas for content that way, we look forward to hearing from you.'

## Council updates on progress of local plan

ARGYLL and Bute Council has released a document updating the progress made implementing its Local Plan.

Fergus Murray, the council's development policy manager, told councillors at last Thursday's executive committee meeting, that it was the council's first attempt at cataloguing the progress made.

He said: 'This is a document which draws a lot of things together but which shows that we are making progress in developing the local plan.' Mr Murray added: 'The action plan has recorded that the council and its partners have made considerable progress in taking forward many of the aims and objectives of both the structure and local plan. The recession and a difficult financial climate has, however, had a significant impact on the level of development being taken forward at the time despite a relatively large number of planning applications being granted.'

**MacPhee & Partners**  
ESTATE AGENT / PROPERTY SALES  
Assistant estate agent required for our busy and expanding Oban property office. Property sales experience desirable but full training will be provided so anyone with a real interest in property should apply. Bright, personable outlook essential as are excellent IT skills and a full clean driving licence.  
Please apply with CV to johnnybell@macphee.co.uk  
Tel: 01631 565251 Fax: 01631 565434 property@macphee.co.uk  
MacPhee & Partners 8 George Street, Oban PA34 5SB www.macphee.co.uk

**THE ISLE OF GIGHA HERITAGE TRUST**  
An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the team at the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust. The Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust is responsible for managing the community owned island of Gigha. We now are looking for two members of staff to work with the Gigha community to build upon the excellent work to date and ensure sustainable development into the future.  
**ASSISTANT MANAGER – ESTATE MAINTENANCE**  
Salary £22,000 per annum, 35h week worked flexibly. This contract is initially for a two year period. We will be looking for a friendly person with management experience, excellent communication and organisational skills, and with a keen interest in the areas of land management and fuel poverty.  
**TRUST MAINTENANCE PERSON**  
Salary minimum wage/negotiable depending on experience, 35h p/wk, worked flexibly. This contract is initially for a two year period. We are looking for a hard working and reliable individual to help maintain the estate on Gigha.  
For an application pack contact admin@gigha.org.uk or download from www.gigha.org.uk/recruitment Tel: 01583 505390  
For more information about the island www.gigha.org.uk  
Closing Date for completed applications – 12 noon 24th of June 2010

**ACHA**  
Argyll community housing association  
**ACHA - Putting Tenants First.**  
**Factoring Assistant - Finance**  
(3 year Fixed Term) Lochgilphead  
Salary Grade 7 (£15,399 - £17,111 per annum)  
35 hours per week  
The Association is seeking to recruit a highly motivated individual to assist with delivering high levels of administrative and clerical support to the Association Factoring Service within the Lochgilphead Office.  
For further information and a recruitment pack:  
• Go to the Recruitment section of the Association's website at www.acha.co.uk;  
• Email fiona.connor@acha.co.uk; or  
• Contact the HR & Corporate Services Department, 63/65 Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, PA30 8DX, Tel No 01546 604098,  
Closing Date for Applications: 12 noon on Friday 25th June 2010.  
Interviews will be held on: Thursday 8th July 2010 in Ardrishaig.  
All posts will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Scotland check.

**D A MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd**  
Have vacancies for the following  
**Shuttering Joiners and Plant Operators**  
Please apply in writing stating previous experience  
**FAO Donald MacDonald**  
**D A MacDonald (Contractors) Ltd**  
Site 13a, Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RR

**KEYLINE BUILDERS MERCHANTS LTD**  
**Full Time Pick-up Driver / Relief Driver HGV 2**  
A class 2 HGV licence is essential.  
We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits package.  
If you think this is for you forward copy of CV by email to iain.hunter@keyline.co.uk or in writing to Keyline Builders Merchants, Soroba Road, Oban, PA34 4GS  
Closing date Monday 14th June.

**John MacLachlan Group**  
**HGV Skip Driver based at our Oban Depot**  
**HGV Tipper/Skip/Mixer Driver based at our Mull Depot**  
Please phone for application form:-  
**John MacLachlan Group, Torran Gorm Industrial Estate, Oban, Argyll PA34 4PL or e-mail susan@jmaclachlangroup.co.uk. Tel 01631 566370 Fax 01631 566758**

**Manor House Hotel & Restaurant**  
Have a vacancy for an enthusiastic **Chef de Partie** to join our kitchen team.  
For further information  
Tel: 01631 562087 or email: info@manorhouseoban.com

**Soroba House Hotel, Oban**  
We are looking to recruit an experienced chef, who will share our view in developing the business as a Social Enterprise.  
Also required  
**General Hotel Staff**  
Apply in writing: Helen Crawford, Glenstrae, Connel, Oban PA37 1PG

*Rascals and*  
**Lochnell Arms Hotel**  
Full and part time waiting staff required.  
Immediate Start.  
Tel: 01631 570347 or 710408

**marineharvest**  
excellence in seafood  
**ENGINEER / FITTER**  
Salary - £22,000 - £28,000 per annum  
Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd currently has a vacancy for a multi skilled and self motivated Engineer/ Fitter to cover our seawater sites around Fort William and the Ardnarmurchan Peninsula.  
Working in a seawater environment you will be in an autonomous role and have responsibility for supervising all planned preventative and reactive maintenance and ensuring that all plant and equipment is maintained to the highest possible level. In addition you will be required to investigate all possible areas for improved plant utilisation and output and be required to undertake specific industry training on feed systems, and other key equipment.  
The successful candidate should possess the following:  
• Experience of servicing diesel engines and outboard motors  
• Experience of servicing forklift trucks and cranes  
• Sound knowledge of hydraulics  
• Detailed awareness of appropriate Health & Safety and MCA regulations  
• Competent knowledge of computers  
• Good communication skills  
• Clean Driving Licence  
In return the successful candidate will benefit from an attractive salary package, including bonus.  
If you feel you have the necessary skills to respond to this challenging role, please submit an application in writing with details of relevant experience, by the closing date of Friday 25th June 2010 to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resources Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise is one of Europe's most consistently successful development agencies and an award-winning UK employer. We're proud of our culture and history and we're determined to help shape a bright future for the people, businesses and communities in this unique part of the world.  
**HIE**  
Highlands and Islands Enterprise Iomairt nan Gàidhealtachd's nan Eilean  
**Development Manager Business Growth**  
£24,028, Lochgilphead Ref: 2010-008  
Due to a recent secondment, we currently have a vacancy for a Development Manager within the Business Growth Team of the Argyll Area Office, based in Lochgilphead, for a two year period. You will operate as an Account Manager for local high growth businesses. Reporting to the Head of Business Growth you will be required to liaise with a wide range of colleagues, clients and partners.  
The post will involve working with businesses to support economic growth, including assessing and supporting business development and investment proposals.  
You should ideally have been educated to HND/degree level in an appropriate discipline, or equivalent work experience. Candidates should understand HIE's vision for the future, through a knowledge of the Scottish Government's Economic Strategy (GES) and the HIE Operating Plan. It is desirable that the post holder should have a working knowledge of the Argyll economy and its businesses.  
Informal enquiries should be directed to David Smart on 01546 605425.  
If you are interested in being considered for this position, please apply on-line by visiting our website at www.hie.co.uk. For a hard copy application pack, email recruitment@hient.co.uk or call 01463 244414 quoting reference 2010-008.  
Closing date: Friday 18th June 2010.  
www.hie.co.uk/hie-job-vacancies.html

**marineharvest**  
excellence in seafood  
**TRAINEE MANAGER & ASSISTANT MANAGER**  
Salary Band (£22,000 - £27,000 per annum)  
Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd is currently seeking highly motivated and strong individuals for the post of Trainee Manager and Assistant Manager.  
Applications are invited from individuals who are genuinely interested in developing their career within the organisation. Potential candidates should have at least two to three years practical knowledge and experience of fish farming. Initiative, the ability to manage and motivate personnel, good planning, organisation & computer skills and a proven ability to achieve results without close supervision are some of the necessary skills required for this post.  
The successful candidates will be expected to train initially at one of the Company's sites within the South mainland. In addition they will be expected to attend the necessary training courses to gain sufficient knowledge on feed & stock management, harvest & grading planning, asset management, performance and HSEQ management. In return the candidate will benefit from an attractive salary package, including bonus.  
If you consider yourself to have the commitment, enthusiasm, willingness and underlying capability to become a Manager then please apply in writing, no later than Friday 25th June 2010 to: Vicky Ferguson, Human Resources Manager, Marine Harvest (Scotland) Limited, Business Resource Centre, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William PH33 7PT.

**Ormsary Farmers**  
**Assistant Stockman / Tractorman**  
Required to join existing farm team based at Ormsary, Lochgilphead.  
Duties will include working with sheep, suckler cows and relevant tractor work.  
The successful candidate must be willing to assist where required and possess a flexible yet responsible attitude to working in this busy Argyll unit.  
Training if required, a good house and conditions are offered with this position.  
Applicants should reply in writing enclosing contact details of two referees to, A. McArthur, Manager, Ormsary Estate Office, P.O. Box 7, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8JH

**Exciting Opportunity BIDS**  
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS SCOTLAND  
www.bids-scotland.com  
With the support of the Scottish Government and local business representatives, Oban is entering an exciting time of change into a Business Improvement District. To manage the project to completion and help to build a better Oban a position is now available for:  
**TOWN MANAGER**  
The ideal candidate will have:  
• A passion for Oban and a desire to see it prosper and improve  
• Good business acumen  
• Excellent communication and networking skills  
• Computer literacy  
Part time Position for the project period 18-24months. Salary Negotiable.  
Interested parties – Please email your CV to info@bid4oban.co.uk



The pupils from Canna Primary School, left to right, Orla Soe-Paing, P1, Elinar Baker, P4, Johnny Soe-Paing, P3, and Anwen Baker, P2, pictured with Mary Scanlon MSP.

## MSP Mary faces questions from Small Isles schoolchildren

SMALL Isles schoolchildren were given the opportunity to question Highlands and Islands MSP Mary Scanlon last week as part of the Scottish Government's educational outreach programme.

Ms Scanlon spent a day being quizzed by the youngsters on Muck, Eigg, Rum and Canna. The children asked about the possibility of using chip fat oil to power the island's boat, what MSPs could do to stop rubbish washing up on the islands and why 'most MSPs were boys'.

## Man admits stealing diesel and failing to provide breath specimen

A MAN has admitted stealing diesel and failing to provide a breath specimen after being pulled over by police in Fort William.

Latvian Andrejs Grisulis, aged 23, of Flat 1, 36 High Street, Fort William, was stopped on North Road on April 4. He was taken to the police station where he refused to take a breath test. Grisulis is also accused of driving on North Road without insurance on April 7.

Defence solicitor Stephen Kennedy asked Fort William Sheriff Court for more time to talk to the insurance company to find out if Grisulis was covered before entering a plea.

Sentencing for all three offences has been deferred to June 24 and Grisulis has been disqualified from driving until then.

# Morvern celebrates burial site restoration

MORVERN has celebrated the completion of a three-year project to restore a tiny family cemetery near Lochaline.

Killundine burial ground, the resting place of former Killundine Estate owners the Cheape family, had been overgrown and derelict until a fund was set up to employ Morvern-based tradesmen to clear scrub trees, repair the wall and install new railings.

The Cheape family, Ardtornish Estate and Morvern Heritage Society were all represented at the May 29 ceremony, which was attended by around 40 people.

One party of Cheapes



Hugh Cheape of Glenaladale pipes a tune to mark the completion of the renovation.

arrived from Mull by boat for the event. Edinburgh estate agent Angus Cheape and Faith Raven of Ardtornish Speakers included dyker Donald Kennedy, who talked

about his work to repair the wall, Morvern Heritage Society chairperson Jennie Robertson and Morvern Community Council chairman Iain Thornber, who gave a historical perspective on the site.

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig lecturer Hugh Cheape replied on behalf of his family.

A picnic lunch followed, 'which carried on in a great spirit despite the rain', said Ms Robertson, who told *The Oban Times* the burial ground and the area around it has ecclesiastical connections dating back 1,500 years.

'Originally the site may have been founded by St Fintan, an associate of St Columba,' she said. 'There

were two stones inscribed with crosses found there which are reckoned to date from the 6th century. They are now kept with other stones at Kiel Church in Lochaline.

'There is also a late mediaeval church on the site as well, dedicated to St Fintan and named Cill Leuntaig.

The Cheape's burial enclosure, named Killundine after the estate, lies on one side of it.'

The scenic site overlooks the Sound of Mull and is accessible to the public via an avenue of lime trees leading down from the B849, midway between Lochaline and Drimmin.

## Kayakers rescued from Lochinver

A PAIR of kayakers were rescued from Lochinver by the Stornoway Coastguard and Lochinver lifeboat last Thursday afternoon.

One kayaker fell into the sea and his female partner lost her paddle. The pair managed to fire a warning flare that was spotted by the crew of a nearby yacht.

The yacht brought the kayakers on board and waited for the lifeboat.

Stornoway Coastguard watch manager Carol Collins said the incident could have turned into 'a very different story' if the kayakers had not followed safety precautions. The kayakers required no medical treatment.

## Ten new Harris Tweed weavers

THE HARRIS Tweed industry has welcomed ten new weavers who have completed a 12-week course in Stornoway.

The textiles manufacturing course is run by Cardonald College and has been specially adapted for the Harris Tweed industry.

Chief Executive of Shawbost-based Harris Tweed Hebrides Iain Angus Mackenzie said: 'I am delighted to see new people coming into the industry. We are having a good season and I am confident that the new weavers will have an encouraging start to their weaving career.'

## New school cash welcomed

COMHAIRLE nan Eilean Siar has welcomed the Scottish Futures Trust announcement of £2.1m of funding towards a new school at Daliburgh.

The cash is part of a Scottish Government package of funding to improve primary schools throughout Scotland.

The Western Isles Schools Project will see five new schools built - Point Primary, West Side Primary and the Nicolson Institute on Lewis, Sir E Scott Primary and Secondary on Harris and Ballivanich Primary on Benbecula.

## MG Alba continues music awards sponsorship

Gaelic media service MG ALBA has announced it is to continue its sponsorship of the Scots Trad Music Awards with a new two-year agreement covering 2010 and 2011.

The announcement was made by MG ALBA chairman Alasdair Morrison at last week's Oran Sang conference at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on Skye.

BBC ALBA will broadcast the 2010 event, to be held at Perth Concert Hall on December 4, and a concert featuring a number of prizewinners.

Got a story for **The Oban Times**? Call our reporters on 01397 703003

## Lochaber ladies tackle Ben Nevis Challenge in aid of Marie Curie

A GROUP of Lochaber ladies will tackle the highest mountain in Britain this month to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Jenny Grant, Aileen Campbell and sisters Fiona MacFarlane and Tracy Kyle will take part in the Ben Nevis Challenge with Marie Curie nurse Joan Kennedy on June 26.

Aileen lives in Onich, Jenny in Ballachulish and Fiona and Tracy are from

Spean Bridge and all have personal reasons for raising money for Marie Curie. Aileen's mum died from breast cancer, Jenny lost a close friend and Fiona and Tracy lost their mum to cancer last year.

To take part, the ladies each have to raise £100 in sponsorship, and they are confident they can reach that goal. Aileen told *The Oban Times*: 'We think that when people hear about what we

are doing that they will want to support us. I hope we can maybe raise around £500 in total.'

The ladies are working hard to get in shape for the walk and started training nearly a month ago, getting together every Saturday for practice walks.

Aileen and Tracy have made the ascent before but this is the first time for Fiona and Jenny and they are all considering continuing after

the challenge. Aileen said: 'We're all enjoying it and we're talking about keeping it up and doing a few more hills in the future.'

Marie Curie community fundraiser Vonnie Carson said the girls are enjoying themselves and she's confident they will succeed. She said: 'I know their enthusiasm to support us will get them to the top and back no matter what the weather throws at them.'

## Ex bar manager threatened to kill boss

AN EX bar manager at a Lochaber hotel has pled guilty to threatening to kill his boss after an argument about wages.

Stephen Brady, aged 37, of 54 Nineacres Way, Coulsdon, Surrey, was working at the Stewart Hotel in Duror in May last year when the incident occurred and failed to appear when summoned to Fort William Sheriff Court on January 27.

Defence agent Stephen Kennedy told the court Brady moved to the hotel in April 2009 to work. Brady said he was promised £250 per week but when the job started he only received £150 per week.

Brady had a meeting in the premises with owner Shamsul Arefin on May 24 to discuss the situation, where he offered to quit for £150 in cash. Brady, who admitted to having had a few drinks,

then shouted, swore and threatened to burn down Mr Arefin's house and kill him. Mr Kennedy also said Brady has suffered from alcohol addiction since the age of 11 and has been in a rehab centre in Croydon since November 27. He said this was why Brady had failed to attend court in January.

Sheriff Douglas Small fined Brady £270 for the breach of the peace and £200 for failing to appear at court.

## Sun shines on Islay Mòd

JUNIOR and senior competitors strove for the top honours in soaring temperatures at Mòd Ìle 2010 held in the Islay High School last Saturday.

### High standard

The high standard of music brought warm praise from the visiting adjudicators and the island's Gaelic with its distinctive 'blas' was welcomed and encouraged by those sitting in judgement.

In the chanter competition for under 12s the outright winner was Kyle Rowan with James Morris taking the top honours in the over 13 section.

Bowmore schoolboy Ryan Johnston led the field in the junior solo

singing for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 and in the poetry section for the 9 to 12 year olds.

A number of newcomers performed with great confidence and among those who regularly feature on the junior prize lists were Laura Woodrow, Natalie Dunn, Mairi MacGillivray Alasdair Currie, Ruairidh MacKinnon, Hannah Gillies and Nicole Summers. Pupils from Keills primary school were in top place in the psalm singing and led the folk groups while their Bowmore and Port Ellen counterparts enjoyed success in the choral unison singing and puirt a beul.

Bowmore primary school also received the

action song oscar, Laura Woodrow achieved the highest Gaelic marks in the junior section with Ryan Johnston annexing the music trophy in the same section.

### Sell out concert

The input from Coisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle greatly pleased the adjudicators, duettists and quartets equally impressed and all who work so tirelessly to train the young competitors were loudly lauded by the adjudicators.

Conisby singer Bronwen Currie swept the boards in the senior solos section and also enjoying great success were soloists Fergus Muir, Iain MacPherson and Graham Allison.

Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle was the only senior choir competing but their 'continuing improvement' and 'quality sound' did not go unnoticed by the adjudicators.

It was standing room only at the prize winners' concert in the school's assembly hall on the same evening. The evening ran at a smacking pace, the performers gave of their very best and the supporters went home hot but happy.

Neil MacLean, chair of Meur Ìle of An Comunn Gàidhealach, described the day as 'highly successful' and commended all who had worked so hard to achieve another enjoyable Mòd Ìle.

## 'Happy medium' Derek moves into new Fort William office

DEREK MacGillivray's new office has an unmistakable air of calm above the hustle and bustle of Fort William High Street.

That's not surprising, as it's here that psychic medium Derek brings his skills to bear in helping his clients determine the causes of their problems and how to deal with them in a positive and compassionate manner.

Derek, the vice chairman of Fort William Football Club, says restoring people's self esteem and self-confidence is central to his work.

'Healing brings out not just the physical healing, but the mental and emotional healing as well,' he says.

The multi-skilled practitioner is a qualified past life regression therapist, hypnotist, life coach, Reiki spiritual healer, card reader and a trained counsellor and mentor.

Given the nickname 'happy medium' by friends and locals after demonstrating his psychic



'Happy medium' Derek MacGillivray in his new office on Fort William High Street.

10\_f24derek01

He continues to work on Sky TV, giving live readings on air with glowing testimonials and has already built up a good reputation amongst locals and tourists in Fort William and Lochaber.

'Derek has a very gentle way about him and gives very detailed readings including lots of validations,' one client says.

Another client says: 'I had several readings with him over the past year I have always found him to be a very accurate, very down to earth psychic.'

'If you like your readings to be straight to the point then this genuine reader is your guy, no matter on what subject - love, relationships, work, business or psychic development.'

'Many thanks to Derek for his help and guidance over the past year.'

Derek will be holding an open day at his new office/studio on the top floor of 111 High Street, Fort William, on Saturday June 12 from 1 to 5pm.

### RESULTS

#### Junior Section

Chanter - march - boys and girls 12 and under: 1 and Annette Sinclair Trophy and Glasgow Islay Association prize, Kyle Rowan, 2, Katie MacNiven, 3, equal Stacy Baker and Rachel MacKinnon. Chanter - march - boys and girls over 13 years: 1 and Bobby Hammond Memorial Trophy, James Morris, 2, Alasdair Currie, 3, Joe Lewis MacKirdy.

Bible reading - boys and girls under 13: 1 and Willie Christie Trophy, Nicole Summers, 2, Laura Woodrow, 3, Zoe Wells. Recitation - Fluent - 9 to 12 years, 1 Nicole Summers, 2, Laura-May Poffenroth.

Recitation - Learners - 5 to 8 years, 1 and Archie Fletcher Cup, Kimberley Rae, 2 equal Kayla Woodrow and Iona Scott, 3 equal, Emily Gray and Abby Brown.

Recitation - Learners - 9 to 12 years - 1 and Islay Lions Club Cup, Ryan Johnston, 2, Anna MacDonald, 3, Eilidh MacDonald.

Recitation - Learners - 13 to 15 years - 1 and Mòd Ìle Prize, Mairi MacGillivray.

Solo singing - boys and girls - 5 to 9 years - 1 and Lily MacLean Trophy, Ryan Johnston, 2 equal Isobel Ferguson and Lily Anne Doyle, 3 equal Emily Gray and Emma McHarris.

#### Solo singing - girls 10 to 12 years

1 and MacDougall Goldie Trophy, Natalie Dunn, 2, Laura Woodrow, 3 Hannah Gillies. Solo singing - girls 13 to 15 years - 1 and Bank of Scotland Cup, Siobhan MacNab, 2, Mairi MacGillivray, 3, Alison Gairns. Solo singing - boys 13 to 15 years - 1 and An Comunn Badge, Alasdair Currie.

Puirt a beul - 13 to 18 years - 1 and Donald MacIndeor Shield, Ruairidh MacKinnon. Former winners - 1 and Jubilee Cup, Ruairidh MacKinnon, 2, Alasdair Currie.

Solo singing - 16 to 18 years - 1 and Royal Bank of Scotland Cup, Ruairidh MacKinnon.

Duet singing - under 18s - 1 and An Comunn Badge, Hannah Gillies and Laura Woodrow, 2 equal, Natalie Dunn and Zoe Wells/ Eilidh and Anna Mac Donald.

3, Laura-May Poffenroth and Nicole Summers. Folk Groups - primary - 1 and Flora MacDonald Cup, Coisir Bun Sgoil na Cille, 2, Na h-uisean, 3, Na Smeòraich.

Psalm singing - under 18 years - 1 and Alastair MacEachern Cup, Coisir Bun Sgoil na Cille, 2, Port Ellen Primary Gaelic Choir, 3, Bowmore Primary School Group A. Unison singing - primary schools - 1 and Glasgow Islay

#### Association Cup, Bowmore Primary Gaelic Choir, 2, Port Ellen Primary Choir.

Unison singing: 1 and MacIntyre Challenge Cup - Coisir Òg Ghàidhlig Ìle. Puirt a beul - 1 and Tom Crawford Memorial Trophy, Port Ellen Primary Gaelic Choir, 2, Coisir Bun Sgoil na Cille, 3, Bowmore Primary Gaelic Choir.

Action song - 1 and Peggy Earl Memorial Trophy, Bowmore Primary School (primaries 2 and 3), 2, Bowmore Primary School's Gaelic Medium Unit.

Senior Section Solo singing - male and female - 1 and CWS Prize, Fergus Muir, 2 equal, Iain MacPherson and Graham Allison, 3 equal, Bronwen Currie, Andrew McCowan and Stuart Jackson.

Solo singing - Duncan Johnston song - 1 and Iain Johnston Memorial Cup and Glasgow Islay Association Prize, Bronwen Currie, 2, Graham Allison, 3 equal Andrew McCowan and Iain MacPherson.

Prescribed song - Gilbert MacPhail - 1 and Gilbert MacPhail Memorial Prize, Fergus Muir, 2 equal Stuart Jackson and Bronwen Currie, 3, Iain MacPherson.

Solo singing - Duncan Ban MacIntyre song - 1 and MacIntyre Memorial Trophy, Graham

#### Allison, 2, Iain MacPherson.

Puirt a beul - 1 and Ina MacDonald Quaich, Iain MacPherson, 2, Graham Allison. Duets - 1, Lynn Mitchell and Iseabail Nic an t-sagairt, 2, Alastair Gillies and Fergus Muir. Quartets: 1, Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle Quartet A, 2, Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle Quartet B.

Choral singing: three part harmony - females - 1 and Rose-bowl Challenge Trophy, Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle; Four part harmony and Puirt a beul, Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle; Three part harmony - men - 1 and Centenary Mòd Ceithneas Bowl, Coisir Ghàidhlig Ìle.

Special awards: Fiona Rountree Cup for highest music marks in junior section - Ryan Johnston.

Tom Shaw Memorial Cup for most promising chanter player - Stacy Baker.

Joan Campbell and John Ferguson Trophies for highest Gaelic marks in junior section - Laura Woodrow.

Campbell Tray for highest Gaelic mark in the ladies section - Bronwen Currie. Woodrow Cup for highest Gaelic mark in the adult men's section - Graham Allison. District Cup for highest Gaelic and music marks - Bronwen Currie, Margrat Duncan Shield and the Duncan Johnston Mòd Ìle Cup

www.obantimes.co.uk/digital

The New Instant Digital Edition AVAILABLE NOW

Frustrated in waiting for your Oban Times? Our new E-Edition is delivered direct to your inbox on the day of publication.

Receive it even when you're away from home - anywhere where you have internet access.

- User friendly, professional page viewer
- 'Flip' through pages
- Zoom in and out
- Print pages
- Search

www.obantimes.co.uk/digital



OT

**New Gaelic development manager**

HIGHLAND Council has appointed a new Gaelic development manager. Native Gaelic speaker Kenneth Murray from Tong on the Isle of Lewis took up the post last week. Mr Murray, the former chief executive of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, said he was 'very excited' about starting his new job. Chairman of The Highland Council's Gaelic committee Hamish Fraser said he hoped the appointment would bring strength and leadership to the Gaelic department.

**Man injured on Sgurr Alasdair**

A MAN was injured in a fall on Sgurr Alasdair in the Cuillins on Sunday evening. Malcolm Fletcher, aged 57, from Halesowen on the West Midlands, was descending Coire a Ghrunnda and fell after slipping on wet rock in the area known as The Slabs. His climbing companion descended to Glen Brittle and raised the alarm. Skye Mountain Rescue Team and the Stornoway Coastguard Helicopter found Mr Fletcher at 9.30pm. He was airlifted to the Dr Mackinnon Memorial Hospital in Broadford, where he was found to have sustained a suspected fractured pelvis.

**Sunart Centre's top Celtic music line-up**

IRISH super-band Buille and Scottish festival favourites Daimh will take the stage at Sunart Centre in Strontian on Saturday. The bands have included Lochaber in their Tune Up tour, which features Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland and Canada. Centre manager and promoter Eoghan Carmichael said: 'This is another fantastic opportunity for the people of Lochaber to see a world class act with the best of Celtic music on their doorstep. We look forward to a sell out crowd.'

Got a story for **The Oban Times**? Call our reporters on 01397 703003.



Left to right, South Lochaber Bowmen Douglas Lumsden, Mark Taylor, Molly Todd and Mark Stuart take aim. 10\_f23archery01

# Archery takes off in South Lochaber

Ancient sport hits the target with local people who rush to join new club in Kinlochleven

ONE OF Scotland's ancient sports is taking flight in Lochaber - thanks to the dedication of local enthusiasts. South Lochaber Bowmen Archery Club in Kinlochleven was only set up in mid-March, but since then 75 people have joined up. Demand has been such that the club already has three sections - cubs, juniors and adults - with members aged between seven and 80 travelling from as far as Ballachulish and Glencoe for weekly sessions in the Leven Centre. Secretary Kirsteen Hine told *The Oban Times* the idea for a local archery club came from a conversation last year with youth activities volunteer Douglas 'Dubh' Irbhin, the present president and chairman, after local children tried out the sport in the summer.

'We did a consultation and found that there were lots of people that wanted to do archery,' Kirsteen said. 'There was definitely a demand there, and when we made it known we were setting the club up the response was fantastic. It's not just people from Kinlochleven. We have folk coming through from Ballachulish and Glencoe as well and we haven't even advertised yet. 'It all been through word of mouth and we have received a really positive feedback. All members who are newcomers to the sport receive free coaching in the first week so that they can start shooting on the first night and they continue to receive coaching for six weeks for £1.' Kirsteen said everyone is welcome to come along to the archery session

and become members. South Lochaber Bowmen cubs and juniors meet on Monday nights, while the adults meet on Tuesday evenings. The cubs, for the 7 to 12 age group, meets from 6.45 to 7.45pm, the 13 to 18-year-old juniors group at 7.30 to 8.30pm and the adults from 7 to 9pm. The club is affiliated to the Scottish Field Archery Association, the national governing body of the sport, and abides by its rules on safety procedures. Active Schools, Coaching Highland, Cashback Scotland and Highland Council are backing the initiative. Anyone interested in joining the club can contact Dubh Irbhin on 07788 633687, Kirsteen at the Leven Centre on 01855 831119 or simply come along on the night.

## Sheriff fines tourist £150 for smashing window

A YOUNG man holidaying in Lochaber has been fined £300 and ordered to pay £150 compensation for smashing a window after an argument with his mother and sister.

Matthew Kirkland, aged 19, of 10 Huxloe Place, Kettering, was staying at Struan Cottage, Great Glen Water Park, South Laggan,

with his mother, sister and step-father when the incident occurred on June 2.

Kirkland lost the plot when told he wasn't allowed to go clay pigeon shooting, Fort William Sheriff Court heard.

Noise He went into his room and a loud noise was heard before he emerged with his hand covered in blood

after smashing the window. Defence solicitor Stephen Kennedy told the court the apprentice carpenter had a 'volatile' relationship with his mother.

'Over the years, there has been a gradual build up of tension between them,' he said.

'When Matthew was told he wasn't allowed to go clay

pigeon shooting, it was the final straw.'

Kirkland pled guilty to wilfully or recklessly damaging the property of another.

Sheriff Douglas Small told Kirkland: 'The fact that you don't get on with your mother doesn't mean you can go around damaging other people's property.'



## Club steps out in style at end of season ceilidh

Nether Lochaber Scottish Country Dancing Club held its end of season ceilidh and prizegiving ceremony in the Onich Hotel marquee recently. Families and friends of the talented dancers enjoyed a varied programme of dances, expertly performed by the 24-member club.

# Hopes of warm spring dashed

Cool, dry months follow freezing winter temperatures

LOCHABER'S frigid winter turned into a cool and very dry spring, weather records for March to May have shown.

Hopes of a warm spring to compensate for months of frost and snow were dashed, with all three months colder than normal.

At Achnabobane near Spean Bridge, average temperatures were only 3.9C in March, 7.7C in April and 10.1C in May - much colder than 2009, which averaged 5.2C in March, 9C in April and 10.3C in May. Longterm averages for the spring months are 5C, 8.1C and 10.4C.

Only 95mms of rain was recorded in March compared to 180mms last year, while April was wetter with 143mms against 118mms for April 2009.

May saw a huge contrast - only 41mms were measured

compared to last May, which saw 248mms - 10 inches - of rainfall helping to deluge the 2009 Scottish Six Day Trial. Rainfall averages for the spring months are 180mms, 118mms and 137mms respectively.

Meteorologist Andrew Bootman, who runs the weather station at Achnabobane, blamed unusual atmospheric conditions for the cool, dry weather.

Colder He said: 'With the exception of April, all of the winter and spring period have been substantially drier than average and colder than average.'

'The cause has been a shift in the jet stream. Normally these high-level very strong winds pass across the Atlantic and over the UK bringing with it a succession of winter depressions, giving

us the normal south westerly gales and winter rainfall.

'This last winter the jet stream was 500 miles further south, bringing the wet weather across Europe causing floods in Portugal and spoiling winter sunshine holidays around the Mediterranean. This southward shift left us with a northerly flow of cold dry Arctic air, which is normally found in Iceland and northern Scandinavia.'

'It was exactly this shift that caused the Icelandic volcanic ash cloud to travel south east to cover the UK rather than taking it to the north west and Siberia.'

He added: 'On a positive note, as long as the jet stream remains further south, we will be having a dry and hot summer. If it moves back to normal, then it will be back to normal Lochaber weather!'



UK Maths Challenge winners from Lochaber High School with their certificates.

## Maths Challenge winners

PUPILS from Lochaber High School have won certificates at the UK Junior Maths Challenge.

A total of 16 pupils received awards - two gold, two silver and 12 bronze. Head teacher Jim Sutherland said: 'With 3,770 schools competing nationally and almost a quarter of a million entries, pupils did very well to solve a wide ranging set of problems and puzzles.'

Gold Certificates - Pietemel Baak, also Best In School; Katie Salter. Silver Certificates - Lauren Ballantyne and Andrew Denny. Bronze Certificates - Lauren Byrne; Joseph Tangney; Kayleigh MacDonald; Calum Sandison; Robbie Hatch; Jodie Halpin; Siobhan McNab; Jamie Bryden; Donnie Campbell; Rhiannon Melrose; Craig Stoddart; Glen Falconer.

## A87 roadworks worth £600,000 underway

A £600,000 package of three road improvement schemes to the A87 between Spean Bridge, average temperatures were only 3.9C in March, 7.7C in April and 10.1C in May - much colder than 2009, which averaged 5.2C in March, 9C in April and 10.3C in May. Longterm averages for the spring months are 5C, 8.1C and 10.4C.

Scotland TransServ is carrying out the seven-week 'essential carriageway maintenance' works on behalf of Transport Scotland. The Skulamus section is scheduled for

completion by July 2, works at Sconser will run from June 21 to July 16 and at Glen Varrigill from July 5-23. The improvements will be carried out between Monday and Friday, 7.30am to 6pm and will involve road widening followed by resurfacing and verge works. Emergency services will have unrestricted access at all times.

## Fort William FC appoints temporary club secretary

FORT William FC held its annual general meeting last Thursday where it was announced chairman John Wattman will temporarily take over the position of club secretary.

Mr Wattman will be assisted in his new role by Karen MacGillivray

and Aileen Shearer until the position is filled permanently.

The meeting also saw the committee look back at the club's season last year in a upbeat light. Mr Wattman told *The Oban Times*: 'There are a lot of positives we can take from last season. As a

club we are progressing on and off the park.' He added: 'We are well aware that the biggest issue for our next year will be Claggan Park.'

'The SFA have said they will give us a 60 per cent grant for refurbishments and we are now just waiting on the council's reaction.'

# Historic Scotland joins battle to save Spean signal box

LOCAL people look to be winning the battle to prevent the historic signal box at Spean Bridge railway station being demolished.

Historic Scotland has joined the fight to prevent the box being knocked down by Network Rail, and is considering making it a listed building.

Network Rail decided to demolish the box as it has been redundant since 1988 and maintaining it was deemed a waste of resources. Glenfinnan Station Museum director Gerald Rivett is involved with the

campaign to preserve the box. He told *The Oban Times* a final decision on the box's future has not been reached yet, but things were currently 'looking more positive than negative'.

'We are looking at the possibility of getting the whole station made a listed site,' Mr Rivett added. 'We have also given Network Rail a list of nine potential future uses for the signal box.'

The list includes turning the box into a coffee shop, incorporating it into Glenfinnan Station Museum

or converting it into an office. A Network Rail spokesman said: 'The structure has not been in use for many years and represents an unnecessary drain on our maintenance budgets.'

He added: 'The location of the building also makes it very hard for the structure to be put to an alternative use due to how close it is to the railway line. Even repainting the box would require closing the railway for the duration of any work because it is so near the live railway.'

**THIS MONTH IN SCOTTISH FIELD... NOW ON SALE**

**READ...**  
**OVER THE BRIDGE TO SKYE** An area that overwhelms visitors with its beauty  
**MY OWN BOTANIC GARDEN** Plants from the Southern Hemisphere find a home on the Firth of Forth  
**FLIGHT OF FANCY** Scotland's first balloonist  
**BY THE BAY** An interior designer's stunning house on the east coast  
**ON THE CREST OF A WAVE** Recipes from the Ninth Wave Restaurant on Mull

**WIN...**  
**WIN: A luxury stay at Cameron House hotel including champagne cruise worth £1000**

**DISCUSS...**  
**GO TO OUR FORUMS: Share views, rate whiskies or restaurants, or submit book reviews at www.scottishfield.co.uk**

www.westcoastpropertyguide.co.uk

# West Coast property service

TO PLACE YOUR ADVERT OR TO DISCUSS YOUR REQUIREMENTS  
TEL MARGARET ON 01631 568000 OR EMAIL adverts@obantimes.co.uk  
offer exclusive to re-sale property only

**norman macdonald - builders**  
**FOR SALE IN TOBERMORY, ISLE OF MULL**

Exciting opportunity to purchase a newly built detached home. Competitively priced 2 and 3 bedroomed homes available.  
Prices starting from £123,000.00



All properties will benefit from:

- 10 year NHBC guarantee.
- Excellent insulation values
- High standard of finishing
- High quality windows and doors.
- Low tariff electric heating.
- Option of floor coverings.

All enquiries to 01688 302065.

**Large 1st Floor Flat**  
Quarry Road, Oban



- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating
- Generous Storage
- Walk in condition
- Balcony
- Free on street parking
- Close to town centre

**Offers over £125,000**

Tel: 07825987516 or 07747130991

West Coast property service

**Cluan Benderloch**

3 Bedroom Detached Family Home, close to Tralee Bay in the village of Benderloch



- 3 bedrooms master en-suite
- 2 1/2 Bathrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Large lounge with open fire
- Kitchen, dining room, study
- Small toilet/laundry room
- Oil heating.
- Front and rear garden with feature burn and large Patio with Barbecue.

**Offers Over £240,000**  
Tel: 01631 720592 (evenings)  
Mob. 07751566150

West Coast property service

**Sound of Kintyre, Machrihanish**

**Three Bedroom House**  
Water Damaged  
Suit Developer or DIYer



**£65,000**  
Tel: 01586 557165 / 07770 998746

West Coast property service

**Large 1st Floor Flat For Sale**  
George Street, Oban



Double Glazed, 4 bedrooms, bathroom and toilet, kitchen, living room.

Home report pending.

**Offers over £95,000**  
Tel: 07760766528 (daytime) 01866 833 232 (evenings)

West Coast property service

**'Stonevilla' Taynuilt**

**Spacious Traditional Stone built detached house**



- 6 Bedroom (2 En-suite)
- 3 Bathrooms
- Good Views
- South Facing
- Traditional Stone Outside
- Modern Interior
- Well Insulated
- Loads of Parking and lots of Garden.

**Offers Over £420,000**  
Tel: 01866 822571

West Coast property service

**MACARTHUR STEWART**

**Corrachan Cottage, Dervaig, Isle of Mull**  
Corrachan Cottage is situated in the heart of the conservation village of Dervaig on the Isle of Mull. Traditional style it is well maintained and provides most comfortable and versatile accommodation.

It is fully double glazed and benefits from an effective oil fired central heating system augmented by a multi fuel stove. Presently run as holiday accommodation but would make an ideal family home. Accommodation - LOUNGE, DINING/KITCHEN AREA, UTILITY ROOM, 2 BEDROOMS AND BATHROOM OIL FIRED CENTRAL HEATING, SHARED DRIVEWAY, PARKING, LARGE GARDEN

**OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £180,000 are invited.**

OBAN OFFICE ☎(01631) 562215  
Visit our website at www.macarthurstewart.co.uk

**E. Thornton & Co.**  
SOLICITORS NOTARIES AND ESTATE AGENTS

Visit our website at www.ethornton.co.uk

**'KINTRA' - BLACKCROFTS, N.CONNELL, PA37 1QX**  
Modernised four bedroom, low slung cottage situated in a most sought after area close to the town of Oban.



Accommodation - 4 bedrooms, entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room with WC/shower, lounge and bathroom/shower room.

Modern fully fitted kitchen, oil fired central heating, solid fuel fire in lounge.  
Parking for 4 cars. Large fenced area to front.

**Offers over £225,000**

Abacus Buildings ☎(01631) 566771 info@ethornton.co.uk

**DAWSONS**

**Shawholm, Ganavan, Oban**  
A well presented detached bungalow in sought after residential area with fine open views towards the Lynn of Lorne.



Generously proportioned family accommodation providing Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with adjoining Dining Room, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom & Shower Room. Double glazing, Oil fired central heating. Delightful Established Garden, Garage, Stores and Greenhouses.

**Guide Price £315,000**

1 George Street, Oban, PA34 5RX  
Tel: 01631 563901  
www.alexanderdawson.co.uk

**TO LET**

**ARGYLL OTTER FERRY**  
Bungalow available for long let

3 bed, one en-suite shower, bathroom, spacious sitting/dining room with wood burning stove. Beautiful views overlooking Loch Fyne.

Tighnabruach 12 miles, Dunoon 24miles. Refs. Ess. £530pcm  
Tel: 01700 821 220

**TO LET OBAN**  
3 bed semi-detached house.

Front & rear gardens, off street parking, close to all amenities. White goods included, part furnished. Oil c/h  
No pets, D.S.S. or smokers £540 pcm + bills & C/Tax  
Tel: 01631 770647 evenings

**NEW BUILD COTTAGE TO RENT**  
TAYNUILT

£650 pcm

Fully furnished cottage situated in a great location overlooking the picturesque glen. Ideal for professional couple  
Cottage consists of Living room / Kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower  
Beautiful garden with decking.  
No Smokers, Pets or D.S.S.  
Please call 01631 563711 / 07799898348

**FOR LET**  
Cosalt Residential Caravans

34ft x 12ft  
Situated on Farm Near Spean Bridge  
£400 pcm  
11 months occupancy  
All services included  
No D.S.S. or pets.  
Tel: 07833151430

**TO LET**  
Office accommodation central Tarbert

Contact 01880 820220  
dande.henderson@btinternet.com

**TO LET**  
Oban

Light airy 3 bedroom refurbished flat  
Furnished  
References and deposit required  
£525pcm + C/T + Utilities  
No smoking, pets or D.S.S.  
Tel: 01866 822580

**WANTED**  
cottages4you

Making your holiday cottage work harder for you

Ask for our free comprehensive owner information pack

Call our property recruitment team on: 0845 268 0555 or visit: www.letmycottage.co.uk

**LOCHGILPHEAD AREA**  
Flat to rent from July 2010.

Suitable for professional, no D.S.S., pets or smokers. Spacious refurbished ground floor main door 2/3 bedrooms in stone villa. Parking with access to garden and shore.  
£550 pcm + C/T & Utilities  
Tel: 07553370360

**Wanted: Holiday Cottages**

- High occupancy levels and payment in advance
- FREE property inspection, photos and rental advice
- Over £1000 FREE advertising & top GOOGLE search positions

0800 915 4750  
www.SykesLettings.co.uk

**SYKES COTTAGES**

**FLAT TO LET IN FORT WILLIAM**

28 Lundavra Road, 3 bedroom ground floor flat, near amenities in Fort William, unfurnished, fully redecorated, white goods in kitchen. 6 month minimum tenancy, sorry no DSS and no smokers.  
£540pcm + bills.  
For further info please contact Alastair 07786028707.

**New Detached house**  
Redhouse by Tarbert, Argyll

- 3 Bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- Lounge (with wood burning stove)
- Large Kitchen
- Utility room
- Dining room
- Attic trusses for further development
- Oil under floor heating




**Mobile: 07747895805**

West Coast property service

**STEWART BALFOUR & SUTHERLAND**  
SOLICITORS & ESTATE AGENTS

**Kildonald Cottage, Ballochgair, by Campbeltown**  
Detached Stone Cottage situated on the seaward side of the road with panoramic views of Arran and Ailsa Craig.




- Bright lounge with patio doors into garden
- Luxury fitted kitchen with oil fired Aga
- Utility Room
- Three roomy Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms (one en-suite)
- Separate converted byre with bedroom and shower room
- Well tended mature garden

**Offers over £185,000**

All our properties can be viewed on our website  
www.sbsproperty.co.uk Tel: 01586 553737

**Selling your property doesn't have to cost you the earth.**

Advertise your property for three weeks in The Oban Times, Argyllshire Advertiser and Campbeltown Courier from only **£205.**

Give your property the maximum exposure, use the Oban Times group.

*Dear Oban Times*

*Thank you for all your efforts and advice with my recent property advert. I had no idea The Oban Times was so widely read, I received enquiries from all over Argyll, from Edinburgh and Glasgow. Two enquiries from the USA and one from Australia, in total there were 42 responses to the advert. The property is now sold, the new owners come from Perthshire.*

*Simply put, the best advertising investment I ever made!*

*James Woolnough*

<b>OPTION 1</b> 14cm x 3 columns 3 images 3 weeks = £325	<b>OPTION 2</b> 10cm x 3 columns 2 images 3 weeks = £265	<b>OPTION 3</b> 7cm x 3 columns 1 image 3 weeks = £205
---	---	---

All prices include full colour, all photographs and are inclusive for 3 weeks. Prices are exclusive of VAT

All adverts include a free web listing until sold.

TO PLACE YOUR ADVERT OR TO DISCUSS YOUR REQUIREMENTS  
TEL MARGARET ON 01631 568000 OR EMAIL adverts@obantimes.co.uk  
offer exclusive to re-sale property only

**West Coast Property Guide**

**PROPERTY TO HOLIDAY LET?**

- Free Holiday Letting Guide
- No obligation free advice
- No restrictions on your use
- 30+ yrs in Scotland market

Call (Mon-Fri) or visit web www.mackays-scotland.co.uk  
0131 550 1186

www.westcoastclassifieds.co.uk

NOW ONLINE

Advertise your unwanted items in either The Oban Times, Campbeltown Courier or Argyllshire Advertiser and your ad will also appear online at www.westcoastclassifieds.co.uk.

LOCAL services

BABY EQUIPMENT

BED RAIL child's, pink as new, £15 Telephone 01546 603472.

COSATTO COT Cosatto cot. Good condition. No mattress. Easy to assemble, £40 Telephone 01586 554652.

LITTLE LIFE EXPLORER CHILD carriage, great condition incl: sun canopy and neckrest. Fully adjustable and comfy, £170 new. Good condition Bugaboo Frog Pram also available, £49.50 Telephone 01880 820056.

TRAVEL COT child's as new, £20 Telephone 01546 603472.

TRAVEL COT mamas and papas travel cot, neutral colours, good condition, £30 Telephone 01631 710047.

BICYCLES

ADULT UNISEX MOUNTAIN BIKE about 1 year old, good condition, 18 gears. Pictures via email on request. Craobh Haven, £49.99 Telephone 01852 500791.

BOOKS

ANNABEL WILLIAMS brand new, 99 Portrait photo ideas, illustrated, great for all who want to take portraits, photo's. RRP £22.99, £15 Telephone 01546 606475.

BUILDING / DIY

8 ROLLS WALLPAPER Sanctuary Colour Collection. Textured wallcovering, design "Crushed Silk Ivory", will cover 42 sq mtrs. Perfect condition, £30 Telephone 01631 770279.

CYLINDRICAL OIL TANK approx 1500l capacity. Green in colour may require new tap. Buyer removes, £49 Telephone 01852 316154.

PINE INTERNAL DOOR 15 pane glazed pine door. 80" x 32". (2032 x 813 x 34). New, still wrapped. No longer required, £25 Telephone 01631 770279.

PINK GRANITE CHIPS and quality washed building sand, Telephone 01809 501256 or 07884 000894.

CAR ACCESSORIES

CAR COMPRESSOR good condition, £30 Telephone 01852 500791.

ROOF BARS including cycle rack for 2 bicycles and ski rack for 2 pairs of skis, £49.99 Telephone 01631 710352.

CARAVAN EQUIPMENT

SUNFLAIR CARAVAN AWNING green and grey awning to fit a 5 metre caravan. Includes draught skirt and curtains, cheap bargain, £49.99 Telephone 01631 564848.

CLOTHES, SHOES AND ACCESSORIES

JACKET weatherproof, offshore jacket, large, brand new, £25 Telephone 07766 966220.

JACKET Nike, red jacket, fully lined, large, brand new, £25 Telephone 07766 966220.

LEATHER COAT gents three quarter, Milan black leather, never worn, size 44", £49.99 Telephone 07766 966220.

ONE PIECE SUIT weather proof, quilted, large, almost new, £25 Telephone 07766 966220.

WET SUIT Neil Pryde mission size M. Excellent condition. Hardly worn. Separate arms as well. Campbeltown, £40 Telephone 07974 897664.

COMPUTERS AND GAMES

ALL-IN-ONE PRINTER DX multifunction printer with disc and box. Included spare ink cartridges on top of the ones inside of printer, new A4 Photo paper, £45 Telephone 01546 606475.

COOLING PAD fits all size laptop, widescreen display, 3 fan, ultra-quiet, usb, 6 level adjustable height, tilt, swivel, 1500-2300 rpm, boxed, £7.50 Telephone 01546 606475.

PC DELL DIMENSION 2400 Intel Celeron 2.4 Ghz 512 RAM, DVD/CD-RW, 40Gb hard drive, Windows Xp and AVG, internet ready, good working order, £40 Telephone 01546 605251.

DOMESTIC APPLIANCES

BEKO GAS OVEN/GRILL 1 year old, good condition, built in timer, £49.99 Telephone 01852 500791.

ELECTRIC FAN

90w Pedestal chrome, £25 Telephone 07714 270688.

SLOW COOKER

Slow Cooker Morphy Richards (unused), £25 Telephone 01546 606612.

DOMESTIC PETS

BEAUTIFUL LHASA-APSO boy puppy, 12 weeks old, black and white, Campbeltown, Argyll, £375 Telephone 01586 820082.

DEERHOUND PUPS Deerhound pups - dogs only. Home bred, KC registered. Fully inoculated & liver shunt tested. Ready after 18th June. To view go to www.killoederdeerhounds.co.uk, £700 Telephone 0141 649 9595.

GWP PUPS pro-worked parents can be seen. KC reg. well reared socialised. Will make great deer/bird dogs. gr.paren Dan imp. ready 1/7, £500 Telephone 01583 41372.

ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIELS Liver and white, 4 dogs, 3 bitches, KC Reg with 6 weeks, KC insurance, plus puppy pack, health checked. Wormed both parents excellent temperament, ready to view now, ready for new homes 063250. Telephone 07733 063250.

SPRINGER SPANIEL Bitch, has been dressed, 2 years old, brown & white good natured, great with children, needs home with biggish garden as she needs lots of exercise, country dog at heart answers to the name of Skye. More info Telephone 07513 410065.

SPRINGER SPANIEL PUPS liver/white, pedigree, 2 dogs left. Telephone 07849 186235 or 01631 720295.

The Retired Greyhound Trust have beautiful dogs and bitches suitable for adoption. These dogs are fully vaccinated and spayed/neutered. If you feel you could offer one of these ex-racers a home please contact Northern Division on 01470 511705 or 01465 255696. The RGT is a registered charity No 269668. A donation is required. Look forward to hearing from you.

COOKER SPLASH BACK Black, matt, cooker splash back, 90 x 60cms. Matsui... NEW. Metal with fittings, £10 Telephone 01880 820763.

LIVESTOCK PULLETS brown or black or pure breed, ducks, geese, feeders, drinkers, hen sheds. Telephone 01470 572213.

SCOTTISH FIELD CALENDARS, featuring spectacular photography of some of our most scenic lochs, rivers, beaches and mountains. Always a popular gift for family and friends at home or abroad. Order on-line at www.scottishcalendars.co.uk

OBAN TIMES WEST HIGHLAND CALENDAR, fabulous views of the West Highlands portrayed in this handy and conveniently sized calendar. Ideal for home offices or as a gift. Order on-line at www.scottishcalendars.co.uk

MOORING CHAIN 13m Stud Link (20mm), £85 Telephone 01631 730360.

MISCELLANEOUS SCREWS for sale, all sizes 25% off, under £49 Telephone 01546 606062.

MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT CHAIN & SPROCKET KIT 1000cc-motorcycle, chain and sprockets, £49.99 Telephone 07747 492780.

PHOTOGRAPHY CANON TELE-CONVERTER 2X TL-30.5 fits any digital camera or video camera with a 30.5mm filter thread. Gives extra 2 times magnification, as new, cost £140, £20 Telephone 01631 770698.

SAKAR TELE-CONVERTER LENS fits any digital camera or video camera with a 46mm or 54mm filter thread. Gives an extra 3X magnification, VGC, high quality, £15 Telephone 01631 770698.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY PAPER & CARD A4/A3 size, sold in reams or by the box, ideal for copiers, lasers and fax machines. From Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

RAFFLE TICKETS For your prize draw, numbered and perforated to your requirements. Contact Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

GARDEN MACHINERY

FLYMO garden vax plus, £20 Telephone 01546 603177.

QUALCAST ROLLER MOWER self sharpening and propelled, £40 Telephone 07766 966220.

HEATING, FIRES AND FIREPLACES OIL TANK upright cylindrical oil tank, green in colour. Capacity approx 1500 litres. May require new valve. Buyer removes, £49 Telephone 01852 316154.

HOME ENTERTAINMENT SONY DVD PLAYER multi region with remote, excellent condition, buyer collect, Lochgilphead area, £49 Telephone 07849 619540.

SONY TRINITRON TV 26" CRT, excellent condition. Two scart sockets, no hdmi. Buyer collects, £49 Telephone 07849 619540.

HOME FURNISHINGS MID-SLEEPER BED with vertical ladder and mattress included (good order) buyer needs to collect, is dismantled, easy to put up, £45 Telephone 01546 603650.

DELL MONITOR 17in colour monitor model no E771a, Instruction guide, power and connection cables included. Hardly used, vgc, £21 Telephone 01631 710649.

EPSON PRINTER ink cartridges, 3 black T0511, S020108 / S020189, 2 colour T0520, S020089 / S020191 £20 the lot, buyer collects. Telephone 01546 605254.

COOKER SPLASH BACK Black, matt, cooker splash back, 90 x 60cms. Matsui... NEW. Metal with fittings, £10 Telephone 01880 820763.

LIVESTOCK PULLETS brown or black or pure breed, ducks, geese, feeders, drinkers, hen sheds. Telephone 01470 572213.

SCOTTISH FIELD CALENDARS, featuring spectacular photography of some of our most scenic lochs, rivers, beaches and mountains. Always a popular gift for family and friends at home or abroad. Order on-line at www.scottishcalendars.co.uk

OBAN TIMES WEST HIGHLAND CALENDAR, fabulous views of the West Highlands portrayed in this handy and conveniently sized calendar. Ideal for home offices or as a gift. Order on-line at www.scottishcalendars.co.uk

MOORING CHAIN 13m Stud Link (20mm), £85 Telephone 01631 730360.

MISCELLANEOUS SCREWS for sale, all sizes 25% off, under £49 Telephone 01546 606062.

MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT CHAIN & SPROCKET KIT 1000cc-motorcycle, chain and sprockets, £49.99 Telephone 07747 492780.

PHOTOGRAPHY CANON TELE-CONVERTER 2X TL-30.5 fits any digital camera or video camera with a 30.5mm filter thread. Gives extra 2 times magnification, as new, cost £140, £20 Telephone 01631 770698.

SAKAR TELE-CONVERTER LENS fits any digital camera or video camera with a 46mm or 54mm filter thread. Gives an extra 3X magnification, VGC, high quality, £15 Telephone 01631 770698.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY PAPER & CARD A4/A3 size, sold in reams or by the box, ideal for copiers, lasers and fax machines. From Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

RAFFLE TICKETS For your prize draw, numbered and perforated to your requirements. Contact Krisp Print. Telephone 01586 554975.

TOYS AND GAMES

12 FT TRAMPOLINE selling as not used anymore, all it needs is a new surround pad priced at £18, buyer must uplift, £40 Telephone 01546 603650.

SWING small outdoor swing for infant/toddler, £10 Telephone 01631 710047.

WANTED COPPER BRASS lead stainless steel zinc all types of cable household and armoured top prices paid. Telephone 07770 724851 or 0800 9596482.

SCRAP METAL all types of scrap metal, we uplift cars, call Mr Cook, West Coast Scrap Metals. Telephone 01499 500638 or 07774 621917.

PERSONALS

Roy Jamieson 50 To-day Lots of Love Michael, Sylvia and Family.

Happy Birthday to Ellie Didcock on the 11th June Lots of love Daddy, Granny and Grampa

DAY TO GIVE THANKS Jamie and family would like to say thanks to ALL. A special thank you to you "Lord" for being on the right route on Sunday.

"For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's" Where will you spend eternity? YOU ARE KNOWN UNTO GOD! Why not visit www.Bethanyfortwilliam.co.uk

A Very Big Thank You

Thanks to all who attended Caroline's 50th Birthday celebrations in Helensburgh, sent cards, donations and presents. £800 collected for MacMillan Nurses. Special thanks to Gumma Sound Ceilidh Band who provided excellent entertainment as usual! Fabulous Night!

Maggie Robson (Tobermory)

Happy 60th Birthday Maggie - also retiring but never shy. Love from Alan, Lesley, Dani, David and families.

Photographic Orders

You can order photographs published in this newspaper A5 photograph: £4.41 A4 photograph: £6.76

Order from the relevant offices by filling in the coupon below, quoting the code, shown alongside the picture

Name, Address, Picture code, Date of Paper, A5 fee of copies, A4 fee of copies

Table with columns: Picture code, Date of Paper, A5 fee of copies, A4 fee of copies

Payment can be made in cash or by cheque. (cheques to be made out to Wyvex Media) To cover postage and packing 1 to 3 photos £1.30 extra charge. 4 to 5 photos £1.60 charge. Any more is an extra £2 charge.

Please send your order to: The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, Tel: 01631 568000

The Oban Times, Campbeltown Courier, Argyllshire Advertiser, Fort William, Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Tel: 01397 703003, Tel: 01586 554646, Tel: 01546 602345

UNWANTED ITEM TO SELL? The Oban Times & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES Be seen by over 40,000 readers Tel: 01631 568000 www.obantimes.co.uk

FED UP WITH MIDGIES? MIDGEATER IS THE ANSWER For your midgeater service and supply of baits, parts and patio gas

West Highland Gas Limited 01631 564050 Online Ordering Soon www.westhighlandgas.co.uk Limited stock of Midgeaters available HURRY WHILE STOCKS LAST

PLUMBING & HEATING I.M.K. Plumbing Jobbing, Maintenance, Installation All work undertaken professionally and quickly Phone Iain MacKechnie 01631 563472/562991 Mobile 07767631511

REMOVALS & STORAGE MACQUEEN BROS LTD Removals and Storage Full Packing Service Available Glengallan Road Oban, Argyll PA34 4HG Tel: (01631) 564848 Fax: (01631) 570627 e-mail: info@macqueenbros.com

WINDOW BLINDS Chris Craft window blinds 01852 316255 01855 831480 FREE MEASURING / FREE ESTIMATES FREE FITTING / MADE IN SCOTLAND ALL BLINDS MADE TO MEASURE FREephone 0800 371250 Check out our Customer Views at www.customers.chriscraft.co.uk

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS YOUR attention is drawn to the following terms and conditions which relate to the placing of advertisements in all publications owned by Wyvex Media Limited.

1. Advertising copy shall be legal, decent, honest and truthful and comply with the British Code of Advertising Practice and all other codes. 2. The Publisher does not guarantee the insertion of any particular advertisement.

3. The Publisher reserves the right to cancel or alter the advertisement by giving reasonable notice. 4. An order for an advertisement shall be deemed to be made on acceptance of the advertiser's order by the Publisher whether placed by telephone, mail, fax or in person.

5. Cancellation of display advertising must be received by the Publisher before the publishing deadline, failing which, the publisher reserves the right to invoice the customer in full for the whole cost of the advertisement. 6. The parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts and Scots Law.

7. In the event of any dispute or action by the Publisher to recover payment from an advertiser, it is agreed that matters will be settled in the Oban, Argyll Sheriff Court or such other Court as the Publisher may choose. 8. The Publisher shall not be liable for any loss or damage occasioned by any total or partial failure (however caused) of publication or distribution of any newspaper or edition in which any advertisement is scheduled to appear.

9. In the event of any error, misprint or omission in the printing of an advertisement or part of an advertisement, the Publisher will either re-insert the advertisement or relevant part of the advertisement, as the case may be, or make reasonable refund or adjustment to the cost. No re-insertion, refund or adjustment will be made where the error, misprint or omission does not materially detract from the advertisement. 10. Errors must be notified to the Publisher in writing within fourteen days of publication. In no circumstances shall the total liability of the Publisher for any error, misprint or omission exceed the amount of a full refund of any price paid to the Publisher for the particular advertisement in connection with which liability arose or the cost of a further or corrective advertisement of a type and standard reasonably comparable to that in connection with which liability arose.

11. The Advertiser/Advertising Agency agrees to indemnify the Publisher in respect of all costs, damages or other charges falling upon the publication as the result of legal actions or threatened legal actions arising from the publication of the advertisement in any one or more of a series of advertisements published in accordance with copy instructions supplied to the publisher in pursuance of the Advertiser/Advertising Agency order. 12. Advertisers under the value of £75 must be paid on acceptance of order by the Publisher. All advertising on a credit basis must be agreed with the Publisher in advance.

13. Payment of any invoice raised by the Publisher will be due 15 days from the date of invoice or as otherwise directed on the invoice. In the event of non-payment the Publisher may charge late payment interest at a rate of 2% and this is chargeable on a daily basis from the due date until the bill is paid. In addition the Publisher may charge a late payment levy of £10 as an administration fee. In the event of late payment the Publisher reserves the right to discontinue any discounts given and to raise an additional invoice for the discount which will be treated as though it has been raised with the original invoice. 14. A request to insert an advertisement assumes acceptance of our conditions.

Published by Wyvex Media Limited, P.O. Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB, (01631) 568000 Fax (01631) 568001 www.obantimes.co.uk and registered as a newspaper at the Post Office

Subscribe to The Oban Times & WEST HIGHLAND TIMES

To subscribe\* complete the form below, call Subscriptions on 01631 568000 or subscribe online at www.obantimes.co.uk/shop

Please tick your choice 3 months 6 months 1 year 2 years U.K. £22.00 £32.00 £58.00 £100.00 Rest of World £35.00 £55.00 £100.00 £175.00

I would like the Oban Fort William Edition (Tick appropriate) Deliver to (Name) Mr/Ms. Address. Postcode. From (if different from above). Address. Postcode.

I wish to pay by Cheque, payable to Wyvex Media Ltd for £. I wish to pay by Credit/Debit Card. Please debit my account for £. Card Number. Expiry Date. Start Date. Issue No. Card Verification Number (Last 3 digits on back of card). Name on card (block capitals please). All subscribers please Sign. and Date.

Please return to: Subscriptions Department, Wyvex Media Ltd, P.O. Box 1, Oban, Argyll, Scotland PA34 4HB. Tel: 01631 568000

\*Subscribers should note that to keep down the cost of postage, some special supplements may, on occasions, be excluded from the subscribers' editions of the paper

ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Dr Eco Kilroy Industrial Estate Lochgilphead ASBESTOS REMOVAL Dismantle, Removal and Licensed Disposal of Asbestos, Cement Roofing and Wall Cladding Industrial Units, Farm Buildings and Private Properties Call for free survey through out Argyll Contact 07796 474517 / 07900 157892 email: m-g-nelson@supanet.com

BUILDING SERVICES

LEDAIG BUILDING SERVICES All types of building work • All property repairs • UPVC Double Glazing • Conservatories • Extensions • Renovations • Drainage • Brickwork • Plastering • Guttering • New Water Supplies • Landscaping • All digger work Telephone Brian 01631 710851 07730654693 Alan 01631 710334 07796390411

CARAVANS

www.argyllholidays.com Caravans For Sale ON SITE CARAVANS from £8,950 OFF SITE CARAVANS from £1,095 Contact us today on 01866 822 666 (Lochawe Holiday Park) 01866 822 666 (Lochawe Holiday Park) Ideal for temporary use - Can be delivered to your location

FIRE SECURITY

MACLEOD BLDG LOCHAVULLIN RD OBAN ARGYLL PA34 4PL AMP ELECTRICAL SERVICES (SCOT) LTD Covering Argyll and the Islands TEL: 01631 565 290 FAX: 01631 571 062 MOB: 07771 623 719 www.ampelec.co.uk amp@ampelec.co.uk

We provide a specialist service in the design, installation, commissioning and servicing of both large and small fire and security projects. • Fire safety risk assessments (Institute of fire engineers) • Fire detection systems to BS 5839 • Emergency lighting systems to BS 5266 • Periodic inspection and testing to BS 7671 • Intruder alarms • Safety signage • Service and maintenance • Service and supply of fire extinguishers

PEST CONTROL

FED UP WITH MIDGIES? MIDGEATER IS THE ANSWER For your midgeater service and supply of baits, parts and patio gas

West Highland Gas Limited 01631 564050 Online Ordering Soon www.westhighlandgas.co.uk Limited stock of Midgeaters available HURRY WHILE STOCKS LAST

PAINTER & DECORATOR James Allan PAINTERS & DECORATORS For all your interior and exterior needs. Private and Commercial. Tel: 01631 566050 or 730216 Fax: 01631 566050 Mob: 07887510101 Email: jimmyallan02@aol.co.uk Established for 30 years.

PLUMBING & HEATING

I.M.K. Plumbing Jobbing, Maintenance, Installation All work undertaken professionally and quickly Phone Iain MacKechnie 01631 563472/562991 Mobile 07767631511

REMOVALS & STORAGE

MACQUEEN BROS LTD Removals and Storage Full Packing Service Available Glengallan Road Oban, Argyll PA34 4HG Tel: (01631) 564848 Fax: (01631) 570627 e-mail: info@macqueenbros.com

WINDOW BLINDS

Chris Craft window blinds 01852 316255 01855 831480 FREE MEASURING / FREE ESTIMATES FREE FITTING / MADE IN SCOTLAND ALL BLINDS MADE TO MEASURE FREephone 0800 371250 Check out our Customer Views at www.customers.chriscraft.co.uk

PLUMBING & HEATING

We install and maintain plumbing systems We install and maintain all types of central heating We maintain all types of boilers We install underfloor heating systems JG J M Gillies Ltd Plumbing & Heating Contractors Unit 8 Tweedmill Soroba Road Oban Argyll safe Tel: 01631 565636 Fax 01631 564724 Email information @jmgillies.co.uk

PLUMBING & HEATING

The Oban Times PREMIUM ADVERTISING RATES Private Classifieds Lineage Rates Minimum charge £13.45 + VAT (up to 25 words) thereafter £2.60 per line Box Number Fee £5.25 (+ VAT) Births, Engagements, Marriages, Deaths and Acknowledgments Minimum charge £12.40 (+ VAT) thereafter £2.40 per line (+ VAT) In Memoriam: Minimum charge £9.15 (+ VAT) thereafter £1.95 per line (+ VAT) Trade Classifieds: See Trade Classifieds Page for Rates Trade Display: £9.35 per single column centimetre Recruitment: £16.25 per single column centimetre Public Notices: £10.55 per single column centimetre Properties: £10.20 per single column centimetre Private Accommodation: £10.20 per single column centimetre (all rates exclusive of VAT) Personals: £7.20 per single column centimetre Payment: Pre-payment required for advertisements of less than £50 (excluding death notices) Please make cheques and postal orders payable to The Oban Times, P.O. Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB www.obantimes.co.uk

PLUMBING & HEATING

The Oban Times PREMIUM ADVERTISING RATES Private Classifieds Lineage Rates Minimum charge £13.45 + VAT (up to 25 words) thereafter £2.60 per line Box Number Fee £5.25 (+ VAT) Births, Engagements, Marriages, Deaths and Acknowledgments Minimum charge £12.40 (+ VAT) thereafter £2.40 per line (+ VAT) In Memoriam: Minimum charge £9.15 (+ VAT) thereafter £1.95 per line (+ VAT) Trade Classifieds: See Trade Classifieds Page for Rates Trade Display: £9.35 per single column centimetre Recruitment: £16.25 per single column centimetre Public Notices: £10.55 per single column centimetre Properties: £10.20 per single column centimetre Private Accommodation: £10.20 per single column centimetre (all rates exclusive of VAT) Personals: £7.20 per single column centimetre Payment: Pre-payment required for advertisements of less than £50 (excluding death notices) Please make cheques and postal orders payable to The Oban Times, P.O. Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB www.obantimes.co.uk

PLUMBING & HEATING

The Oban Times PREMIUM ADVERTISING RATES Private Classifieds Lineage Rates Minimum charge £13.45 + VAT (up to 25 words) thereafter £2.60 per line Box Number Fee £5.25 (+ VAT) Births, Engagements, Marriages, Deaths and Acknowledgments Minimum charge £12.40 (+ VAT) thereafter £2.40 per line (+ VAT) In Memoriam: Minimum charge £9.15 (+ VAT) thereafter £1.95 per line (+ VAT) Trade Classifieds: See Trade Classifieds Page for Rates Trade Display: £9.35 per single column centimetre Recruitment: £16.25 per single column centimetre Public Notices: £10.55 per single column centimetre Properties: £10.20 per single column centimetre Private Accommodation: £10.20 per single column centimetre (all rates exclusive of VAT) Personals: £7.20 per single column centimetre Payment: Pre-payment required for advertisements of less than £50 (excluding death notices) Please make cheques and postal orders payable to The Oban Times, P.O. Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB www.obantimes.co.uk

PLUMBING & HEATING

**MARRIAGES**

**MACINTYRE - MACFADYEN**

Kirsty and David's wedding took place on the beach in Tiree on Saturday May 22, 2010. Kirsty is the younger daughter of Lynda and the late Jim MacIntyre and David is the younger son of Wilma and Lachie MacFadyen. David is the grandson of the late Helen and John Buchan, Crianlarich.

**DEATHS**

**GEMMELL** - Peacefully at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, after a short illness John Rodger Gemmell (lan), 5 Robb Place, Castle Douglas, beloved husband of Thelma and proud father of Ruaraidh, Fiona and Sara and grandfather of Steven, Christopher, Kirsten and Ellen and great grandfather of Sam, Jake and Ben. Will be sorely missed. Funeral will take place 12 midday at Roucan Loch Crematorium on Friday June 11. Family flowers only but, if wished, donations can be made to Erskine Hospital.

**MACKAY** - On June 3, 2010, at North Argyll House, Oban, Iain Donald Mackay, aged 92, of Ardcuan, Achnacreebeag and Kintraw, Barbreck. Beloved brother of the late Hew and Christine, uncle of Margaret, Mary and Murray and a much loved great uncle and great grand uncle to the family. For funeral arrangements, please contact Donald MacDonalld Funeral Directors on 01546 602226.

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENTS**

**DELANEY** - Rosemary, Elizabeth and Anne wish to thank most sincerely all relatives and friends for the many cards, flowers and phone calls received in the recent very sad and sudden loss of their mother Agnes. Thanks to Father MacKinnon for the beautiful service, to Mike McFall for the very efficient funeral arrangements and to the Moorings Hotel for the catering after the service. Special thanks have to go to all the staff at Invernevis House for all the kindness and support shown to all the family at this very sad time. Special thanks also to Michael Fitzsimons for his help at the service. Finally thank you to all who came to the church and donated the sum of £943 for the Invernevis Resident's Fund.

**HAMMOND** - Chris and the family wish to thank everyone for the love and support they have received, not only at this sad time, but during Ivor's illness. Thanks also to Rev Dugald Cameron, Rev Catherine Knott and Mrs Elizabeth Little for guiding us through a most uplifting service. A big thanks to Catriona and her team from Hoeyes and a very special thanks to the staff at Cowal Ward, Argyll and Bute Hospital, Lochgilphead for their care of Ivor and Chris in the last few days of his illness. The retiring collection raised £634.

**HORNE** - Samantha would like to thank the medical, nursing and all staff on Ward C at Lorn and Islands Hospital, for the care and compassion given to the late Norman, also for the kindness and support shown to me. Thanks also to Morag Telfer and her superb team at North Argyll House where Norman was content and well cared for. Grateful thanks must go too to Catriona at Hamish Hoeyes - her assistance and kindness plus excellent funeral arrangements, to Les who gave us such a comfortable drive and all at Hoeyes. I extend my thanks also to all in "various offices" in Oban where it was my pleasure to meet and without whose great kindness and assistance this sad affair would have been so much more difficult. I thank the Rev Ian Millar at Cardross for his special empathy, kindness and thoughtful words. Lastly, but most certainly not least, a heartfelt thank you to Fiona, Murdo and Stewart for loyalty and friendship to Norman and myself, plus a huge debt of thanks to Sarah and Nic at Barriemore Hotel for their loving friendship and support along with the delicious refreshments afterwards. God Bless You All.

**KING** - George, Irene and their families would like to thank family and friends for their support, cards and flowers following the death of Frances. Special thanks to the Macmillan Nurses, District Nurses, the staff of the Belford Hospital and Drs Taylor and Gomez for their care. Also thanks to Reverend David Kellas for

his lovely service, Kate Cruickshank for her music, Ewen and Kevin of John MacLellan Ltd for their thoughtful and considerate arrangements, to Jean, Eilidh and Margaret for the lovely meal in the Social Club. Finally thank you to all who paid their respects at the graveside. The retiring collection raised £410 which will be divided between the Macmillan Nurses and the Morvern Medical Fund.

**MACLACHLAN** - Anne, John, Kirsten and Emma would like to extend their grateful thanks to all relatives, friends, and neighbours for the flowers, cards and many expressions of sympathy after their sad loss of Neil. Very grateful thanks to the wonderful team of Home helps in Tarbert who did so much to support Neil. Thanks to all the staff of Tarbert Medical Centre and the ambulance team for their care and attention over the past years, and a special thanks to the excellent team at Glenary Ward of the Mid Argyll Hospital for the outstanding care and support to Neil and the family in his last two weeks. Grateful thanks to Donald MacKinnon for a most fitting and comforting service, to Stan Lupton for efficient and considerate arrangements, to Isabel MacKay and Tarbert Bowling Club for excellent purvey arrangements. Finally many thanks to all near and far who paid their respects at the church and graveside and for sharing many memories of Neil which was of great comfort. The retiring collection for Glenary Ward raised £345.

**McGUNIGAL** - Sandy and Dorothy McGunigal and family wish to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, comfort and support following the sad loss of our son and brother Sandy, who passed away on May 23, 2010.

**CHARITY DONATIONS**

**WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT**  
Working towards a time when every person in Scotland has equal and ready access to the best information, treatment and care for cancer.  
West of Scotland Fundraising Office  
1st Floor, Erskine House  
North Avenue, Clydebank  
Business Park, Clydebank G81 2DR  
Tel 0800 100 6000  
In memory of Dawn Joyce

**Oban Hospice**  
CARING FOR THE FUTURE  
Donations always gratefully accepted  
Please contact  
David Mudie (Treasurer)  
Oban Hospice Ltd  
The Croft  
Kilmore

**FOR THE BLIND CHILDREN OF SCOTLAND'S ACADEMIC TUITION AT THE ROYAL SCHOOL IN EDINBURGH**  
Please give your financial support by donation, deed of covenant or legacy  
Please send to Appeals Department, Highland Arts Effort, Royal Blind Asylum School, P.O. Box 500, Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh, EH10 4HZ

**CANCER RESEARCH UK**  
**Fighting Cancer on all fronts...**  
CRC Scotland spends more on research than any other organisation  
Commitment of over £15 million each year  
Cancer Research UK Scotland  
Suite 1/1, Unit 4 Blair Court  
Clydebank Business Park  
Clydebank, G81 2LA

**MEMORIALS**

**OBAN MEMORIALS**  
Alistair MacLean  
Master Sculptor  
Glenalma, Soroba Road, Oban  
Design and prices on request  
LETTERING AND RENOVATING DONE IN ANY CEMETERY  
TEL: 01631 563123 / 565269

**Stokes Memorials**  
Serving Argyll and the Highlands & Islands for over 35 years  
Established 1973 - Fraser Downie, Master Sculptor  
• New and traditional memorials. • Work carried out in any cemetery.  
• Additional lettering. • Delivery to all islands.  
• Cleaning and renovations. • Free estimates and advice.  
• Pat memorials. • House signs.

**NICOLSON** - The family of the late Katie wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their support on our very sad loss. All who phoned, sent cards and flowers. Many thanks to matron and carers of Elmgrove Care Home, Inverness, also Rev Richard Begg for his comforting service, Andrew Simpson, organist, D Chisholm & Son Undertakers, Inverness, Robert Corson, Undertaker, Mallaig, for his efficient funeral arrangements, Bruce Watt and crew of the Western Isles, Mallaig, West Highland Hotel for catering, to all who helped in Knoydart. Finally to all who came to pay their last respects at church and graveside. God Bless You All.

**ROBERTSON** - Bert's family wish to send heartfelt thanks for all the comfort and support shown during their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks to all who attended Dad's funeral, for cards, visits and donations received. Special thanks to Marie Curie Nurses, Crossroads Care, Dr Ellis, Dr Headen, all those involved in his care and for the beautiful service conducted. Thanks also to Mike McFall, Funeral Director, for his care and compassion and to the Onich Hotel. The generous donations received for Marie Curie and Crossroads amounted to £715.

**ROBERTSON** - The family of the late Hector Robertson wish to thank all family and friends for their support and sympathy at this sad time. Thanks you to doctors and nurses for their care and attention to Hector, thanks also to Rev Donald MacQuarrie and Ewen MacLennan, Funeral Director. Thanks to all who attended the funeral and gave so generously towards Cancer Research UK and Ward 2c Raigmore Hospital.

**MEMORIALS**

**BROWN** - In loving memory of Ian, died June 8, 2007.  
Much loved husband to Rebecca.  
Loving father of the late Christine and Elizabeth.  
Papa to Nicola, John, Thomas. Great granpa to Jodie, Jamie, Shannon and Lewis.  
Love and miss you always.  
xxxx  
**BROWN** - Special memories of Ian, who passed away on June 8, 2007.  
Much loved father, father-in-law and papa.  
Remembered everyday with love.  
- Donnie, Donna, Finlay, Rebecca and families.

**ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES**

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANGLICAN COMMUNION**  
Sunday 13 June 2010  
St John's Cathedral, Oban

Holy Communion ..... 08.00  
Sung Eucharist ..... 10.15  
Sunday School and Creche Loop System  
Large Print Hymn Books All Welcome  
Norman MacCallum, Provost.  
(01631) 562323  
St James, Ardbrecknish, Cladich  
Holy Eucharist ..... 11.00  
St Columba, Gruline, Mull  
Holy Eucharist ..... 11.00  
St Columba, Bishop's House, Iona  
Holy Eucharist ..... 08.00  
Evensong ..... 20.00

**LORN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Sunday 13th June 2010  
Oban High School  
10:30am  
All Welcome  
Telephone  
07836 342 622  
www.lorncf.org.uk

**ASSOCIATED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OBAN**  
Campbell Street Church  
Sunday 13th June 2010  
11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
Phone-In 'Worship Link' available  
Rev. Archie McPhail  
MA, MTh  
(01631) 567076  
All welcome

**CAMPBELL** - Treasured memories of my dearly loved son Allan, who died June 11, 1980. Also my brother Charlie, who died June 20, 1990. Sadly missed.  
- Mum, Fort William.  
Remembering Allan and Charlie who died June 11, 1980 and June 20, 1990 respectively.  
Sadly missed.  
- Cathie and family, Devon.

**CURRIE** - In loving memory of our dear mum and nana, Mary, who died on June 6, 2003.  
A page in our book of memories  
Is gently turned today  
- Ian, Mary, Iona and Ashley.  
- Agnes, Martin, Chloe and Leona

**DICKIE** - Special memories of Zena, who passed away June 10, 2000.  
Loved and remembered by many  
May, Peter and family.

**FERGUSON** - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and granpa Angus, died June 11, 1993  
Loved and remembered every day  
Catherine and family

**FERGUSON** - In loving memory of Chrissie  
Forever in our hearts  
Paul, Mairi Clare and Louise.

**KENNEDY** - In loving memory of my husband Alexander (Alec), who died so suddenly at home, 6 Corran Brae on June 9, 2008.  
I have my happy memories and your picture in a frame  
But being here without you just isn't the same  
Missing you always  
Love Iona

**MACAULAY** - Jean Jerret.  
June 15, 2010.  
Loving memories of a wonderful mother.  
Even after all these years  
You are never far from our thoughts.  
- Una, Jack and Elizabeth.

**Oban Times ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Oban Times ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MACDONALD** - With fond memories of Angus, a beloved husband, father and grandfather who passed away on June 11, 1993 aged 67 years.  
Not just today, but every day  
- Mum, Fort William.  
In silence we remember  
- Katie and family, Torlum, Benbecula

**MACKENZIE** - In loving memory of Alexander, tragically drowned June 14, 1998.  
Forever in our thoughts and prayers.  
RIP.  
- Mum, Gordon, Michael, Lynda, Louis and Mhairi.

**MACKINNON** - Remembering our parents and grandparents, Alan and Isabel, who both passed away in June, 1994.  
- Ian, Fiona and Nicola.

**MACPHERSON** - In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Gordon, who died June 16, 1990.  
Also a dear son and brother, Gordon Cameron, killed in action during the Falklands Conflict, June 12, 1982.  
Your lives were a blessing  
Your memories a treasure  
You're missed beyond words  
And loved beyond measure.  
- Dorothy and David

**MACNEIL** - Michael, died June 16, 2007.  
Always with me  
Marie

**MARTINDALE** - Treasured memories of Kath a devoted and loving wife, mum and granny who died on June 9, 2008. Very sadly missed by Ruth and Tom, David and Jane, and grandsons Ben and Martin.

**SMITH** - Treasured memories of James (Pop), a dear husband, father, father-in-law and grandad who passed away June 14, 2000.  
Precious memories last forever.  
Rena and family

**Oban Times ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Oban Times ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDDINGS**



**BURTON - PROVE**  
Melanie Burton and Adrian Mark Prove were married at the stunning Caig Waterfalls, Lochaber Forest, Torlundy, Fort William on April 28th, 2010.  
Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



**LINDSAY - HYNDMAN**  
Sue Lindsay and Bill Hyndman were married at Falls of Lora Hotel, Connel, on April 24th, 2010. Their wedding celebrations were also held at this beautiful venue.  
Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



**MACFADYEN - MACINTYRE**  
David MacFadyen and Kirsty MacIntyre were married on the beach at Caoles, Isle of Tiree on Saturday 22nd May 2010.



**David Smart and Donald Melville dip their wheels in the North Sea after their cycle across Scotland**

**Cycling across Scotland for charity**

EASDALE islander Donald Melville and his Highlands and Islands Enterprise colleague David Smart succeeded in cycling across Scotland last week for charity.  
The pair cycled from Oban to Arbroath to raise funds for Prostate Cancer and Brain Tumour Research after Donald lost a friend at Christmas to a brain tumour and has another friend recovering from prostate cancer.  
The pair have so far managed to raise £1,300 but are hoping to take the final total to £1,500.  
Awareness of the number of deaths by brain tumours will be further

raised this coming weekend when round-Britain sailors Josie and Roger Phillips call into Oban, having sailed down the Caledonian Canal earlier this week.  
Josie, aged 27, a doctor from Norwich, was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2004, which became malignant in 2008.  
She and her husband decided to sail their yacht Nordlys anti-clockwise around Britain, starting on May 15, to raise £25,000 for two brain cancer charities and awareness of the condition.  
For more information on their journey see www.contessa32.co.uk.

**Gaelic Books Council appoint director**

THE GAELIC Books Council, Comhairle nan Leabhraichean, has appointed Rosemary Ward its new director.  
Rosemary said: 'I am absolutely delighted to have been offered the post of Director. I am committed to firmly establishing Comhairle nan Leabhraichean as the lead authority on Gaelic literature and publishing and exposing a much wider audience to the richness of Gaelic literature.'

**Palestine petition**

THE OBAN Concern for Palestine Group took to the streets on Saturday for a vigil and petition on behalf of the people of Gaza.  
In little over an hour at The Clock Tower Station Square Oban they collected more than 200 signatures. These included not just people from the town but from other countries as well - including a woman who celebrated her 101 st birthday.  
The petition called for an end to the blockade of Gaza which has now lasted for more than three years. Further the petition also demanded an independent and international investigation into the incident. The mercy mission involved 700 people from 30 countries one of them being an 89-year-old survivor of the holocaust.  
The Oban petition is now being forwarded to the Foreign Secretary.  
Further information from Graeme Pagan, Neaveton, Oban on 01631 563737 or neaveton@tiscali.co.uk.



**Ian MacKenzie, president of the Oban and Lorn branch of Alzheimer Scotland, mans the plant stall at a coffee morning on Saturday.**  
The branch organised the coffee morning to celebrate Dementia Awareness Week, which kicked off on Monday.  
15 t24alzheimer02



**Rockfield learn about the sea**  
CELEBRATING the Festival of the Sea, children in P1-3G in Rockfield primary in Oban have been learning all about the marine environment.  
They were treated to a seafood tasting session at the town's Waterfront Restaurant where the chef, Alex Needham, allowed them to taste 13 different kinds of seafood from mussels to halibut.

**Charity dinner ahead of Moonwalk**

TWO LADIES from Kilchrenan, who will take part in the charity walk in Edinburgh later this month in aid of breast cancer, organised a dinner at Kilchrenan Inn last Saturday which raised £530.60, with promises of further donations. Jane Organ and Trish Rawstron were delighted with the response.

**TIMES TALKBACK**  
Tell us your news via the website.  
WWW.OBANTIMES.CO.UK



**DONALD - HOLZKE**  
Elizabeth Donald and Martin Holzke were married at the Oban Bay Hotel on May 15th, 2010. They celebrated their marriage at this spectacular venue.  
Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



**SUTHERLAND - COLTART**  
Alison Sutherland and Graeme Coltart were married at Craignish Parish Church, Ardferrn on April 10th, 2010. They held their marriage celebrations at the Galley of Lorne Hotel, Ardferrn.  
Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



**LESLEY - DAVID**  
Lesley and David were married at Inveraray Registry Office on April 30th, 2010. Their wedding celebrations took place in the town.  
Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.



**WALLACE - BLACK**  
Shona Wallace and Alan Black were married at the stunning McCaig's Tower, Oban on May 22nd, 2010. They celebrated with family and friends at the Queens Hotel.  
Photograph by Perfect Images, Dunbeg, Oban.

Oban Express Primary Football League



Action from Sunday's junior league in the Oban Express Primary Football Leagues. 17\_124f001

Thistle top of the tree with perfect record

THEOBANExpressPrimary Football League was played in glorious conditions and the sun continues to shine on Thistle, who maintained their 100 per cent record.

Thistle player Finbar Dunn scored a tremendous goal against AC Argyll and Cameron Hill netted a brace against Pumas as they swept aside the opposition.

Lochgilhead started the day scoring five against a very young Ben Lora side who are in the process of bringing through players for next season but they did find the net with Rosie Howe getting a consolation goal.

Lochgilhead were also involved in the game of the day against Benderloch but found themselves one down when Daniel Sloss opened the scoring with a top corner effort. The game raged from end to end but Benderloch extended their lead just after half time through Sandy Bevington.

Another close encounter involving Benderloch was their match at Pumas which was settled in the black cats favour when Connor Moore eloped on a solo run and found the finish for the only goal of the match. The Pumas also notched a single goal victory against the Galaxy.

The Galaxy played AC Argyll next and found themselves defending most of the game with Daniel Baird and Cameron Carmichael in fine form to keep out AC for a share of the spoils. An Innes MacMillan double secured AC the points against Ben Lora who also lost out to the Saints under 8s.

The under 8s were involved in a goal fest in their match against the youngsters of K-Oz but won the match with the odd goal in seven thanks primarily to a hat trick from Jude Bain. K-Oz continue to improve and had scorers in Jordan MacIntyre, Calum MacInnes and Liam McGhee and on this form their first points are just around the corner.

In the seniors league, bottom-placed Oban Saints

lifted themselves from that lowly position with an unexpected victory over Lochnell with Liam Higgins scoring twice and new signing Hector MacDonald also netting on his debut. Lochnell had a bad day at the office and went down to Stoddarts, mainly thanks to inspired goalkeeping by Dominic Sabinski and a late winner from Loius McGuire.

Stoddarts played some fine football on the day despite being under strength and also managed a win against their stablemates Stoddy Boys with Lomond MacPherson and Euan MacLean scoring without reply.

A tiring Stoddarts then lost out to Spartans after playing three games in a row with Daniel Wright and Tom Lines scoring without reply. Tom went one better and scored a hat-trick against Tralee who also went down to Stoddy Boys with the Boys racing to a two goal lead. Gary McCuish pulled one back for Tralee but it was too little too late and the Boys held out. Tralee got back on track with a win over Appin thanks to a Patrick MacInty double.

Appin also lost to Lochnell and the Saints Boys who had a hat trick hero in Cameron Scott. The Saints found the going difficult against a well organised Spartans who held out until nearly the last kick of the match when Daniel McCuish found the net with a left foot drive. The Saints also left it late when they found themselves one down to a fine goal from Stoddy Boys' Cameron Laird but Martin Rennie came up with an equaliser for a share of the points. Oban Saints however didn't let the young Saints Boys back into the match after Liam Higgins opened the scoring and Ben Coates scored from the penalty spot to secure the win.

The league swings into action next week with both the juniors and the seniors taking part in the penultimate round of fixtures at the same venue.



Action from Sunday's clash between Oban Saints and Saints Boys. 17\_124f00102



Oban Saints defended their two-goal lead against Saints Boys. 17\_124f00103

# Cathro denied top ten finish



Heading for victory: Gee Atherton charges down the last big drop near the finish. 10\_f24downhill02

## 11,000 spectators lined the descent

BENDERLOCH'S Ben Cathro was denied a top ten finish at the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup at Fort William after his chain came off in sight of the finish.

The cruel streak of luck meant the Lorn flyer was only able to coast down the final 600 yards to come 19th after scorching through the second split in 7th place.



The Lochaber winners from the UCI Youth Cross Country schools competition: left to right, Megan Daynes (U10 girl 2nd), Ruairidh Cant (U10 boys 1st), Thomas Van Holten (U14 boys 1st), Connor MacCallum - (U16 boys 3rd), Tom MacMahon (U12 boys 3rd). 10\_f24downhill07

## World trials champion to appear in Lochaber

### TRIAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE 2010 SPEA FIM Trial World Championship arrives in Lochaber in just two weeks time - and reigning champ Toni Bou can't wait to take on the testing course at Nevis Range.

The 23 year-old trials maestro from Spain has been unstoppable in recent years, winning seven World crowns since 2006.

It's the first time Scotland has hosted the world championship since 1992 - and Bou reckons the sport is making a long overdue return to its spiritual home, where he knows the rugged Highland terrain will present a very special challenge.

'I have never been to Scotland before, so I am really looking forward to this competition,' said Bou. 'Ever since I was young I have known about Fort William because of the Scottish Six Days Trial. It is a special place for all trials riders, including me.'

'I have some idea of what to expect as I have followed the 'Scottish' for many years. It will be a different type of trial, but one I am looking forward to. The conditions will be difficult, as I am not used to slippery sections. However, I have

Cathro's time of 4:44.27 left him less than nine seconds back from winner Gee Atherton, who flashed through the gate in 4:35.70, half a second ahead of New Zealand's Cameron Cole.

Qualifying Last year's victor, South Africa's Greg Minaar was a further second back in third. Atherton was only fifth

### MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CUP

fastest in qualifying and had to sit and wait as the top four tried - and failed - to match his time.

As last rider down Minaar's time flashed up, Atherton jumped up from the lead rider's blue 'throne' and punched the air in delight

knowing that no one had been able to depose him.

He told the crowd: 'I'm the most excited I've ever been about winning an event. It's been a massive goal of mine and it's an amazing catapult into the season for me.'

Fort William's Joe Barnes was 49th in 4:52.35 and Benderloch's Chris Hutchens was 53rd in 4:52.97 in the 82-man final.

France's Sabrina Jonnier won the women's race, pushing Atherton's sister Rachel into second.

Battled Australian Jared Graves battled to the finish line to secure 4-Cross crown, while Czech racer Jana Horakova took first place in the women's event on Saturday. An estimated 11,000 spectators lined the spectacular Nevis Range descent and massed at the finish to roar the riders down.



Fort William's Joe Barnes takes a nervous look down the track before he jumps out of the start gate in Sunday's final. 10\_f24downhill05



Ben Cathro is a study in concentration below the Snowgoose restaurant. 10\_f24downhill08

## Missed chances prove costly for Caol

### FOOTBALL

Lochaber Welfare League Caol United 2, Mallaig 4 MALLAIG proved too strong for Caol United at the BA park in sultry summer conditions last Thursday night.

The men from the west just had the edge throughout, although Caol will be rueing their missed chances.

Mallaig opened the scoring when Iain Dempster fired home, then Caol's Scott Hunter missed from the spot before Davie Forbes levelled minutes later.

With half time approaching a mix up in the Caol box saw the ball drop kindly for Cameron Muir to put Mallaig 2-1 up, his scuffed shot trickling over the line despite keeper Tolmie's efforts.



Cap - Caol United's Miguel Alvarez evades the challenge of Mallaig's David Currie. 10\_f24f00101

of the match on 58 minutes to beat out David Currie's fierce drive from point blank range, but Mallaig continued to carry the greater threat and on 69 minutes Neil Cameron made it 3-1 when he beat the offside trap to fire home from 14 yards.

Mallaig were now looking to kill the game off and a brilliant run from Cameron saw him waltz past four defenders to drive in on goal and round Tolmie, but his shot from an acute angle was scrambled clear off a post.

Caol weren't finished though and gave themselves a chance when Cameron Grant headed home on 78 minutes before Ross Douglas sealed the points for Mallaig with a clinical finish just before the final whistle. Celtic's winning

### Lochaber Welfare League as of Monday June 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	6	5	0	0	28	6	18
Ballachulish	7	4	2	1	20	16	14
Mallaig	6	3	0	3	17	19	9
Lundavra	6	2	2	2	16	18	8
Fort William Under 17s	6	2	1	3	17	19	7
Rangers	6	1	2	3	15	19	5
Caol United	7	1	1	5	9	17	4
Ardnamurchan	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

ways continued with a 7-1 thumping of Fort William at the BA on Tuesday night. Adam Watson was the star of the show, scoring four of Celtic's goals. Norman MacKinnon scored twice and Davie Mackay got the other goal. Logan Barker pulled one back for Fort William's youngsters but it was too little too late.

Celtic are currently averaging more than four goals a game and have a 100 per cent record.

Bad Tempered A bad tempered game at Canal Parks on Wednesday night led to a 1-1 draw between Lundavra and Ballachulish.

Graham Sutherland put Ballachulish ahead in the first half but they were pegged back by a second half penalty from Martin Glen.

Ref Stirling Cairns had already waved away two Lundavra penalty claims when he pointed to the spot.

Fort William's under 17s took on Rangers on Friday and came away with a fine 6-1 win.

Star man was Logan Barker, who scored twice in the first half to give his team a 2-0 interval lead.

Rangers pulled it back to 2-1 through Robert MacGillivray, but two more from Lewis Corbett and veteran Allan Murdoch put Fort on easy street.

Fort William coach Paul MacLellan said: 'Rangers were missing a couple of players, but you still have to beat the teams that are put in front of you. Our football was really good again. We have had comments about the style of football we are playing - and we won't change it. We are passing the ball really quickly and in one or two years time we will be definitely be pushing for the league - if we can keep the team together.'

Got a Story? SEND US THE DETAILS BY VISITING [www.obantimes.co.uk](http://www.obantimes.co.uk) 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

SHINTY

Fixtures

Saturday,

June 12 2010

Artemis Macaulay Cup  
**2nd Round**  
 Inveraray v GMA  
 Ted McDonald 12.30  
 Kyles v Bute  
 Charles Young  
 Lovat v Fort William  
 Ron Kennedy  
 Newtonmore v Kingussie  
 Billy Wotherspoon  
**Aberdein Considine**  
**Sutherland Cup**  
**Quarter Final**  
 Fort William v Glenurquhart  
 Graham Irving  
 Inveraray v Lovat  
 Innes Wood 3pm  
 Lochside Rvrs v Kingussie  
 John MacPhee  
**Marine Harvest**  
**North Division 1**  
 Caberfeidh v Kilmallie  
 Ronnie Campbell  
 Strathglass v Kinlochshiel  
 Deck Cameron  
**Marine Harvest**  
**South Division 1**  
 Glenorchy v Kilmory  
 Graham Cameron  
**Marine Harvest**  
**North Division 2**  
 Kinlochshiel v Glangarry  
 John MacLeod  
 Newtonmore v Kilmallie  
 Evan MacRae  
**Marine Harvest**  
**South Division 2**  
 Aberdour v Kyles Athletic  
 Billy Nimmo  
 GMA v Bute  
 George O'Rourke  
 Tayforth v Col Glen  
 David Mitchell  
**Marine Harvest**  
**North Division 3**  
 Aberdeen Uni v Caberfeidh  
 Robert Morrison  
 Lochbroom v Strathglass  
 John Sloggie

Shiel net three in three minutes

SHINTY

**Balliemore Cup**  
**Quarter Final**  
**Kinlochshiel 4 Beaully 1**  
 THREE GOALS in a three minute period of the second-half took Kinlochshiel into the semi-final of this season's Balliemore Cup.  
 Duncan Macrae put Kinlochshiel ahead against Beaully at Kirktion after 34 minutes but Conor Ross had the Braeview Park team level, one minute off the interval whistle.  
 Keith MacRae sparked a dramatic three minutes in the second period when he put 'Shiel back in the lead after seven minutes of the restart. Brother Findlay MacRae scored one minute later, then, within another minute, netted 'Shiel's fourth from the penalty spot.

# Late goals earn Bute full Premier points at Mossfield

## First points for Mid Argyll as Glen' slump

BOTTOM of the table Glasgow Mid Argyll claimed their first Premier division points of the season thanks to the narrowest of victories over Glenurquhart at Peterston Park, Glasgow on Saturday.  
 A first-half goal from Andy Mathie was enough to take the tie and leave Glenurquhart without a league win since their 2-1 defeat of Lovat on March 27.  
 At Mossfield Park, Oban, excellent conditions failed to produce much by way of goalmouth action in the first-half between Oban Camanachd and Bute - but the tie came to life in the second period with five goals.  
 With both teams cancelling each other out over the first 45 minutes, the pace increased at the start of the second-half and within five minutes of the restart Robert Walker pounced on a rebound to net the opening goal for the visitors.  
 The setback sparked the the home forwards into life and within 10 minutes the teams were level again as Matty Rippon equalised with a strike that Bute disputed came from an offside position.  
 Oban Camanachd now pressed forward in search of two points that would keep them clear of the relegation zone but the goals were to come at the other end

SHINTY

**Scottish Hydro Premier League**  
**Fort William 3 Inveraray 0**  
**GMA 1 Glenurquhart 0**  
**Kyles 0 Kingussie 2**  
**Newtonmore 3 Lovat 1**  
**Oban Camanachd 1 Bute 4**

as Bute's teamwork paid dividends to allow a three-goal salvo within an eight-minute spell from Walker, James Craig and Hector Whitelaw.  
 Kingussie climbed to third on the premier table after a 2-0 away win at Tighnabruaich.  
 Thomas Borthwick opened the scoring after half-an-hour and the points were sealed when Ronald Ross found the net midway through the second period.  
 At Fort William, the home team were forced to reshuffle their pack due to injuries, with the high-scoring Gary Innes also unavailable due to work commitments.  
 However, the home side proved more than a match for a lack-lustre Inveraray who, despite having long periods of possession, failed to find their scoring touch.  
 Gordie Mackinnon's goal, one minute off the half-time whistle was all that separated the teams after 45 minutes but Bryan Simpson and Drew Ferguson ensured that Fort William maintain the pressure on league leaders

Newtonmore, and have the advantage of a game in hand.  
 At the Eilan, Newtonmore produced one of their poorest displays of the season but did just enough to secure the win.  
 It all started well as David Cheyne carried the ball along the byeline, through the Lovat defence, and flicked home the opening goal after nine minutes.  
 Stuart MacDonald in Lovat's goal made several spectacular stops before Owen Fraser rifled home Newtonmore's second after 25 minutes - but if the home support expected a goal rush, they were to be disappointed.  
 Over-elaborate play and a lack of width stalled much of the home teams' play and allowed Lovat to successfully defend in depth.  
 Fraser added his second goal of the game just after the hour mark but sloppy defending allowed the visitors back into the match and Fraser Gallagher capitalised on half-hearted challenges to score what was to prove but a consolation goal for Lovat.  
 This weekend there is a break from Premier League action as the teams take part in the second round of this season's Macaulay Cup, with Kyles against Bute and Newtonmore against Kingussie the top ties.



Bute defender Ian MacDonald tries to close down the shot from Oban Camanachd Aiden Macintyre at Mossfield on Saturday Picture - John MacTavish

### Late winner for Lochcarron

SHINTY

IN NORTH Division One, Inverness were within four minutes of a share of the points against Lochcarron until Finlay Stark secured full points for the Wester Ross men, six minutes from time.  
 The Wester Ross side struck in the 13th minute through Criosdean Finlayson had given Lochcarron the lead after 13 minutes against an Inverness team which looked uncomfortable on the ball. However, Fraser Heath equalised in the 39th minute and despite Lochcarron dominating long periods of the second-half, Inverness looked to have done enough to hold out for the draw, until Stark's late winner.  
 A Strathglass side which

**Marine Harvest**  
**North Division One**  
**Lochcarron 2 Inverness 1**  
**Strathglass 2 Kilmallie 3**  
**Skye 6 Lochaber 3**

Portree as Skye overcame a late surge from Lochaber.  
 Kenny Campbell and Kerr Gibb had the home side two goal ahead within the opening 10 minutes, with Iain Nicholson and Gibbs MacDonald giving Skye a 4-0 interval lead.  
 Donald MacRae pulled a goal back eight minutes into the second-half but Campbell then restored Skye's four-goal lead within another three minutes.  
 In the closing 10 minutes, Lochaber's Ben Delaney and Stewart Callison set-up a grandstand finish with late goals, however, Alan Palmer killed off any chance of a share of the points with a goal for Skye in the final minute.  
 There were nine goals at

## Oban Celtic and Inveraray net eight times after slow start

SHINTY

A GOOD surface and warm, dry conditions at the Winterton, Inveraray on Saturday was obviously not enough incentive to fire either team into action as this league clash starting in a lethargic manner.  
 Alan Miller opened the scoring for Oban Celtic, connecting with a fine volley that flew into the net on 13 minutes. Despite

**Marine Harvest**  
**South Division One**  
**Inveraray 3**  
**Oban Celtic 5**

this spectacular strike, both squads continued to display a lack of urgency until the last five minutes of the half when the visitors' had a goal ruled offside quickly followed by

Andy Sinclair's low drive proving to be not only the equalizer but also the last hit before the interval.  
 Inveraray re-shuffled their team at the break, bringing John Slaughter forward to strengthen their strike force - a management decision that was vindicated in the 53rd minute when he fired his team ahead.  
 At last, both teams realised

that the match would not be won without a major increase in tempo.  
 Replacing David Duffy, who had retired with an eye injury, Celtic substitute Angus McNeil equalized from long range after 63 minutes.  
 Continuing with the pressure Neil Carmichael put Oban Celtic further ahead on 80 minutes, drilling the ball

into the top corner of Aray's goal from just outside the area.  
 And Inveraray looked finished once Alan Miller had scored for the visitors with another fine strike virtually from the throw-up.  
 However, Owen's third goal for Inveraray on 84 minutes guaranteed a desperate closing period for both teams, finally coming to an

end as Kenny Wotherspoon completed Celtic's tally with a low drive past the 'Aray keeper in the 89th minute.  
 Despite the lack of energy on show from both outfits, this proved an entertaining game well handled by referee Robert Baxter.  
 This week, Inveraray are in Sutherland Cup action at the Winterton, while Oban Celtic have a free weekend.

SHINTY

Results

**Balliemore Cup**  
**Quarter Final**  
 Kinlochshiel 4 Beaully 1  
**Bullough Cup**  
**1st Round**  
 GMA 1 Tayforth 0  
**Quarter Final**  
 Kyles 3 Aberdour 0  
 The Scots 3 Bute 1  
**Scottish Hydro**  
**Premier Division**  
 Fort William 3 Inveraray 0  
 GMA 1 Glenurquhart  
 Kyles 0 Kingussie 2  
 Newtonmore 3 Lovat 1  
 Oban Camanachd 1 Bute 4  
**Marine Harvest**  
**North Division 1**  
 Lochcarron 2 Inverness 1  
 Skye 6 Lochaber 3  
 Strathglass 2 Kilmallie 3  
**Marine Harvest**  
**South Division 1**  
 Inveraray 3 Oban Celtic 5  
 Kilmory 0 Glenorchy 5  
 Taynuilt 4 Ballachulish 1  
**Marine Harvest**  
**North Division 2**  
 Beaully 1 Skye 2  
 Ft William w/o Kinlochshiel  
 Glangarry 2 Lovat 0  
 Glenu/hart 7 Newtonmore 1  
 Kingussie 7 Kilmallie 0  
**Marine Harvest**  
**South Division 2**  
 Kyles 3 Aberdour 0  
 Strachur 7 Col Glen 1  
**Marine Harvest**  
**North Division 3**  
 Aberdeen U w/o Lochcarron  
 Boleskine 8 Strathglass 0  
 Inverness 4 Ard/urchan 0

Glen win away

SHINTY

**Marine Harvest**  
**South Division One**  
**Kilmory 0 Glenorchy 5**  
 TWO goals from Alex MacPherson, plus one each from Kieran MacKay, John McNulty and John Surtain earned Glenorchy a comfortable 5-0 away win over Kilmory at Lochgilphead on Saturday.  
 The victory takes the Dalmally-based team four points clear in the Marine Harvest South Division One table and gives them a confidence booster ahead of this weekend's reverse fixture when Kilmory travel to the Mart Park, Dalmally.

Taynuilt net four

SHINTY

**Marine Harvest**  
**South Division One**  
**Taynuilt 4 Ballachulish 1**  
 TWO second-half goals from Neil Gillies, plus one from Michael MacQueen added to Willie Neilson's early first-half strike as Taynuilt earned a 4-1 win over Ballachulish.

Spot the

SHINTY BALL

Competition



WIN  
£1900

LAST WEEK'S SHINTY BALL WAS HERE...



All you have to do

We have removed the shinty ball from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 20 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1.  
 If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons.  
 The game starts with a jackpot of £500 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright. To win the jackpot, the centre of your cross must be in the exact centre of the ball. If the crosses overlap the entry will be void. Prizes will be shared between those submitting correct entries.  
 If no correct entry is received, two 'near miss' prizes of £25 will be awarded. When the jackpot is won, no other prizes will be awarded that week.

Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 20 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach 'Spot the Shinty Ball' Competition, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll PA34 4HB by 12noon Tuesday.  
 You may hand it into The Oban Times Head Office, Lochavullin, Oban by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

Competition Rules

No responsibility will be accepted for entries which are delayed, mislaid or lost, and proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery.  
 The Company's decision is final on all matters relating to the competition and no correspondence will be entered into. The final decision rests with the Company.  
 In the event of more than one correct entry, the jackpot will be shared equally between all winning entries. Any decision regarding the awarding of a prize is entirely at the discretion of the Company.  
 The Company reserves the right to declare the competition null and void at any time, subject to its discretion and to make full refund of the price of the coupon to any person who has entered the competition at that time.  
 Employees of The Oban Times Limited, their immediate relatives and any person otherwise connected with the competition are ineligible to enter.

I enclose £1 (note) for 20 crosses (tick box)  The maximum number of attempts on this coupon is 20, but you may enter on separate coupons as many times as you wish. No photocopies allowed. You agree to abide by the rules.  
 How to enter: Mark your crosses using a ballpoint pen. Twenty crosses may be put on this coupon for £1.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

Send to 'Spot the Shinty Ball' Competition, The Oban Times, P.O. Box 1, Oban PA34 4HB

This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:  
 M Kennedy, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead and D Brown Balevullin, Isle of Tiree

**Corporate stationery**  
Business cards, letterheads, envelopes, comp slips

**Personal stationery**  
Matching paper & envelopes, postcards, address labels

**krisp print**

Contact us at: Krisp Print & Stationery, Burnbank, Burnside Street, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6JD  
Tel: 01586 554975 Email: staff@krispprint.co.uk  
www.krispprint.co.uk

## Sannox stumped by in-form Oban

ARGYLL League rivals Oban and Sannox, from the Isle of Arran, met in the last 16 of the Cricket Scotland Small Clubs Cup.

The match, played at a sunny Taynuilt on Sunday, resulted in a comfortable victory for Oban who produced a stunning performance with bat and ball to reach the quarter-finals.

Sannox's decision to bowl first initially looked the correct decision, as Oban struggled to 50 for three, but the partnership of Oban skipper Isaac Forster and Bangladeshi-born Taj Islam took the game beyond the Arran side.

Taj Islam was eventually

**CRICKET**

caught for 91 and Forster was eventually out for 128, giving Oban a score of 275 for 5.

Chasing an improbable 276 to win, Sannox started well, reaching 73 for 1 at one stage before Andrew Leach took the crucial wicket of Scott Weir for 29.

Taj Islam followed up his fine innings with three wickets as Sannox were bowled out for 107, leaving Oban winners by 168 runs.

Oban are back on Argyll League business this Sunday when they travel to Carradale.

## Mull youngsters win Dalriada Festival

MULL has long claimed to have the best young rugby players in Argyll – but now it has proof.

The island's rugby club won both the primary 4/5 and the primary 6/7 age groups overall in the Argyll and Bute Dalriada Mini Festival series, played over the past season.

Islay hosted the final event of the successful mini series at Port Mor, Port Charlotte, last Sunday with teams competing at both age levels.

**Competing**  
The teams competing in the tournament included Islay, Mull, Cowal, Mid Argyll and Oban with over 50 young players, plus parents and supporters, being treated to some great mini rugby matches with a very high skill level.

On the day, the primary 4/5 tournament was won by Mull, who played some fantastic

**RUGBY**

rugby, and were followed by Cowal/Mid Argyll and Islay in the group table. The primary 6/7 tournament was won by Cowal/Mid Argyll with Islay and Mull finishing in joint second place in the table.

With this being the last in the series of Dalriada festivals the overall tournament, organisers announced Mull as winners in both age groups for the 2009/10 season.

The Dalriada trophies were presented to the players by soon-to-be SRU president Ian McLaughlin who will take on his new post after this month.

Credit must go particularly to the volunteers on Islay who organised the event, the parents and volunteers from the visiting teams and of course the players.

## Broken chain robs Ben of top ten place



Benderloch's Ben Cathro in action during last weekend's UCI Mountain Bike World Cup at Fort William. See Page 22. Photo: Kevin McGlynn

## AMP Tournament

**FOOTBALL**

OBAN Saints Football Club along with sponsor AMP Electrical Services are all geared up for their annual under 13 tournament which will be held at Mossfield Stadium, Oban on Saturday June 19, kicking off at 10.30 am.

Teams taking part are Kilmarnock, Motherwell, Hamilton Accies, St Mirren, Clyde, Dumbarton, Lochgilhead and hosts Oban Saints.

## Dumbarton re-sign ex-Saints youngsters

**FOOTBALL**

THREE former Oban Saints footballers have been re-signed by Second Division club Dumbarton.

Following a successful season playing for the under-14 pro-youth side, Ally McKerracher and Stuart Alexander, Oban, and David Beaton, Taynuilt, signed another contract last week which will see them move up to the under-15 side next season.

The boys, all third year pupils at Oban High School, will continue to play in the Scottish Football Youth Initiative for young talented players. This is a partnership between the Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Football League and the Scottish Premier League which aims to give players every opportunity to reach their full potential.

## Oban Bowling Club

**BOWLS**

SATURDAY June 5 was the day for the Burns Pairs Competition on Tarbert green. Six teams travelled from Oban and after some exciting games, two Oban teams were through to the semi-final. Anne and Neil MacDougall were knocked out by Gus and Elizabeth MacGillivray who went on to win the final game against Colin and Neil from Tarbert.

Sunday June 6 was the day for the George Barnett Trophy on Oban Green. In lovely sunshine Donald MacLean, Sandy Carr and Betty MacPhee were the winners. Anne Campbell, President, presented the Shield.

## Well done to Argyll orienteering club

**ORIENTEERING**

ARGYLL orienteering club, EckO is quickly becoming one of Scotland's best with a fine showing at the national championships.

The club travelled to Rannoch Moor for the Scottish Orienteering Championships recently.

Saturday was the individual races and EckO juniors Rona Shearer, Callum Hunter and Anja Powell achieved first position on their respective courses with Briony Kincaid coming in second and Daniel Baird third on theirs.

Sunday was the relay races and again EckO juniors were well represented with four teams. Roanne Lilley, Callum Hunter and Briony Kincaid were a force to be reckoned with and put in a great performance to come in third with the other teams achieving a 8th, 10th and 13th positions.

## Saints Ladies back in action

**FOOTBALL**

OBAN Saints Ladies had no game last weekend. This Sunday they travel to take on Kilwinning Ladies.

## Catherine's a big shot

OBAN'S Catherine Fraser recently clinched the Ladies Down The Line Winter Series at Highland Deephaven in Evanton.

The series consisted of nine 50-bird shoots with each competitor's top six scores being counted. Catherine carded a 792 out of a possible 900 to finish ahead of Marie

**SHOOTING**

Ross, from Tomatin, who scored 780.

She is now aiming to qualify for the Scottish team for the 15th year in a row ahead of the Home International in Central Scotland next month.

## Am-Am raises £6,000 for Oban charities

AROUND £6,000 was raised for Oban charities at the annual Am-Am tournament.

The Oban Rotary Club held their 25th anniversary tournament at Glencruitten Golf Club with the course in an excellent condition.

Martin's Marauders were hailed winners, grabbing the Bank of Scotland Trophy with a score of 120 points while the second place Allan McDougall Trophy went to Scottish Seafarms.

Robert's Floor Coverings came in third gaining the Angus Simpson Trophy.

**GOLF**

Fourth place went to Doubtful Starters and Finishers and D & A Munn came in fifth.

The Pirates were the Leading Ladies Team with 103 points and Munro's Garage were the Leading Visiting Team.

The Orange Ball Competition was won by The China Restaurant with a score of 60.

Since the tournament started 25 years ago over £116,000 has been raised for charities in the Oban area.



Martin's Marauders won this year's Am-Am tournament.

## Karate kids in Lochgilhead

**KARATE**

KYOKUSHIN Schools of Karate (Scotland) recently hosted a junior karate tournament at the Mid-Argyll Sports Centre in Lochgilhead, sponsored by Ewan MacGillivray of Creran Engineering.

Results:  
Category 1 and 2 (under 8s): 1 Kenni Gray ASK, 2 Finlay Lawson ASK, 3 Mathew Peden KSK.

Category 3 (8-11 low grades): 1 Chloe MacDonald KSK, 2 Connell Rowe KSK, 3 Shannon MacDonald KSK.

Category 4 and 5 (8-11 middle and high grades): 1 Scott Stephenson KSK, 2 Nathan Allan SDKB, 3 Gregor Dickson

SDKB. Category 6 (12-15 low grades): 1 Rebecca Smyth KSK, 2 John Parsons KSK, 3 Shannon Gallacher KSK.

Category 7 (12-15 middle grades): 1 Mateusz Szablan IKK, 2 Michael Bertoli KSK, 3 Isabella Bertoli KSK.

Category 8 (12-15 high grades): 1 Katie MacDonald KSK, 2 Ethan Lekalake KSK.

Category 9 (low grade KATA): 1 John Parsons KSK, 2 Chloe MacDonald KSK, 3 Gregor Dickson SDKB and Megan Williamson ASK.

Category 10 (high grade KATA): 1 Ethan Lekalake KSK, 2 Katie MacDonald KSK and Mateusz Szablan IKK, 3 Damian Williamson ASK.

## High School take on the Old Crocks in a 'friendly'

PLAYERS marked the end of the rugby year at Oban High School with an award ceremony and a 'friendly' match against a team of Old Crocks.

The school's U18 boys

pitted their wits against

the more experienced Old Crocks, consisting of former pupils, coaches and ex-players.

**Combinations**  
As if that match-up wasn't enough of a grudge match, there were six different

father and son combinations, some on the same team and some playing against each other.

The match gave the spectators who had gathered to watch the game a real treat as it provided a 10-try thriller

with a 31-29 final score.

It started off with the young team scoring early through Magnus Bradbury, but as the match went on, the Old Crocks got going and played at a good pace. The tremendous strength and speed of David Ferguson, the high school janitor, turned out to be too much for the U18's when he broke free inside the 22 and scored what went on to be the decisive try.

The award ceremony was held afterwards at Oban Lorne Rugby Club. There were four categories: Player of the year, most improved player, rugby personality and outstanding contribution to rugby.

Player of the year: S1 – Simon Fraser, S2 – Craig Carey, S3 – Magnus Bradbury, U16 – Angus MacCallum, U18 – Ryan Jackson, U15 Girls – Hannah Croucher, U18 Girls – Jane Carson.

**RUGBY**

Most improved player: S1 – John Gillies, S2 – Alex Campbell/Jamie Sinclair, S3 – Alistair Forthgill, U16 – Connor Ferris, U18 – Kellen Carey/Michael MacMillan, U15 Girls – Kelly Lamont/Heather Harris-McLeod, U18 Girls – Emma Roxburgh/Julie Campbell.

Rugby Personality: S1 – Seamus Morrison, S2 – Fergus Bradbury, S3 – Ruairidh Mackinnon/Ruaridh Morrison, U16 – Angus MacCallum, U18 – Jonathan Sayer, U15 Girls – Shannon Reynolds/Rebecca Sims, U18 Girls – Hannah Rokitta.

Outstanding Contribution to rugby 09/10:

Fergus Matheson – Playing as a senior student, breaking into the 1st XV at Oban Lorne, Coaching S1/2 Rugby, working with Etive Vikings Mini Rugby Club. Increasing the interest in Rugby and promoting a great example of the Rugby student.

Greig MacFarlane – Former captain of Oban Lorne 1st XV, founding member of Etive Vikings Mini Rugby Club, developing rugby from the grass roots and promoting game through Etive Vikings.

Ben Redfearn – Teacher at Oban High School for two years, volunteering to deliver coaching to the pupils from S1-6 along with helping both U15 and U18 girls teams. Organising school trips to international games and promoting the ethos of rugby through his coaching.



Oban High School U18s and the Old Crocks line up at the start of the game.

## Tides

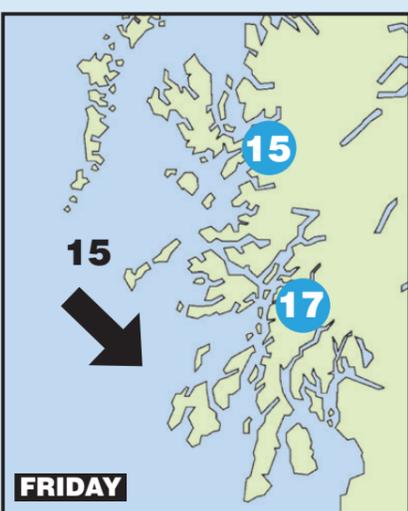
Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, June 10, 2010** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm
Thur	04.33 3.5 10.04 1.2 16.13 3.4 22.25 1.3	
Fri	04.46 3.6 10.46 1.0 16.55 3.6 23.13 1.1	
Sat	05.28 3.7 11.29 0.8 17.35 3.7 *** **	
Sun	00.00 0.9 06.08 3.7 12.12 0.7 18.16 3.8	
Mon	00.48 0.8 06.49 3.7 12.56 0.6 18.58 3.9	
Tues	01.35 0.8 07.31 3.6 13.42 0.6 19.43 3.9	
Wed	02.25 0.8 08.16 3.5 14.30 0.6 20.29 3.8	

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrihaig	-5.35	Lochboisdale	+0.30
Campbeltown	-5.30	Mallaig	+0.25
Crinan	-0.47	Portree	+0.55
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Tobermory	+0.16
		Dover	+5.30

Sponsored by **NANCY BLACK** Ships' Chandler 01631-562550



## the weather

Sponsored by **NANCY BLACK** Ships' Chandler

**Thursday**

Sunny Intervals. Winds moderate Northerly. Temperatures 7°C to 14°C

**Friday**

Sunny. Winds moderate North Westerly. Temperatures 7°C to 19°C.

**Weekend Outlook**

Sunny. Winds Moderate North Westerly. Temperatures 10°C to 17°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist - Moderate  
Oban to Coll/Tiree - As above  
Kennacraig to Islay - As above

Sponsored by **NANCY BLACK** Ships' Chandler 01631-562550