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## If you want Ganavan, you can have it, says councillor

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GANAVAN Beach was offered to the community by Oban's leading councillor, saying, 'If you can run it better than we can, then you should have it.'

In the dramatic statement made last Wednesday at Oban's area committee, councillor Roddy McCuish said he was keen to give the community what they wanted, and if they wanted Ganavan then he was sure 'they could have it.'

Parking charges at the popular Oban beach have come under fire from a campaign led by Doreen MacLeod, after it was revealed the beauty spot was given

to Oban town council in 1927 for £1,800, payable over 20 years.

Original documents prepared in 1927, and shown to the *Oban Times* this week, state the area was to be used as a public park.

The legal papers state that 'free of any charge', the area should be 'for seaweed collection' and furthermore for a 'public park and pleasure ground or place of public resort of recreation... for the inhabitants of Oban... and their visitors...'

An action group now wants to reclaim that right - saying parking charges should be cancelled instantly and investment should be made in the area. Doreen MacLeod, a carer from Oban, started a campaign to scrap

charges, partly in memory of her husband Duncan, who enjoyed the beach 'every day of his life'.

Mrs MacLeod presented the area committee with a petition of 1,000 signatures asking the council to ban the charges. She was joined by Margaret Copper, an Oban businesswoman, who believes the area should be given back to the people of the town.

And Margaret is backing Doreen's campaign.

She said: 'This women has been working on something she believes in passionately. Like most people, we have just talked about wanting the area to be free to park.'

After the meeting Margaret continued: 'People can see the

possibilities of Ganavan becoming a place of recreation. But at the moment it is very untidy, there is rubbish all over the place, dog fouling is a problem and frankly people are being given parking fines when there are no parking bays.'

Area committee chairman Roddy McCuish, would not commit to losing the £3,000 raised from parking fees at the beauty spot, but said: 'If the people of Oban are passionate about Ganavan then let's give the people of Oban Ganavan back.'

'Community groups in the town are taking over things like Atlantis and Rockfield, so why don't we give the people the opportunity to take over the area.'

'The council certainly doesn't have any money to invest in the area at the moment. But a community group with the level of passion that is being shown might have. I say good luck to them. Make us an offer.'

But Doreen said: 'You are soft soaping us Mr McCuish. The land belongs to the people - you need to remove the parking charges.'

'At the moment we are asking for free parking, not to take over the whole area. That is your responsibility.'

● A parking protest will take place at Ganavan beach on Saturday, June 20 at 2pm to show support for the campaign to make Ganavan parking free.



BACKING THE CAMPAIGN: Margaret Cooper 16\_t25ganavan2



BRIGHT PUPILS: schoolchildren enjoy the sunshine at Ganavan Sands last week 16\_t25ganavan9

### TIMESLINE

#### Jobs under threat at fish net station

FIVE crucial jobs in a remote area of the west coast are under threat.

Scottish Sea Farms (SSF) has confirmed other positions will be available to staff members after a consultation on redundancy was discussed with staff at a long established salmon net station at Lochaline, on the Ardnamurchan peninsula.

A spokeswoman for SSF said: 'Where possible, staff will be redeployed into other roles on the island and in the local area.'

#### Inn with a shout over re-opening

THE historic B-listed Oban Inn on the town's waterfront, which has been closed since 2008, is due to reopen.

Argyll businessman, Calum MacLachlann of Macgochans in Mull, plans to reopen the inn as a pub and a Scottish restaurant.

He said: 'We are in the final stages of legal negotiations, but we hope that matters will be resolved shortly.'

#### Watching brief for potential winners

OBAN Specsavers is on the lookout for the potential 2015 spectacle wearer of the year.

The George Street store staff will be in town on Monday 22 and Wednesday 24 June, with cameras and entry forms for the award ceremony later this year.

#### Street-wise Niall unearths records

OLD documents have confirmed that Stafford Street in Oban was originally known as George Square.

Oban Times reader, Niall Barber, found drawings from 1868 confirming the historic place name.



## Town-wide consultation on parking charges

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PARKING is set to drive people crazy as councillors set their sights on charging for the free spaces in Oban.

At a meeting of Argyll and

Bute council's Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee last Wednesday, members said they needed to look seriously at car parking and the strain it is putting on the town.

The committee has now agreed to have a town-wide consultation.

Under review is on-street charging in 15 minute increments, rather than by the hour.

And charges were being considered at the busy car parks at Lochavullin and Atlantis Leisure, where drivers are allowed to park free of charge for 24 hours.

It was suggested that charges could be imposed at these sites after four hours free parking.

On Mull there are plans to charge for off-street car parks in Tobermory and Fionnphort. District nurses will be issued with free parking permits. All

eight local councillors are entitled to free parking.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, chairman of the committee said: 'We are trying to improve the area for residents and visitors; these proposals represent what we think is, within reason, a fair

reflection of what people want.

'We want to limit the Atlantis Leisure and Lochavullin car parks to restrict medium to long term parking, creating a good turnover of spaces, rather than people leaving their cars there all day while they are at work.'

### Final journey for 'true' Highlander



SOLEMN PROCESSION: Lochaber piper Moira Robertson plays a lament as she leads the cortege from St John's church in Caol on Friday at the funeral of the former leader of the Lib Dems, Charles Kennedy, described as a 'true Highlander'. Full story on page nine

### Strike threat to ferry services

THERE are fears Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) ferry services could be disrupted after RMT union members voted in favour of strike action.

RMT, which represents transport workers, said it was left with 'no choice' following job uncertainty as the Clyde and Hebridean Ferry Services (CHFS) contract is out to tender.

More than 90 per cent of members who voted in the ballot on June 10, were in favour of industrial action, which is expected in the summer if it goes ahead.

A CalMac spokesman said the company remained committed to continuing the ongoing discussions with all trade unions.

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## Rival bidder sets course for ferries

SERCO Caledonian Ferries will be the rival bidder for the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (CHFS) contract, currently held by Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac).

The two operators will go head-to-head for the contract, estimated to be worth £1 billion, which begins on October 1 next year, and will run for up to eight years.

Holyrood Minister for Transport and Islands, Derek Mackay, said last week both CalMac and Serco had passed the pre-qualification stage, and would be invited to submit final tenders by December, with a decision expected in May 2016.

Mr Mackay said: 'These ferry services play a crucial role in enabling continued and sustainable economic growth for the islands.'

'It will also ensure that Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) continues to be applied on CHFS routes, bringing significantly reduced fares and helping to support local communities and the tourist industry.'

Serco currently operates the NorthLink contract for ferries to Orkney and Shetland, winning the tender in 2011.

CalMac has been involved in ferry operations in Scotland since 1851, having won the first ever tender process for the CHFS routes in 2007.

## 'Flashy' workout for NHS patients

A FLASH mob highlighting 'workout at work' has reached more than 100,000 people after a video of it was posted on NHS Highland's Facebook page.

NHS Highland staff, patients and members of the public were treated to the impromptu routine over their lunch at the Raigmore Hospital canteen on Friday, June 12.

Entertaining the crowd were the Musculoskeletal and Occupational Health Physiotherapists who chose the flash mob as a way of highlighting national Workout at Work Day.

Dancing to the rousing '500 miles' by the Proclaimers, the video has now been viewed over 51,000 times with a reach of over 100,000.

Judith Arnaud, occupational health physiotherapist and also one of the participants, said: 'This was a bit of fun to highlight an important message about keeping moving while at work.'

'We're all delighted it's reached so many people and that many of those who have seen it are talking about having their own workout at work event.'

The video can be viewed on the NHS Highland Facebook page.

## Spirited Mull trust awarded £10,000

HEBRIDEAN Whale and Dolphin Trust, based on Mull, has been awarded a funding boost of £10,000 through the Clydesdale Bank's 'Spirit of the Community' awards in recognition of the important role it plays in the local community.

The awards, which were announced at a ceremony in Glasgow, were made to charities and not-for-profit organisations which were judged to have gone 'the extra mile'.

Twelve community groups across Scotland were selected to share funding of £75,000 to make a real difference in their local areas, including The Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust.

The Mull trust aims to promote understanding of Scotland's whales, dolphins and porpoises.

The 'Spirit of the Community' awards are now in their third year, and have become a popular platform to showcase the work of charities and not-for-profit organisations.

# Volunteers are a stellar bunch as they pick up well-earned awards

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KILMORY castle in Lochgilphead was the impressive venue for this year's annual Volunteer of the Year awards, organised by Argyll Voluntary Action.

Three of Oban's 'finest' scooped the top awards on June 10, which was due recognition for their unstinting effort and hard work on behalf of the community.

Dungbeg woman, Margaret MacKinnon, known as 'Toots', is a volunteer at the town's soup and music group, the frail walking group and the Dunbeg social group.

Toots also drives the minibus to provide transport for older people and is always available to help out at events, outings and trips.

At the award ceremony, it was said that Toots has a 'fantastic, positive' attitude even in the face of adversity.

Marcus Marr, 17, from Oban was highly commended in the young volunteer of the year.

The former Oban High pupil gives time to both Oxfam and Oban FM and, as a Saltire Ambassador (itself a recognition of significant volunteer achievement) attends many public and inter-generational events (including the Scottish parliament) and supports Argyll Voluntary Action.

He was described as honest, reliable and especially good with anyone with a disability.

His achievements are remarkable as he has shown how well he can deal with the most challenging of circumstances.

Stella McIver has lived in Oban for 25 years, and has a volunteering history to match.

A resident of Glengallan, she is possibly best known as Oban's Guide commissioner, Assistant Argyll County



WINNERS: Toots MacKinnon and Stella McIver with their awards and Maggie Dougal of Argyll Voluntary Action. Young volunteer Marcus Marr (below) has been highly commended 16\_t25vol1

Commissioner, and leader of Rainbows, Brownies and guides for over 20 years.

However busy that sounds, it doesn't stop there.

A keen fiddler, she supports the Strathspey and Reel Society weekly meetings, is heavily involved in the annual Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival and, of course, cannot fail to support her husband Stuart's role with the Lorn Radio Amateurs Club.

She is treasurer for the Scottish Country Club, and lends a helping hand with the Oban Soup and Music Group



where over 40 older people gather each week (a transport logistic event in itself). Stella volunteers here with enthusiasm and energy - she is the organiser if staff are away, and

when Stella is not there, more hands are needed.

She also cares for her own mother, but does an incredible amount for her community - with a ready smile and boundless energy.

Saltire Awards were given to Marcus Marr, Rhoanna Black, Billy Pearson, Rebecca Woolcock and Amanda MacNeill.

Argyll and Bute council chief executive, Sally Loudon, welcomed the 100 people from all over the region who attended the event.

Ms Loudon continued: 'At Argyll and Bute council, we

have a track record in being positive about our communities.'

'Our Single Outcome Agreement has an overall aim to stop population decline in the area and increase economic growth.'

'Economic growth is not just about paid jobs; our community planning partnership recognises that a good economy in the area relies on active, healthy and vibrant communities.'

'We recognise the importance of individuals and value the time given by volunteers to support this.'

## Couple's road trip to raise charity funds

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A COUPLE who decided to have one last big adventure before a debilitating condition 'takes over' their lives, were in Oban raising cash for Alzheimer's last week.

Kathleen Yeat and Michael Payne, who are on an 'open ended' journey, have already seen more of the country than most - but said 'the greeting in Oban was second to none.'

Kathleen, who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's Disease said she was delighted to be on the trip with her partner, Michael, as it was 'much better than being shoved in a home.'

She explained there were plenty of things she wanted to say, but because of her condition she was unable to express them to other people.

The greeting in Oban was second to none

Michael and Kathleen

The couple, both aged 59, sold their home to finance the journey - and were enjoying their first sunshine when they arrived in Oban.

They are hoping their trip will last a few months and are heading for Fort William after leaving Oban.



ROAD TRIP: Michael Payne and Kathleen Yeat arrive in sunny Oban 16\_t25kathleen1

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## Chain gang in a spin for Highland hospice funds

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KIND-HEARTED business owners and managers in the Highlands left the office for the great outdoors when they embarked on a 380-mile charity cycle.

The group of 22 finished the five-day challenge from Wick to Fort William raising the grand sum of more than £150,000 for Highland hospice. The Everest Highland cycle

team even made it to Skye as part of the mammoth fundraising journey.

It racked up a remarkable total uphill ascent of 25,500 feet - the equivalent of climbing Mount Everest.

When they eventually arrived in Fort William, Lochaber Chamber of Commerce organised a fitting finale to the occasion by arranging for Connell McBride to pipe the riders along the last mile to the town's Cameron square.

Norman MacDonald, one of the cyclists and a Highland hospice board member, said: 'The time and effort the team has committed to this event was just incredible, both in terms of training and fundraising, and everyone at the hospice is so grateful.'

'We all knew it was going to be extremely tough, but we were determined to complete the challenge and raise as much money as possible to support Highland hospice.'

## MULL lines



Mull Otter Group held an awareness day for islanders

## Group talk hailed an otter success

A WILDLIFE awareness evening proved to be a great success.

More than 50 people packed into the Western Isles Hotel, Tobermory, for the talk which was organised by the Mull otter group (MOG).

Sponsored by the hotel, the highlight of the evening was a presentation by Dr Paul Yoxon, author and co-founder of the International Otter Survival Fund (IOSF), based on

Skye. Jane Stevens of MOG said: 'It was terrific that so many other enthusiasts came along to Paul's presentation.'

'In doing so, they helped generate funds for the important work that MOG and the IOSF are trying to fulfil on behalf of otters locally and worldwide.'

The presentation was MOG's contribution to International Otter Awareness Day on May 27.

## TIMESLINE

### Fishing for views on vital reform

HIGHLANDS and Islands MSP, Jamie McGrigor, is urging his constituents to respond to the Scottish government's consultation on the reform of wild fisheries.

Mr McGrigor, who is the Scottish Conservative fisheries spokesman, said: 'Our wild fisheries sector is of huge economic importance and sustains many jobs in some of our more remote and rural communities.'

The consultation, which closes on August 7, seeks views on a number of issues including funding, regulation and compliance and careers in fishing.

### Tiree islanders to push the boat out

TIREE Maritime Trust (TMT) is hosting a community sailing programme next week at Loch Bhasapol.

The sessions will be held between Thursday, June 25 and Saturday, Sunday, June 28, for people aged eight and over.

A registered charity, founded in 2005, TMT's main aims are to advance education, training skills in traditional boat building and boat maintenance.

For a full list of times and age groups, phone the TMT office on 01879 220 074.

### Tom links in for Argyll and Isles

AMERICAN author and journalist Tom Coyne visited Argyll and the Isles last week, to play some of the region's golf courses.

Tom played the Machrie Golf Links, Islay, Machrihanish, Machrihanish Dunes, and Dunaverly golf clubs between June 11 and 14, as part of his quest to master links golf in Scotland, playing more than 100 of the country's courses in 57 days.

If successful, Tom will qualify for this year's Open Golf Championship in St Andrews.

### Development of seaweed 'sheets'

THE Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS) at Dunbeg has co-founded a company to develop off-the-shelf seaweed farms in a ground-breaking project.

AT-SEA Technologies was formed by SAMS alongside seven other organisations. The project will explore the feasibility of developing seaweed cultivation 'sheets'.

### Warning about Green Deal scam

THE council is warning people about a cold-calling scam - and never to give out bank details over the phone.

People have been called and asked for bank details to pay for a Green Deal assessment - part of an energy saving scam.

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## Mobiles on hold as pupils engage in no phone trial

'PHONE-free Wednesday' proposed for Oban high school has been put 'on hold' by senior teachers.

Maths pupils have been asked to evaluate the trial ban, before it may be fully implemented. The self-imposed ban was the idea of pupils and was announced on the school's website and Facebook page almost two weeks ago.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'Oban high school's new S2 and S3 pupils took part in a 'virtual weight' project to find out how much time they spend online using their mobile phones.'

Leading on from this, working with guidance teachers, the pupils embarked on a pilot project to explore the impact of leaving mobile phones at home or handing them in to the school office to be collected at the end of the school day.

'The pupils chose Wednesday, May 27, and due to the success of the day, repeated the process on Wednesday June 3. Participation was voluntary, parents were advised in advance and staff took part, too.'

Councillor Rory Colville, education spokesman for the council, said: 'It is second nature to many of us to take our mobile phone with us wherever we go. I do it myself.'

'The phone-free day suggested and planned by the pupils as part of their project work, encouraged much more face-to-face communication between the pupils at break times, emphasising the importance of body language, facial expressions and language in developing their communication skills.'

'The project received some very positive feedback from pupils, staff and parents.'

The results of the experiment will be considered in future discussions as to whether or not the pupil led phone-free day project will continue.

## NHS rebuked for £2.5M overspend

POOR leadership and complacent budget control contributed to NHS Highland over-spending £2.5 million in 2013/14, a Scottish parliamentary committee found on Tuesday.

NHS Highland had to borrow £2.5 million from the Scottish government to break even that year.

The report - 'NHS Highland 2013-14: Financial Management' - follows evidence gathered from the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS), Audit Scotland, the Scottish government and NHS Highland - who provided evidence on two separate occasions.

Public Audit committee convener, Paul Martin MSP, said: 'Without brokerage (a loan) there could have been serious repercussions for patients.'

'The lack of transparency about the need to seek brokerage meant there was little opportunity for the public and staff to understand early on why brokerage was being sought and the potential impact on services of paying it back over three years.'

NHS Highland chair, Garry Coult, said: 'We have already acted to address the concerns the committee has raised, both in its latest report and previously.'

# Public's back seat view as cash runs out for Oban's open space

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SEATING at Stafford Street's pedestrianised area will be shared between the public and private business because the cash-strapped local authority can't afford to pay for tables and chairs.

The £600,000 project has so far brought stones from China and workers from Glasgow, but there has been no money laid aside by Argyll and Bute council to provide seating.

Businesses on Oban's Stafford Street are now in a 'free for all' over the issue. Many of the traders said they had been given the impression that tables and chairs would be purchased by the local authority - but were then told there was no money to buy them.

Julie MacKenzie, a community councillor, demanded to know if the public would be welcome in the new plaza area.

At the last meeting of Oban community council, Ms MacKenzie was given a guarantee that the seating purchased by the council would be for the public. But seating and tables bought by businesses would only be available for their customers.

The public will only have access in the areas surrounding



WATCHING BRIEF: workers were busy putting the last touches to the Stafford Street space

the private tables and chairs. This means those in the 'free seats' will need to crane their necks to look over those in the 'paid seats' to get a view of the waterfront.

The area will host a free wifi space and coloured LED lighting to complement the illuminated McCaig's Tower.

The businesses, including Kronks, The Little Bay Café, The Whisky Shop, the Pokey Hat and the recently let Oban Inn, will all be entitled to space

and an outdoor café culture licence that will be 'free for the first year.'

Business owners had a mixed reaction to having to provide their own seating, as many had hoped the area would be open to everyone.

Alex MacKenzie, owner of The Pokey Hat, said: 'This should be a space for everybody and people should be able to bring their flask of tea and a sandwich from home to sit out and enjoy the view.'

'But what will happen is that people will sit here and be looking over the other businesses' tables.' Kronks sandwich shop owner, Irene MacKinnon, said: 'It would have been better if the council had bought the tables and chairs as they had promised. Then everyone could have shared them.'

'But what has happened is that a few weeks before the place is meant to open, we have been told to buy our own tables and chairs.'

'The area should be for everyone in the town.' Robert McKay at The Little Bay Café has already ordered his tables and yellow padded chairs, from Hong Kong and is planning a new canopy from Benderloch's Owen Sails.

Mr McKay said: 'I have been given planning permission for four tables outside my business. I have to block the area off and tables and chairs need to be back inside the building by 9pm.'

'I am planning to have my chairs out by Thursday (today) as that is when we've been told the area will be open to the public.'

But a council spokesman said: 'Stafford Street will remain as a public space. The council encourages businesses to provide outdoor furniture to encourage the development of a café culture in our towns, however, the purchase of tables and chairs is a matter for them.'

'These businesses must address a number of issues, the most pertinent here being that of public safety.'

'Public realm areas are also public thoroughfares and, as such, the safety of all users must be considered.'

'There is already provision for public seating within the design.'

## TIMESLINE

### Parted brothers reunited safely

OBAN Mountain Rescue and the police were called out on Saturday, after two brothers became separated as they descended a mountain near Loch Awe.

Joseph and John Gordon, from Glasgow, had become separated after making their way to the top of Stob Diamh mountain.

Joseph contacted Police Scotland when he reached the bottom of the peak after becoming concerned for his brother's whereabouts.

It transpired John had injured his arm, but had descended the mountain safely, albeit slower than expected.

After being examined by paramedics, the pair left the area safely.

### Thief gets on bike to steal £750 cycle

POLICE are appealing for information after a bicycle worth more than £700 was stolen in Oban.

The bike - a red, white and blue-coloured Carrera Carlen - was taken from the common close of 8 Longsdale Terrace some time between 5pm on Saturday, June 13 and 10am on Sunday, June 14.

It is understood the cycle, worth around £750, was not secured in the stairwell at the time of the theft.

Anyone with information should contact PC Sutherland at Oban Police Station on 101.

### Driver crosses the line of road safety

A DRIVER has been reported to the procurator fiscal for two alleged motoring offences.

Traffic officers witnessed a 63-year-old woman overtaking another vehicle, crossing solid white lines while performing the manoeuvre on the A82 near the Bridge of Orchy at around 11.15 am on Saturday, June 13.

The woman was also recorded travelling at 76mph in a 60mph zone.

### Shoplifter charged over store incident

A 38-year-old man was arrested after allegedly shoplifting from Tesco supermarket in Oban.

Police arrived at around 8pm on Saturday, June 13, after the man was detained by store security staff, having allegedly attempted to steal alcohol and clothing.

A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal for further investigation.

## Ferry worker Julie's voyage of discovery

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AUTHOR Julie Clarke's heart will always be in her beloved Coll, but her new book could attract her to the bright lights of London.

She said: 'I'm toying with what to do because there are so many things calling me at the moment. I would like to go out and do a bit more before I get too old, as a woman, which I haven't been able to do in the past.'

'London does that for me. I'd like to get back into the music scene there, which I really enjoy. I don't want to be stuck on Coll for the rest of my life, but go out there and do different things.'

'I want to show off my new me to the rest of the world and there is no better place to do that than London. It ticks a lot of boxes for me: the wine bars and music venues. I just feel I need a bit more.'

Having lived in Coll for 20 years, Clarke readily admitted it would be a wrench to leave, but she yearned to see a bit of life in the faster lane.

'Coll is beautiful, but I want to meet more people, which is difficult on an island with just 250. It is tranquil, which is

great at times, but I need more inspiration.'

Clarke insisted the reaction to her book has been truly astounding as she says society continues to change, but in the right direction.



NEW CHAPTER: author Julie Clarke outside Oban ferry terminal 15\_125julieclarcemac01

## ISLAY EXPANSION PLAN OBJECTION 'Lives at risk' over distillery scheme

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AN ISLAY resident has claimed that people could be killed if controversial expansion plans at the Bruichladdich distillery go ahead.

Douglas Tott, 61, who lives at Stonayburn on the A847, is one of several objectors to the building of six new warehouses, which is subject to a planning hearing at Bruichladdich village hall on June 29.

Mr Tott's house is approximately a quarter of a mile south of the proposed development site.

Now retired, he has lived with his wife Isobel on Islay since 2005.

He said: 'At present, one HGV a week passes my house, but according to the planning application, there will be a minimum of 100 HGV movements during the construction stage of the foundations and erection of the first set of warehouses.'

'That means 200 HGVs will pass our house as there is only

one road in and out of the proposed site. I've measured the road and it is only just over five metres wide.'

'All year round, locals and visitors walk along the side of the A847 between the youth hostel, Port Charlotte and Bruichladdich as there is no footpath, with most of them intending to visit Bruichladdich distillery.'

'If this planning application is passed, locals and visitors will take their lives in their hands as they walk along the road.'

'It will only be a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed.'

Isobel added: 'The fumes from the maturation of the whisky coats buildings with a black fungi, and I think that will be the case with our house.'

'These buildings should be constructed well away from human habitation.'

Other objections regarding the plans, listed on Argyll and Bute council's planning website, include the scale, height, and location of the buildings. Objectors also say the proposed white finish, although in keeping with the main distillery, will be too bright.

A spokesman for Bruichladdich distillery said: 'The proposed new warehouse project that will come before the planning committee meeting to be convened in our local village hall on June 29 is a very positive development.'

'It is indicative of the long-term strategic commitment of Bruichladdich distillery to the economy and environment of Is-



NIPPY ISSUE: Bruichladdich distillery, on Islay, where six new warehouses are planned for construction

lay, to our workforce and the wider community. We have carefully considered all representations made to us and look forward to presenting our case for the development at the meeting.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'There will be a discretionary hearing on the island on June 29, which will allow any issues to be discussed and considered by members.'

Members will also be carrying out a site visit to assess the material planning considerations.'

Oban-based councillor, Roddy McCuish, said: 'I'm absolutely delighted that people are taking the initiative to address what they perceive to be an imbalance in democracy.'

'I fully believe the more

people involved in democracy, the better.'

'However, I would prefer if people would initiate dialogue, rather than issue demands. I'm willing to meet anyone to discuss these matters, and look forward to positive dialogue in the future.'

## Lets talk rather than posture, says McCuish

THE first ever meeting of the People's council has been heralded a 'huge success' by one of the event's organisers.

More than 150 people met at the Corran Halls on June 6 to discuss local government issues.

Speakers included MSP for

Argyll and Bute, Michael Russell, and MSP for Highlands and Islands, John Finnie.

Stacey Felgate, 29, from Oban, and one of the organisers, said: 'This gave people a chance to learn about, and take a stand against, what are seen as the failings locally

and nationally in how local government operates.'

'The People's council is demanding Argyll and Bute council halt the ongoing secretive budget discussions, and undertake a more legitimate process, and on a national level will lobby all parties to

include robust policies on local democracy reform.'

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# Royal salute to men who bring honour to the West Highlands

THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF WEST COAST RESIDENTS RECOGNISED IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

## 'It is on behalf of many fine people'

TOBERMORY boy, Eric Macintyre, was awarded the MBE for 37-years exemplary service to the Loughborough and Leicestershire education communities.

Eric is the youngest son of the late Angus and Betty Macintyre of Tobermory

He attended Achaleven school, Connel, Tobermory School, Oban high school and Edinburgh University.

Eric, who retired last summer, said: 'I am, of course, personally delighted to have been honoured in this way, but I regard the award as being on behalf of a great many fine people with whom I worked at

Loughborough College over 37 years and I thank them now and the college for nominating me.'

Eric established partnerships between Loughborough College and universities including Leicester, Loughborough, Leeds, Aston, Nottingham Trent and Derby, securing university validation across sport, music, business management and engineering degree programmes - most recently for the unique higher apprenticeship in space engineering.

Eric introduced sport to the college curriculum, developing a new national diploma in sport, supported by Sir Alex

Ferguson, and was a key influence in the creation of Derby County and Leicester City football academies.

Eric is also a qualified athletics coach and official and has spent more than 20 years organising a range of community events in and around Loughborough, including an annual primary schools relay.

**HONOURED:** Eric, right, with his brother Lorn at the opening of a Argyll and Highland Sutherland museum in Inveraray Castle



## Insulation plans for island homes

ISLAY, Jura, Mull and Iona are all set to benefit from a government-funded energy efficiency scheme.

Argyll and Bute council has been awarded funding by the Scottish government to deliver a range of energy efficiency measures to households on the islands.

The Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS: ABS) includes internal and external wall insulation, loft insulation and under floor insulation.

Help will be offered to owners and tenants living in council tax bands A, B, C, and also to some Band D properties who meet the specific eligibility criteria.

ALEnergy will deliver the scheme on behalf of Argyll and Bute council. They will be holding a number of information events throughout the year and have arranged for letters to be sent out to relevant properties this week.

Argyll and Bute Council's housing spokesman, councillor Robin Currie, said: 'Argyll and Bute council is committed to tackling fuel poverty and the HEEPS: ABS programme is one of the ways in which we're doing this.'

'Since 2013, we have assisted over 700 properties and have helped make homes more affordable and cheaper to heat.'

'I would encourage Argyll and Bute residents to get in touch with Home Energy Scotland or ALEnergy to find out how they can make their properties more energy efficient.'

## Holyrood call for national roaming

PEOPLE should be able to connect to any mobile phone operator and internet provider to improve their signal, a MSP has argued.

Rhoda Grant, member for the Highlands and Islands, has called on both the Scottish and UK governments to introduce 'national roaming'.

This would mean that people experiencing signal difficulties trying to make mobile calls or access the mobile internet would be able to connect to another phone mast, even if it is run by a different service provider.

She said this would increase availability in areas where people don't receive a signal.

Ms Grant continued: 'The Highlands and Islands is one of the areas with the poorest connectivity to mobile broadband in the UK. The availability of mobile broadband is no longer a luxury, it is essential to make this an attractive place to live, work and do business.'

'The Highlands and Islands need to be boosted by better mobile signal and broadband. Governments should work towards the introduction of national roaming and trial or pilot it initially in the region that needs it the most.'

## Argyll 'angels' can win awards

TIME is running out for volunteer groups and individuals throughout Argyll to enter the first Scottish Heritage Angel Awards.

With entries for the inaugural awards due to close in two weeks' time, Tuesday June 30, volunteers or 'Heritage Angels' who contribute to one of Scotland's most diverse sectors are being reminded that there is still time to enter or to nominate a deserving individual or group.

The free-to-enter awards, the first of their kind in Scotland, celebrate and acknowledge the achievements and valuable contributions made to Scotland's historic environment by heritage volunteers and groups.

For more information and for full details on how to enter, or nominate someone else, for an angel award please visit [www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk](http://www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk)

## Share history on your doorsteps

A FIVE year project to record urban landscapes from skate parks to medieval streets has got under way in Argyll.

Scotland's Urban Past (SUP), led by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) and Historic Scotland, with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, will put groups and individuals across Scotland's towns and cities in charge of recording the history on their doorsteps.

Argyll residents are asked to share stories of its built-up areas - from entire towns to individual streets.

Over the next five years, 60 community-led projects are being sought to document the streets and towns they live in.

For further information see [www.scotlandurbanpast.org.uk](http://www.scotlandurbanpast.org.uk)

## Islay homes with a view are named

A NEW housing development on Islay, built by Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), has been named.

The 20 homes, a mixture of one-bedroom and two-bedroom houses, are to be called Sealladh Na Mara, which means 'view of the sea' in Gaelic.

The houses are part of a 'strategic masterplan' for the village of Bowmore, put in place by Islay Estates and approved in April by Argyll and Bute council.

It is anticipated that there will be construction of another 150 privately-built homes, as well as new business space and community facilities in the village.

Sealladh Na Mara is anticipated to be finished some time in July or August.

## Neil has made a compelling and passionate case

NEIL MacLeod who has been an assessor with the Crofting Commission for more than 25 years has been honoured with the British Empire Medal.

He was vice-chairman, then chairman of the Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF), and remains involved as a mentor for younger members, and actively promotes the SCF Young Crofters.

He has ensured that the voice of crofting and its specific needs, requirements and aspirations are heard.

He has made a compelling and passionate case for practical policies to support crofters.

His commitment has brought new and young crofters into the sector with improvements in training through the Lewis and Harris Rural Training Initiative, which he founded.

Without him it is arguable whether there would be an auction mart in Stornoway, as



“ He has ensured the voice of crofting is heard ”

Neil MacLeod (Pictured)

he instigated and led the group that lobbied the local Comhairle to purchase the mart.

He is also very involved in the local community as a member of his local residents' association committee, and, as a qualified sports coach, is a founding member of the Stornoway Running and Athletics Club.

## BEM for extraordinary island fundraiser John

JOHN Blackwell (pictured), a native of the island of Luing, has also been awarded a British Empire Medal.

John has, over the last 12 years, organised events on and off the island to raise funds for charities including the Oban Lifeboat and Cancer Research.

These events include sponsored walks, swimathons, mini triathlons, cricket matches, ceilidhs and concerts.

The whole island has been involved in some way or another with the fundraising, as locals have been either a sponsor or have taken part in events.

John also organised a Skiff Around Luing to help raise funds for a new defibrillator for the Luing First Responders, and was an instrumental figure in raising funds to enable the buying and building of the island's community St



Ayles Skiff. Barry and Brenda Wilson, Cullipool, nominated John with letters of support from Shane and Tooti Cadzow and John and Joan Morgan.

The grand sum of over £34,000 has been raised by the many who have joined him in his efforts along the way both on and off the island.

John thanked everyone who has been part of his journey.



MAKING LEARNING FUN: Callum Ullman-Smith, Connor Bennon, Roddy Maclean and Emma Bennett-West Photo Janet Ullman

## Card shark Callum's language game is fun

A NEW card game to aid learning Gaelic has been invented by a 12-year-old.

Callum Ullman-Smith, the youngest surveyor with the Highland seashore project, suggested the game, which combined learning about sealife, language and history.

From this, 'Seashore Families' was born. Based around the popular 'Hap-

py Families', the cards feature photos of coastal animals and seaweed, along with a Gaelic and English translation of how the sealife got its name.

Designed and printed by Strath print on Skye, the card game will be sent to every school in the Highlands free of charge.

Callum said: 'Learning should be fun, there's no

point having the same boring stuff again and again. This was a chance to take some great photos of sealife, add all the Gaelic stories and English translations and make something that was learning about life on the shore, Gaelic and history.'

'Everybody from eight to 80 can enjoy it whatever their mother tongue is.'

## Donations welcome for the new mòd shop

MÒD enthusiasts will soon have a focus for their attentions as the local organising committee has taken over the lease of a shop on Oban's George Street.

The Oban Royal National Mòd 2015 local organising committee will temporarily take over the premises of Winehouse until after this year's event in October.

No date has been set for the official opening of the shop, however it is expected to open in the next two to three weeks.

Initially, the shop will open for a few hours from Monday to Saturday, with the opening as Mòd week approaches.

Duncan MacNeil, of the organising committee, said: 'People are welcome to donate items such as bric-a-brac, books, ornaments, dishes, DVDs, CDs, small furniture and any pre-loved items (excluding clothing and electrical items).'

'Mòd memorabilia will also be on sale in the shop later in the year.'

'The shop will also act as

an information centre for mod and Gaelic-related events and activities in the local area and nationally.

'There are plans to hold small, informal music and song sessions in the shop in the run up to and during the Mòd.'

For further information on how you can donate goods or register to volunteer in the shop, please contact Duncan Macdonald at [dochiemacd@gmail.com](mailto:dochiemacd@gmail.com)

You can also contact him at the Furan Gaelic Centre on 01631 567 886.

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# Dogged determination pays off

GROUP WINS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AS IT TRIES TO REIN IN DOG-FOULING OWNERS WHO MAKE A MESS OF OBAN

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A GROUP formed to stop dog fouling in Oban has gained the backing of the police, housing associations and other bodies as the campaign gathers momentum.

Oban Community Action on Dog Fouling held a meeting in the town's Corran Halls on Thursday, June 11, in a move to drive forward the campaign.

They were joined by representatives from Police Scotland, Argyll and Bute council's amenity services, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA), West Highland Housing Association (WHHA), Friends of Oban Community Playpark and Oban-based councillors, Roddy McCuish and Elaine Robertson.

One of the group's founding members, Julie McKenzie, said: 'We are delighted to have taken part in a very positive meeting.'

'We would like to thank all who attended for their involvement and support with our campaign.'

'All of the agencies and groups who were present are very committed to working with us in a very proactive and forward-thinking way, to help us to achieve the ultimate aim of addressing Oban's dog fouling problem.'

A new amenity warden post is being currently advertised for the Oban and Lorn area, and the role will include enforcing dog



fouling laws, as well as litter and parking offences. The council has already carried out agreed recommendations from the first meeting of the group, held last month, including putting up 40

new signs in the town warning dog owners to pick up after their pets.

Julie continued: 'We can't fault councillors McCuish and Robertson for all their help so

far in our cause. They have been terrific in their efforts and in attending the meetings.'

'It is, however, disappointing that although all the Oban-based councillors were invited to the

meeting at the Corran Halls, in most cases, the invitations were completely ignored.'

'We would hope that we will be successful in gaining their support as we progress and that they

**CRYING FOUL:** Kenny MacLennan, Julie McKenzie and Mairi Bryce next to the new anti dog-fouling sign at the Atlantis leisure centre

will all become involved with the next inter-agency meeting of the group.'

The Atlantis leisure centre has also shown its support for the cause, displaying a new banner at the grass pitch at the centre, commonly used to exercise dogs, despite animals being prohibited to go there.

This ground will be used as part of the Oban Community Playpark, which is in the planning phase.

Lindsay Elliot, who is a member of the playpark's fundraising group, praised Oban Community Action on Dog Fouling for tackling owners who allow their pets to use this land next to Atlantis.

She said: 'Dogs are prohibited from that area, and have been for some time, and while I understand many people using the ground are responsible dog owners who would always clean up after their pets, the fact remains they shouldn't be there.'

'Over the coming months, as construction of the playpark progresses, the area will get busier, and more children will be there. So perhaps, more than ever, it's time that people changed their habits and exercised their dogs elsewhere.'

## TIMESLINE

### Drink driver was traced after crash

A MAN who left the scene of an accident after crashing his car on a single-track road was traced and found to be over the drink-drive limit.

Police were called at around 5am on Wednesday, June 10, following reports of a one-vehicle accident on the B844 near Kilniver.

The driver was traced and failed a roadside breath test, and will now be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### Attacked twice in the town centre

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a teenager was assaulted twice in Oban town centre.

The incidents happened between 2pm and 3pm, firstly outside Cuan Mor on George Street, and then on Craigard Road.

The attacker is described as being in his mid-to-late 20s with dark hair. Those with information should contact PC Daniel MacBeth on 101.

### The Hebrides is an international hit

THE Hebrides is in the top 10 UK counties to have the largest year-on-year increase in interest from international travellers, online site Trip Advisor said this week.

## 'Help us break strip the willow record'

JULY 4 is known by Americans as Independence Day. However, this year, Bid4Oban will be hoping it will be forever etched in the memory of Oban's citizens as the day a world record was broken in the town.

George Street will be closed as people dance the strip the willow, in an attempt to smash the record for the 'largest Scottish country dance'.

Bid4Oban events manager, Neil Mackay, said: 'We are hoping 2015 people will come to the town to break the record.'

'All we need is good turn-out and if we get a third of the recent Mossfield support for Skerryvore then we are in with a chance. All we ask is that people were a bit of visible tartan.'

'We're also pleased that local insurance broker, Clark Thomson, is sponsoring the event.'

A previous attempt made in Oban for the bicentennial celebrations in 2011 was short of the mark by 100 people.

The official record, listed by Guinness World Records, is 1914 people, who danced the strip the willow as part of Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations on December 30, 2000.

See the advert on today's front page for full information on how to register.

## Canal is important for tourism - MSP

TWO HIGHLAND politicians emphasised the importance of the Caledonian canal to tourism in the area at the Scottish parliament.

Dave Thompson, MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, lodged a motion acknowledging the 17 years of work to build the canal and explained that many tourists visit the region to see the attraction.

Jamie McGrigor, MSP for the Highlands and Islands, supported the statement.

He said: 'Today it (Caledonian canal) is a very significant tourist attraction in my region as visitors flock to what is a stunning location for a canal boat holiday or any kind of cruising or indeed to catch a glimpse of Nessie.'

'Walkers and ramblers can walk the full length of the canal on the Great Glen Way. These many hundreds of thousands of visitors contribute a great deal to the economy.'

'They can all be sure of a very warm Highland welcome and I encourage colleagues who have not visited to do so.'

'My belief is that Scottish Canals should improve the infrastructure facilities for cruises and the Scottish government should make this possible through funding,' the MSP added.

## Important grants boost for groups

SEVERAL Argyll and Bute organisations have been awarded grants from Awards for All Scotland.

The programme, administered by the Big Lottery Fund, and run in partnership with sportscotland, is an easy way for smaller organisations to get funding between £500 and £10,000.

Mull and Iona Community Trust received the maximum of £10,000, which will be used to pay for a project worker to produce a community development plan for Mull.

Oban Mountain Rescue also received £10,000, which will be used to purchase a new Land Rover vehicle.

Taynuilt Sports Council received £9,995, which will help the group continue its provision of sporting facilities including shinty, rugby, football and golf.

Vanessa MacLean, office and finance manager of the Mull and Iona Community Trust, said that the grant would be a 'great boost, and help towards what she saw as 'the final piece of the puzzle' in boosting a variety of needs for Mull's community.

For a full list of the grants awarded under Awards for All Scotland, visit the website: www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding.

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**Ardnamurchan**

PEARL mussels in the burns of Ardnamurchan peninsula are to be given more protection under a new scheme from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). The critically endangered species is protected by law, but there has been illegal pearl fishing in the area over the last two years. To combat this, SNH is appealing for help from the local community to raise awareness about the mussels and to report suspected poaching through the Riverwatch project.

Natalie Young of the project said: 'The species is now in such decline that from 1970 to 1998 pearl mussels became extinct from an average of two rivers every year in Scotland. Currently, the west coast of Scotland holds some of the most important populations of mussels in Europe.'

The Riverwatch scheme will work with local communities, land owners, fishery boards and Police Scotland to implement co-ordinated action to reduce and report illegal activities affecting freshwater pearl mussels.'

For more information contact Ms Young on 01463 783505.

**Arisaig**

VERA MacDonald was voted president of Arisaig women's rural institute at the annual general meeting.

Other committee members were also elected as follows: Ann Lamont, vice president and magazine secretary; Anne Cameron, treasurer; June Cairns, secretary and Yvonne MacDonald, press secretary.

Ms Cairns and Margaret MacEachan shared first place for most competition points over the year, followed by Ms Cameron in second place and Vera MacDonald in third. The group will now take a break for the summer.

**Fort William**

BEN NEVIS, the tallest summit in Britain, has been dubbed 'too high' by one unimpressed visitor.

The 4,408 foot mountain attracts tourists from all over the world, but one TripAdvisor reviewer didn't see the charm. The holidaymaker titled his review 'very steep and too high' and was disgruntled to find there are no attractions at the peak. He wrote: 'My girlfriend was crying at one point. When we did get to the top there was nothing there. Mount Snowdon [The highest mountain in Wales] has a pub, restaurant and toilets at the top.'



THE annual sports day at Park primary school, Oban, saw Lismore clan take the shield. The senior clan relays were won by Iona with the Primary 1-3 relays won by clan Lismore boys and clan Kerrera girls. The sports champions were Ryan Barclay and Poppy McKillop.



Pupils at Park primary in Oban also celebrated world environment day by Going Wild for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Pupils and staff voted for the animal they wanted to adopt next session and the Sumatran Tiger came out top. Other wild activities throughout the day included making masks and bunting as well as baking tiger biscuits. A total of £120 was raised for WWF.

**Western Isles**

TWO COUNCILLORS in the Western Isles have been handpicked to represent young people in the islands.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar's new 'youth champions' Charlie Nicolson and Donnie Steele will liaise with youth councils and build on the council's aim to engage more young people.

Councillor Nicolson, who will represent youth in Lewis and Harris, said: 'I am delighted to be a youth champion as I think it is so important that our young people play a role in shaping our communities and having a say.'

'Much good work has been done by councillors in their local communities working with and listening to young people. I hope we can continue to build on that.'

Councillor Steele, for Uist and Barra, added: 'Young people have much to offer their communities. In the islands, young people play an amazing role in sport, the arts, charity fund raising, caring and much, much more.'

'It is important that their contribution is recognised and that opportunities are provided for young people which enable them to fulfill their potential.'

**MORVERN lines**

**Born leaders remembered**

TODAY is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo which took place in Belgium. It marked the final defeat of French military leader and emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), who conquered much of continental Europe in the early 19th century.

Of the 68,000 British soldiers who fought under the Duke of Wellington, an estimated 23,000 died in the Belgian mud.

Amongst them were many men from Morvern, Ardgour and Sunart who joined the 79th Highlanders - later the 'Cameron Highlanders' - and the 92nd Gordon Highlanders recruited from the extensive Gordon lands of which Lochaber formed a part.

It is often said that Highlanders, even today, prefer to be led, but when they produce a leader he is exceptional. Reading the historical accounts of the way in which these two famous regiments conducted themselves, there is no doubt that, at the Battle of Waterloo, their commissioned and non-commissioned officers were outstanding.

Two born leaders from the Highland area immediately come to mind. John Cameron of Fassiefern, a grand nephew of Donald, 19th chief of Clan Cameron, the 'Gentle Lochiel' of the 1745 Rising, was Colonel of the 92nd.

Although he was killed at Quatre Bras two days before Waterloo, his contribution in the lead up to the 18th of June ensured Wellington achieved his decisive victory.

For this and more, a baronetcy was conferred on his father, Ewen, by a grateful King George III. More than 3,000 mourners are said to have been present when Colonel John's remains were brought home by Ewen MacMillan, his foster-brother and interred in the old graveyard of Kilmallie, Lochaber, the following year.

He is remembered by a nearby 60-foot high sandstone obelisk erected in 1816 at a cost of £1,400 by the officers and men of his regiment. It bears an inscription thought to have been composed by Sir Walter Scott.

Time and weather have taken their toll but, happily, money was raised to have it cleaned for a short service of commemoration which took place earlier this week in the presence of his kinsman, Donald Cameron of Lochiel, chief of Clan Cameron and Lord Lieutenant of Inverness, and no doubt the descendants of many other clansmen who fought and fell with him.

The Lochaber hero of Waterloo was undoubtedly Alexander Cameron (1778-1850) youngest son of Donald Cameron of Glendessary and Murliagan on Loch Arkaig-side and a direct descendent of Sir Ewan Cameron, 17th chief of Lochiel.

When Alexander was 19 years old, he ran away from the family sheep farm at Glendubhlochlan in Knoydart to volunteer with the Breadalbane Fencibles in Perth.

On the way he stopped at Inverailort for a few days and was so taken by the place that he vowed that if he ever had sufficient wealth he would return and buy it.

Alexander accompanied the Fencibles on an expedition to Holland under the command of the Duke of York and soon afterwards received an ensigncy in the 92nd Regiment. In 1800, he joined the newly-formed experimental Rifle Corps and, from then on, his rise in the British army was meteoric.

He became a personal friend of the Duke of Wellington who promoted him to the rank of colonel and gave him command of the 1st Battalion of the Rifle Brigade at Waterloo.

There he led his men until near the end of the battle when he was forced to leave the field with a serious neck wound.

By the time he retired from military service, he had been awarded a knighthood and elevated to the rank of Major General. Not bad for a shepherd from the isolated Knoydart peninsula.

In 1818, Alexander married Christian, only daughter and heiress of Coll MacDonell of Barrisdale - a prosperous sheep and cattle rancher. Her dowry, his army pension and loot from the battlefields of Europe, enabled him to buy Inverailort which he had so admired.

Following the capture of Napoleon and peace in Europe, the highly decorated Sir Alexander settled in Inverailort where, in the words of a local Gaelic bard who composed a song honouring his military exploits, spent the remainder of his years listening in place of the cannon's roar to the comparatively peaceful roaring of the stags on his hills.

He died at Inverailort on July 26 1850, the bullet with which he was wounded in the neck at Waterloo still in his body.

Sir Alexander is buried in the old cemetery of Kilmallie, not far from Colonel John Cameron of Fassiefern.

He is commemorated by a bronze plaque in the private Cameron-Head burial aisle at Inverailort and by a small monument in front of Kilmallie parish church which is badly in need of repair.

It would be a generous act on the part of today's 'Rifles', if they would put a stone to the cairn of whom it was said 'was one of the best officers ever trained by Moore [Lieutenant-General Sir John Moore, KB, who was killed fighting the French at the Battle of Corunna] and employed by Wellington.'

With the Duke of Wellington's approval, Sir Alexander Cameron's descendants were given the right to bear forever in their coat of arms, the medals of the Peninsular and Waterloo campaigns and the bugle horn of the Rifle Brigade which can be seen on his memorial.

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Major General Sir Alexander Cameron of Inverailort



Major General Sir Alexander Cameron of Inverailort's campaign medals

**Skye provincial mòd a success**

THE SKYE provincial mòd was staged over four days and had in excess of 600 entries and an audience of over 1200 people attending events throughout the week.

Stuart Jackson, mòd organiser, said: 'The children's mòd greatly impressed the adjudicators who spoke in glowing tributes of the high standard on show.'

'This is testament to the hard work done by teachers, tutors and parents throughout the island. Returning to their home island, to adjudicate at the mòd, were sister and brother, Kenna and Seumas Campbell.'

'Both of these renowned singers were delighted to see the high standard of Skye's young talent on display.'

'This year's mòd also saw the return of adult competitions and this proved a great success.'

'Morvern-based choir, Burach, not only won the choir event, but

supplied the winners of all the adult solo and duet competitions. Quite an achievement.'

'A ceilidh dance was held in The Royal Hotel, to mark the final night of the mòd, and an appreciative audience was entertained by a host of singers including Kenna Campbell, Seumas Campbell, Riona Whyte, Alasdair Whyte, Ruairidh Cormack, Eilidh Cormack, Iain Cormack, Hector MacKechnie and Ronnie Murray. Dancers were well catered for with music from John Burns and his band,' he added.

Trophy winners: Presenting (mòd committee) Isla NicLeòid, Ard-sgoil Phorrig; Nicol Campbell (Under 14 most points) Dougal McKiggan, Ard-sgoil Phorrig; Murdo MacDonald Memorial (Gàidhlig Air) Eoghainn Peutan, Ard-sgoil Phorrig; Gàidhlig Society of London (March) Eoghainn Peutan,

Ard-sgoil Phorrig; Most points (under 18) Eoghainn Peutan, Ard-sgoil Phorrig; Iain (Cordovox) MacDonald (accordion) Isla NicLeòid, Ard-sgoil Phorrig;

Most promising clarsach player Mia Mutch, Cille Mhoire; Tongadale (advanced violin) Kirsty Watt, Ard-sgoil Phorrig; Urras Baile Fhlòdaigearraidh (Luadh) Bun-sgoil Stafainn; Runrig (Folk group) Class 6, Bun-sgoil Phorrig; Oban Rosebowl (English Unit/school with most points) EM class, Cille Mhoire; Fiddle group (Primary) Elgol Primary; P1-3 Verse Speaking EM class, Cille Mhoire; P4-7 Verse Speaking Bun-sgoil Stafainn; P1-3 Action song Cille Mhoire; P4-7 Action song Bun-sgoil Stafainn; Choir Bun-sgoil Phorrig; Ross Gillies Memorial (highest individual music points in singing) Ross MacLeòid, Phorrig; Strath Trophy (adult choir) Bùrach.



BURACH: The Morvern-based choir swept the floor in both choir competitions and solo performances.



Erin Jackson and Annie Gill both eight, Eve Lawrie, seven, Iona Dunlop, nine, and Omaidh Gill, two and a half, had a great time at the nail and tattoo art stalls at the event.

**Port Appin**

A LARGE crowd gathered in Port Appin to enjoy afternoon tea and raise funds for two local venues which benefit the whole community.

The event, on Sunday June 7, raised £574 which will be split between the Willie McCorquodale playing field and Port Appin village hall.

The afternoon tea party was originally planned to be held outdoors in the playing field, but the ground was so saturated following heavy rain that the venue was switched indoors to the village hall.

And locals turned out in force to enjoy a huge spread including sandwiches, sausage rolls, scones, pancakes, cakes and biscuits. There was also home baking for sale and various competitions including guess the weight of the cake, the number of sweets in a jar and the birthday of cuddly Oscar the Otter, which was donated by the View Cafe. Youngsters enjoyed experimenting with different colours at the nail and tattoo art stalls and the event finished with a huge raffle.

Christie Malone, one of the organisers, said: 'We were absolutely delighted by the turn-out. It was great to see the hall so busy and everyone enjoying themselves. The amount raised was just wonderful as both the playing field and the village hall benefit the whole community. We would like to thank all the helpers for their hard work on the day and everyone who supported the event.'



Ballachulish primary school pupils paired up with residents and day care clients at the village care home for an afternoon of painting

**Ballachulish**

BALLACHULISH primary school pupils made some new friends when they visited the village care home.

The children spent an afternoon painting with the residents of Abbeyfield as part of a new 'paint pals' scheme.

Dominic Duffy, Abbeyfield care home office manager, said both the residents and day care clients enjoyed spending time with the children and he hopes it can become a regular event.

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MOVING ON: Lochaber high school sixth years before their graduation ceremony last Thursday 20. f25graduation02

# Canna shop theft shock

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THE COMMUNITY of a tiny Hebridean island was left devastated when its only shop was raided by thieves in the first crime on the island for 50 years.

Canna community shop, mostly looked after by volunteers and run by the isle's community development trust, has been run on an honesty basis since it was set up four years ago, but was targeted on Friday night as criminals cleared the shelves of sweets, groceries and toiletries.

Six hand-knitted hats made from Canna wool by store manager, Julie McCabe, were also stolen.

Canna community shop in the small isle was run from the pier before opening in a former binder shed in April last year.

It was left open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for fisherman and other visitors to use the internet or buy essentials while stopping overnight at the island pier. Customers just wrote down what they had taken in a book and left the money in an honesty box.

Colin Irvine, chairman of Canna community development trust, said CCTV cameras

may now have to be installed to prevent another theft.

He said: 'It's such a shame when we islanders have built up such a bond of trust with the wonderful people that come to the island. I am so angry and upset this has happened when members of the community work so hard to make this such a welcoming and trusting place for visitors.'

'We don't want to have to lock the shop because it's not fair on the people who have used the system well and respected it for years. Why should we have to punish them?'

'Installing a CCTV camera may be an option, but I think we'll have a meeting as a community body to decide what to do next.'

Mr Irvine, who runs a guest house on Canna, said the islanders were dismayed at the theft: 'People are first of all shocked because it has never happened before and they can't understand why it has happened now. They're also very disappointed because this is such a safe and trusting island.'

With a population of just 26 people, there is no police station or special constable on Canna, with the nearest police station in Mallaig on the mainland. This was the

first crime committed since the theft of a wooden plate from the church of Rhu in the 1960s.

Stewart Connor, who manages the shop with his partner, Ms McCabe, said the support they have received is 'unbelievable'.

'We have been overwhelmed by messages of support on Facebook, including financial donations to help replace the loss,' he continued.

'It has been unbelievable and we cannot thank everyone who has sent these enough.'

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'On Sunday June 14 2015, police in Mallaig received a report of a theft from the isle of Canna community shop.'

'The incident is believed to have occurred between 8pm on Friday, June 12, and 8am on Saturday, June 13, 2015.'

'A number of items were reported as stolen, consisting of hand-knitted woollen hats, confectionery and toiletries.'

'To provide assistance as part of ongoing enquiries, officers are looking to speak members of the public and those on board fishing vessels which were moored at Canna pier around the time of the incident.'

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers by phone on 0800555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

## Lochaber high pupils head off in style



GOOD LUCK: teachers at Ardnamurchan high school joined the departing sixth years for a final photo

LOCHABER teenagers celebrated a milestone achievement when they graduated from high school. Sixth year pupils from Lochaber and Ardnamurchan high schools put on their glad rags for their celebration events. Lochaber pupils enjoyed a leavers' ceremony while their fellow graduates on the peninsula enjoyed dinner at Ardshealach lodge, Acharacle.

## Doors open on study into future of Sunart housing

THE FUTURE of housing in the Sunart area of Lochaber is to be studied as part of an in-depth consultation on how to improve facilities in the area.

Sunart community company has set up a steering group of volunteers including community councillors and local parents and has appointed an intern to conduct a confidential study on what residents think are the most important issues. This follows a similar appraisal held last year and it is hoped it will identify what homes may be needed in the future to build up a plan for the area.

James Hilder of Sunart community company said: 'More sheltered housing for the elderly and more affordable housing came out high on the list of

residents' issues last year. There is also a concern that, without more homes being built, we will not attract young families to the area which might put the long-term future of our schools in doubt.'

'For this reason, we also want Oban Times readers to contact us if they have friends or family from outwith the Sunart area who would like to relocate. A Sunart housing needs survey Facebook page has been set up with a survey link.'

Intern, Sarah Watson, has moved to Sunart for two months to conduct the study.

She said: 'Having examined social housing issues in Glasgow as part of my recent studies, it's great to be helping the community plan for the future

in a rural setting like Sunart. 'With many houses being used as second homes or holiday homes, there are fewer places for local young people to rent. There are even fewer options for the elderly who might not require full-time care, but may be feeling their own home is getting a bit much for them to manage. It's so important for communities to plan for the future, and we hope as many people as possible complete the survey, to make sure that any future decisions are based on the actual needs of the community.'

All households in the area will receive a copy of the survey, which is also available on the Facebook page. Anyone wishing to contact Ms Watson can do so via sarah.meredith.watson@gmail.com.

## Skye beaches top of the beauty poll

THE BEACHES on Skye have been voted the most beautiful in Scotland, new research has shown.

The opinion poll, carried out by Sykes cottages, showed the island's coasts, famous for cliffs, lochs and rock pinnacles, took the overall top spot with 12 per cent of the vote.

Beaches on the Orkney islands took second place with nine per cent, followed by the Shetland islands with seven per cent. But Scottish respondents disagreed with the rest of the UK, voting the coastline in Ayrshire and Arran as the most beautiful by 21 per cent, followed by the Outer Hebrides with 12 per cent.



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**Lewis and Harris**

Visiting Lewis lets visitors feel step back in time with its stone circles and thatched cottages. Important archaeological sites dot the island, including the Callanish stone circle and Dun Carloway broch, the best preserved of its type in the Outer Hebrides.

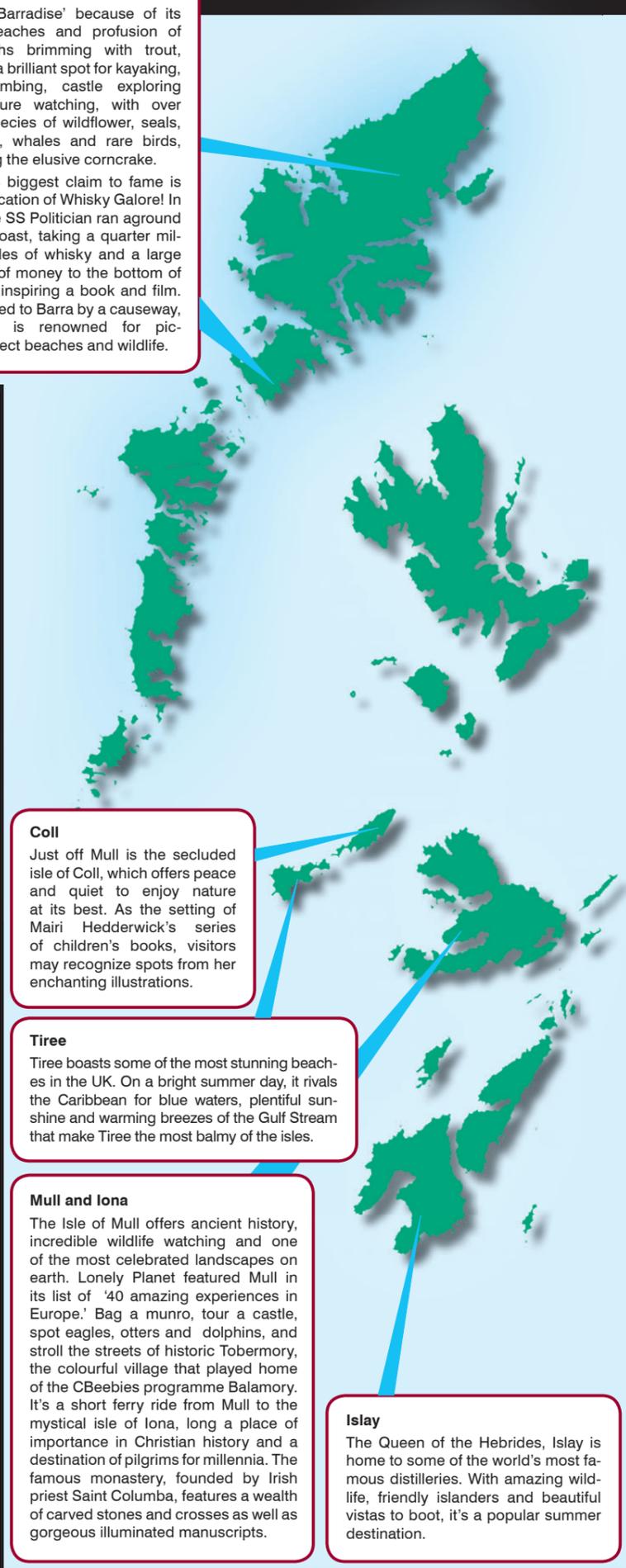
South Lewis, along with Harris and North Uist, is a National Scenic Area. Visitors may see all types of wildlife, from golden eagles to seals. Foodies love Stornoway, home of the famous black pudding, the Hebridean Brewing Company and Stornoway Fish Smoker. The Hebridean Celtic Festival, one of Scotland's premier summer events, brings the sound of music to Lewis each July.

Adjoining Lewis, Harris offers some of the most varied landscapes in the UK, from white sandy beaches to the highest peak in the Outer Hebrides- not to mention some of the oldest rocks in the world.

**Barra**

Called 'Barradise' because of its white beaches and profusion of sea lochs brimming with trout, Barra is a brilliant spot for kayaking, beachcombing, castle exploring and nature watching, with over 1,000 species of wildflower, seals, dolphins, whales and rare birds, including the elusive corncrake.

Eriskay's biggest claim to fame is as the location of Whisky Galore! In 1941, the SS Politician ran aground off the coast, taking a quarter million bottles of whisky and a large amount of money to the bottom of the bay, inspiring a book and film. Connected to Barra by a causeway, Vatersay is renowned for picture-perfect beaches and wildlife.



**Coll**

Just off Mull is the secluded isle of Coll, which offers peace and quiet to enjoy nature at its best. As the setting of Mairi Hedderwick's series of children's books, visitors may recognize spots from her enchanting illustrations.

**Tiree**

Tiree boasts some of the most stunning beaches in the UK. On a bright summer day, it rivals the Caribbean for blue waters, plentiful sunshine and warming breezes of the Gulf Stream that make Tiree the most balmy of the isles.

**Mull and Iona**

The Isle of Mull offers ancient history, incredible wildlife watching and one of the most celebrated landscapes on earth. Lonely Planet featured Mull in its list of '40 amazing experiences in Europe.' Bag a munro, tour a castle, spot eagles, otters and dolphins, and stroll the streets of historic Tobermory, the colourful village that played home of the CBeebies programme Balamory. It's a short ferry ride from Mull to the mystical isle of Iona, long a place of importance in Christian history and a destination of pilgrims for millennia. The famous monastery, founded by Irish priest Saint Columba, features a wealth of carved stones and crosses as well as gorgeous illuminated manuscripts.

**Islay**

The Queen of the Hebrides, Islay is home to some of the world's most famous distilleries. With amazing wildlife, friendly islanders and beautiful vistas to boot, it's a popular summer destination.

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POLITICIANS JOIN FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS FOR SERVICE AT CHURCH NEAR FORMER MP'S CAOL HOME

# Hundreds turn out to funeral of 'much-loved' Charles Kennedy

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HUNDREDS attended the funeral of Charles Kennedy on Friday, when he was laid to rest following a Requiem Mass in his local church, St John's.

And in a final tribute to the long-standing politician, who was a Highland MP for more than 30 years, the 500-strong congregation gathered in the warm sunshine to applaud the hearse as it travelled through Caol after the service, accompanied by music from members of Lochaber pipe band.

It was standing room only and crowds gathered outside the church, near the Lochaber man's Lochside home, to hear the funeral which was relayed through speakers for those listening from the grounds, before a burial service at a family plot at Clunes, Achnacarry.

Politicians including Nick Clegg, Gordon Brown, Danny Alexander and Jim Murphy joined family, friends and neighbours for the service, which started at noon with the hymn, 'Christ Be Beside Me'.

Pupils from St Columba's, Lochside RC school, which the long-standing Highland MP attended as a child, sang the psalm, 'O God, You Search Me and You Know Me'. The 55-year-old, who died at his home on June 1 after suffering a major haemorrhage as a result of his long-term excessive drinking, was one of the first pupils to attend the school, which was built on croft land donated by his grandfather.

Brian McBride, a friend of Mr Kennedy's offered a eulogy after Communion and recounted tales



A hearse carried the coffin of Charles Kennedy in front of St John's RC church in Caol, where the funeral was held. Photo Danny Lawson/PA Wire



PAYING THEIR RESPECTS: crowds gathered outside to listen to the funeral service

of his childhood in the Highlands, playing on the family croft with his siblings and cousins.

He went on to tell the congregation of his friend's teenage success in debating, from his time at Lochaber high school and the University of Glasgow.

He added: 'I knew from the first time I met Charles that he was very special. My early memories were that he was very bright and diligent and he was universally respected by all. He was very mature, there was no accent or class with Charles, what you saw was what you got and he never, ever, forgot his roots.'

Mr McBride spoke about Mr Kennedy's roles as politician, speaker and twice rector of Glasgow University, and said it came from his 'huge public service ethos': 'Charles did none of these things for the money, he was here to serve. Everything he did, every challenge he faced, was not about him, it was always for the benefit of other people.'

'I doubt I will ever see his like again. He was one of the few public people who walked this earth and didn't have a single enemy.'

'He was described as one of us and to everyone in this church, this town, this constituency, Glasgow, Scotland and throughout the UK, I think that is exactly what you were, Charles, one of us.'

Father Roddy McAuley of St John's provided the homily and began with calling Mr Kennedy 'a humble man'.

He said: 'Charles Kennedy was a humble man. When Charles' parents died and he said a few words in the church, he wouldn't come up here to the lectern, but insisted on speaking outside the sanctuary, from the floor.'

'In this church, Charles was one of the 'backbenchers'. He didn't always sit in the same pew, but he always sat at the back of the church.'

'There's a thoughtful reflection by William Barclay which states, 'O Father, give us the humility which realises its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognises its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke.'

'Help us always to praise rather than to criticise, to sympathise rather than to condemn, to encourage rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst.'

'We accept and acknowledge a person's giftedness and Charles



SPECIAL: Charles Kennedy in his role as chieftain of Glenfinnan Highland gathering

**“ I knew from the first time I met Charles that he was very special... and he never, ever, forgot his roots ”**

Brian McBride  
friend of Charles Kennedy

giftedness was devoted to and shared with the community.'

Father McAuley went on to talk about Mr Kennedy's parents, Mary and Ian, and said he had inherited their 'humility', along with his siblings, Isobel and Ian.

He ended the homily: 'There have been beautiful tributes paid to Charles especially over the past week or so. Something we might add is the importance of Charles' faith to him.'

'He was a much loved and respected parishioner of St John's and he will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.'

The recessional hymn was 'How Great Thou Art' and there was hardly a dry eye in the church when the coffin was carried outside to pipe and fiddle music, in tribute to Mr Kennedy's parents, who played fiddle and organ at the church for more than 40 years.

## TIMESLINE

### A82 returns to two lanes at Glen Gloy

TWO-WAY traffic has been restored to a section of Lochaber's trunk road.

The A82 at Glen Gloy, near Spean Bridge, has been realigned away from the river gorge and two bends removed to improve driving conditions.

This follows damage caused to the riverbank supporting the stretch of road during a landslide in 2011.

Scottish transport minister Derek Mackay said: 'The Scottish government has made a clear commitment to the north west by implementing this important scheme which helps improve transport infrastructure in the area.'

'The removal of temporary traffic signals has restored journey time reliability and we have also taken the opportunity to improve driving conditions by widening the carriageway and taking away two of the bends through this section of the road.'

'A huge thanks has to go to the communities along the route for their patience while work has been ongoing. I hope they are pleased with the long-term benefits this will bring to this lifeline route.'

### Hot tub damaged in village garden

POLICE in Lochaber are appealing for information about the following crimes:

Sometime between midnight and 1.30am on Tuesday June 9, an inflatable hot tub in the garden of a Kinlochleven house was damaged.

Cigarettes were stolen from a Fort William house late afternoon on Thursday June 11. Police are encouraging the public to ensure their properties are secure at all times and to look out for anyone acting suspiciously.

Anyone with information about these incidents should contact the police on 101 or Crimstoppers anonymously by phone on 0800 555111 or online at www.crimstoppers-uk.org

### Music school's fun day and concert

LOCHABER music school's annual family fun day and concert will be held this Sunday, June 21.

Many of the group's 50 pre school students will be showing off what they have learned at the event in Kilmallie hall from 2.30pm, as well as performances from talented older pupils. After the concert there will be a bouncy castle, a barbecue, face painting, a treasure hunt and a raffle.

## Lochaber and Skye councillors take over senior roles at Highland council

LOCHABER and Skye councillors have been picked to take on senior roles in the new Highland council administration.

A special meeting was held on Friday (June 11) to form the new group, with the Independent party forming a minority administration.

This comes after the Liberal Democrats removed themselves from the previous

coalition they shared with the SNP and Labour councillors.

Caol and Mallaig Independent councillor, Allan Henderson, has been appointed as the chairman of the community services committee, while Skye member and party colleague, Hamish Fraser, will head the community safety, public engagement and equalities committee.

Highland Alliance councillor,

Drew Millar, also of Skye, was named chairman of the education, children and adult services committee.

Margaret Davidson, new leader of Highland council, said: 'We are on the brink of an exciting time for the Highlands.'

'We are an Independent administration and while we may be a minority administration, this is not

unusual across Scotland. Our aim is to work collaboratively with other members to achieve the best outcomes for the Highlands.'

'Those who know me will know that I will do my very best to promote the interests of the Highlands and I am committed to leading an administration that serves our communities and delivers real local power across the region.'

## Pupils' fond farewell to teacher

A TEACHER who has educated the children of Lochaber for more than 40 years, was presented with gifts this week as she prepares for retirement at the end of the month.

Mairi MacColl spent the final four years of her career at Banavie nursery, but has worked in schools and nurseries in Caol, Lochaline and Upper Achintore.

Mrs MacColl was given flowers, a vase and a hand-made card by pupils of Banavie nursery on Monday.

She said: 'I have mixed feelings about retirement. I'm looking forward to having more free time, but I'm really going to miss the children. I'm sure I won't be a stranger though.'

'I'd like to pop in to read stories now and again.'

Mrs MacColl plans to use her free time to help her daughter arrange her wedding.



WE'LL MISS YOU TOO: Mrs MacColl will retire this month after 42 years of teaching. Her pupils at Banavie nursery presented her with gifts and a special hand-made card. 'I'm really going to miss the children,' she said

## Partnership spotlight on district progress

CULTURE and leisure services will be in the spotlight at the next Lochaber district partnership meeting.

Ian Murray, chief executive of Highlife Highland, will give a presentation on the on-going work in the area at the council chambers, Lochaber house, on Tuesday, June 30.

Progress on the Lochaber community development plan will also be discussed at the meeting, which starts at 1.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend and will be asked to comment on these issues.

## Rail group gets on track at meeting

THE FIRST meeting of the newly-formed West Highland community rail partnership will be held next weekend.

Members hope the group can bring together local people and service providers to ensure the best possible provision can be offered.

The meeting, on Saturday June 27, will be held at the Alexandra hotel and a public meeting will follow at 2pm. Transport groups, Highland council and local business owners, will all be represented in the partnership.

## Trust on lookout for scenic photographs

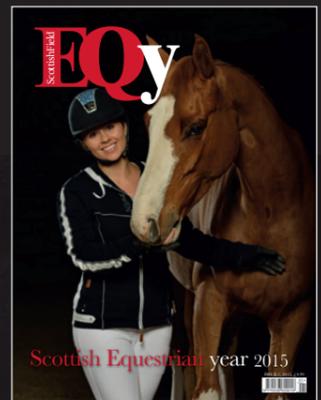
PHOTOS from scenic locations in south Lochaber are being sought for a calendar displaying the best the area has to offer.

Every year hundreds of calendars featuring stunning landscapes in and around Kinlochleven are printed by the village community trust and proceeds are used to fund projects in the area.

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# Viewpoint

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While Oliver Twist could be excused going back with the begging bowl for more, the bean counters at NHS Highland took the concept to a whole new level when they asked for an additional £2.5 million from the Scottish government in 2013/14. They have been excoriated by auditors, watchdogs and the Scottish parliament for the fiscal 'complacency' and incompetence they displayed during that time. In a damning report issued this week, Holyrood's public audit committee convener, Paul Martin MSP, lambasted NHS Highland for their 'lack of leadership'

and 'lack of transparency'. He said the repercussions for patient treatment and care would have been 'serious' had the Scottish government not intervened at the eleventh hour with the extra cash. NHS Highland bosses responded this week by saying that changes have been made and new procedures introduced. Financial rigour is now the order of the day. But the questions remain: who is leading these changes and has there been a significant shift in management as well? It begs the question.



## Days gone by - Ardfern day, July 1986

This week's flashback photograph comes from the files of The Oban Times and proves that for some, the enjoyment of Ardfern day, July 1986, can be too much. Digital versions of flashback photos for The Oban Times can be sent to editor@obantimes.co.uk or prints sent in to Editor, The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, PA34 4HB. Anyone who wishes a print returned should include a stamped addressed envelope.

### Music event success down to team work

Sir, I have received some personal recognition from a number of avenues for the recent big event in Mossfield. While thanking them all, I must point out I am just part of a team. Skerryvore Decade has put Oban back on top of the west coast league for high quality family events.

While the 'Skerry's' saw all the advantages of having it in Oban, it did take a little persuasion that it would work and though we did have some specific challenges, our small team's considerable experience of large events prevailed. Special thanks to Skerryvore themselves and all those who helped in all their different ways including the council workers and helpers in and around Mossfield, Bid4 Oban team, Och Aye Events, Iain MacKinnon and the OLI Safety Group, also the 'White City' residents, OES, Oban Lorne, Bank of Scotland and all the others who helped not forgetting those who attended. The event has been a tremendous boost to the town and the 'buzz' has lasted long after the weekend which was not only good for locals, but especially our visitors.

### More apprentices in Scotland a priority

Sir, The rate of young people starting apprenticeships in England is around double that of Scotland, latest figures have revealed. Research by the Scottish Conservatives has shown, even with 25,000 apprenticeship newstarts north of the border this year, that is still just half the level it should be if we are to keep up with the rest of the

UK. Over the past five years, there have been in and around 500,000 new apprentices annually in England, but north of the border the figure has hovered around the 25,000 mark. That's only five per cent of the UK total, rather than the 10 per cent population share the Scottish Conservatives want ministers to aim for. And already in the first six months of this year, 250,000 have begun apprenticeships in England, meaning again that figure is on course to be double the rate of Scotland's. The Scottish Conservative manifesto stated the party would bring in an additional 10,000 new apprenticeships every year to boost opportunities for young people across the country. The SNP hasn't been able to improve the number of people starting apprenticeships in Scotland in recent years, and this must change.

### Trade deal between EU and US a concern

Sir, I am writing to express my concern about the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), a potentially dangerous deal currently being negotiated between the EU and US. This deal would give global corporations the right to buy some of our most vital services like the NHS. They would also be able to sue any European government that they felt was preventing them from making a potential profit through such actions and policies as minimum wages and health and safety regulations. There would be no protection from our normal justice system as TTIP would set up private courts to deal with these atrocious claims. To date two million people have signed a petition to oppose this.

The EU should have voted on this deal on June 10, but the parliament's president postponed the vote. Will your readers give very careful thought to the implications of this irreversible giveaway of our sovereign powers in the drive for profit? If they do not wish to return to the industrial serfdom of the 18th century, will they please tell their MEP as a matter of urgency.

### Fundraiser delivers cash to riding group

Sir, I would like to thank all the people that made the Mail Coach 100 event such a huge success. We have raised more than £4,000 to start a new carriage driving section for Cairngorms riding for the disabled group with some money still coming in for souvenir programmes still on sale. I would especially like to thank the four coachmen who came with their teams of people and horses to 'horse' the mail coach from near and far: Ewan Macinnes with the Bays from Aberdeen, Richard Lanni with his Gelderlanders from Bridge of Earn, John Stephenson with his Highland cross Friesians from near Durham (North East Carriage Company) and last but not least, James Hanson, who also supplied the charabanc vehicle and his team of Irish Greys from Hanson Carriages in Bradford. Also I would like to thank the huge band of helpers we had behind the scenes and on the road and the photographers who turned as well as the press. And not forgetting Bob Elliot the coach guard and hornblower who came all the way up from Truro in Cornwall to support the run. Many thanks. Ruaridh Ormiston for Cairngorms RDA Group, Carriage Driving Section.

### Glasgow Letter

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### RCS recitals

AS ANOTHER academic year draws to a close, countless students will be graduating from the city's universities and colleges over the next couple of weeks. I am thoroughly looking forward to my own graduation next week after a great four years studying English literature at the University of Glasgow. I finished my final exams a couple of weeks ago, but many students are still hard at work. Only last week, fourth-year Scottish music students at the Royal Conservatoire (RCS) of Scotland performed their final recitals. For the first time, the recitals took place outwith the conservatoire, in the Centre for Contemporary Arts (the CCA) on Sauchiehall Street. The conservatoire, of course, has many beautiful venues within its walls, but it was decided that holding the recitals in a separate venue would make them feel more like concerts than exams, an atmosphere which was surely appreciated by the students as well as the audience. The three days of recitals in the CCA, named 'The RCS Scottish Music Recital Festival', attracted good crowds who listened free to an incredibly high standard of music. I was lucky enough to sing for a friend's recital, so I got to experience the amazing atmosphere. After the festival of recitals came to a close, Josh Dickson, head of Scottish music at the RCS, spoke of his delight that the three days had been such a success, and thanked so many audience members for attending. On a personal level, student life in Glasgow has been incredible and I would like to wish heart-felt congratulations and all the best for the future to fellow students all across Glasgow whose university careers have reached their conclusions.

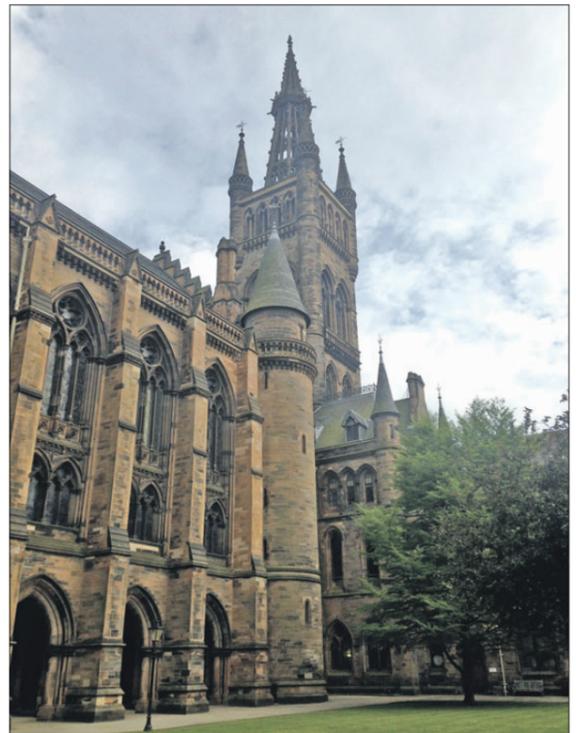
### The Colm Cille suite

THIS coming Saturday, June 20, St Columba Gaelic Church will be filled with the sound of the Colm Cille Suite: the life of St Columba through the music and song of the Scots and Irish celtic tradition

### Beachd Ailein

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BIDH MÒD Ionadail inbhir nis a' gabhail aite a-màireach agus Disathairne agus ma tha sibh faisg air a' bhaile bidh fàilte romhaibh aig farpaisean ann an Talla-cluiche Eden Court, agus aig ceilidh criochnachaidh aig ochd uairean feasgar Disathairne ann an Talla Feachd Bhreatainn air Sràid Hundaidh. Mar a bhiodh dùil, bidh deagh cheòl is seinn an sin is sinn a' gabhail cothrom eile gus a' Ghàidhlig agus a' chultar a thaisbeanadh. Seo an treas Mòd agam fhìn am-bliadhna; bha mi mar-thà a' briteamhachd aig Mòd Ionadail Loch Abar mar a dh'innis mi dhuibh roimhe, agus tha mi air a bhith ann an Ìle, agus chòrd an dà Mhòd fìor mhath rium. 'S iad farpaisean còmhraidh as motha san robh mi an sàs ann an Loch Abar, agus abair gun robh cuid den òigridh ris an do choinnich mi sibhlach sa Ghàidhlig. Bha cuid aca air leth eirmeach cuideachd mar am fear a thuir gur iad na h-aon rudan a bha math mun sgoil, spòrs agus am biadh!



HAPPY MEMORIES: I will be one of many hundreds of students graduating next week from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry or, as muggles call it, the University of Glasgow.

performed by music group Blás. The performance will be followed by a session of Scottish and Irish music and song in Gaelic and English with Blás and friends. The church is located at 300 St Vincent Street, and the evening begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 from Rena on 07968 328827 or St.Columba@hotmail.com

### Glasgow Islay Juniors

MONDAY night is choir night for Glasgow Islay Junior Gaelic Choir - a choir which I am now delighted to conduct. Rehearsals have now stopped for the summer holidays, but I am hoping that when we begin again at the end of August there will be plenty

singers attending so that we can polish off the songs for the National Mòd in Oban in October. For any under-19-year-olds who fancy a Gaelic song on a Monday night, come along to rehearsals after the summer on Mondays at 6pm until 7.15pm in the Glasgow Gaelic School.

### Pub scene

Park Bar: Thursday June 18, Session. Friday June 19, Beinn Lee Ceilidh Band. Saturday June 20, Gunna Sound. Sunday June 21, Beinn Lee Ceilidh Band. Islay Inn: Friday June 19, The Keelies. Saturday June 20, Crooked Reel. Wednesday June 24, quiz night.

Ailean Caimbeul

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## Police warn phone scam is operating in Highlands

POLICE have issued a warning about a phone scam operating in the Highlands. Multiple reports have been made to officers, mostly in the Kyle of Lochalsh and Inverness areas, about a caller claiming to be working on behalf of a fraud investigation team. The caller then asks the victim to either hang up the phone and dial another number or await a phone call from a colleague. When the request is to hang up and dial someone else, the caller will stay on the other end of the line, keeping the connection open. When the victim dials the new number, there is no new call placed. With this connection retained, the caller will either pretend to be someone else or will pass the handset over to an associate who is part of the scam.

This can end in victims unknowingly handing over bank details. A police spokesperson said: 'Those individuals who carry out these types of telephone scams are often very convincing and it can be hard to tell if the caller is legitimate or not. Where there is any doubt, hang up the phone and if possible contact your bank either in person or via a new phone connection, be this a mobile phone or a friend, family or neighbour's landline.'

Anyone with information about telephone fraud is asked to contact the police by calling 101 or the anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

## Portrait of Sorley MacLean unveiled

A SCOTTISH artist has revealed her portrait of Gaelic legend Sorley MacLean at an exhibition on Skye.

Cara Crawford unveiled the piece for the first time at the Aros centre in Portree on Monday June 15, where her work will be on display until July 19.

Other paintings on show include paintings of the island and other west coast locations.

The exhibition will then be moved to Isle Oronsay, also on Skye, from August 28 until September 17.

Miss Crawford was inspired by a photo of Gaelic poet Mr MacLean and was given permission by his family to study it for a portrait.

She said: 'It was such a powerful photograph, I felt a strong desire to translate it into a painting.'

'Although it was a challenge, I really enjoyed working on it and there was an added interest for me as my father was a friend of Sorley's.'

Miss Crawford's work has previously been exhibited in Ardnamurchan and she hopes her time on Skye will inspire future work on the west Highlands and called the island 'one big film set'.

She said: 'Skye is my new canvas. I'm delighted to be presenting two exhibitions and hope that I can capture this powerful and dramatic island.'

'In order to do this I've even flown over the island to get a perspective from above. Drama is everywhere. There's enough inspiration to last a lifetime. It's one big film set.'

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# Airline chiefs to enter talks with low fare campaigners

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CAMPAIGNERS fighting for lower airfares to and from Scottish islands said they are 'delighted' senior management from flight providers Loganair have agreed to meet with them. This comes after a Facebook group calling for cheaper plane tickets gained more than 14,000 supporters in just a week.

The campaign has also received the backing of MPs, MSPs, councillors and MEPs from all over the Highlands and islands.

Scott Preston, the Shetland resident who started the online group, said: 'We are delighted that Loganair are willing to sit down and hear what we have to say.'

'The support that we have received from people across the globe has been phenomenal.'

'We're very grateful to everyone who has contacted and supported the campaign.'

'I believe we have shown clearly there is a strong and still growing support for what we are hoping to achieve. Loganair will be given every chance to put forward its side of this issue but it must come into next week's meeting

knowing that talking to us is just the start.'

'We will continue to press for the changes that the isles desperately need for our lifeline air services.'

'We will go into the meeting making the case for changes on the strongest possible terms.'

The meeting will be held on Thursday June 25 and Mr Preston is also calling on Derek Mackay, the Scottish government minister for transport and the islands, to support the campaign.

He added: 'There are clear problems that go beyond Loganair's responsibility on this matter.'

'We want to sit down with Mr Mackay to help raise further awareness of this issue and to make the case for action at a government level.'

'Ultimately, we want to see Mr Mackay call a summit and put fixing this issue at the forefront of this and the next Scottish government's agenda.'

A Loganair spokesman confirmed representatives will be attending a meeting but declined to comment further.

Since the group was set up hundreds of people have been submitting examples of the cost of flights to and from Scottish islands.

One example showed it

would be cheaper to fly from Edinburgh to Malaysia than from Benbecula to the Scottish capital.

Angus Campbell, leader of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, and members of the cross-council Our Islands Our Future group, also backed the campaign.

He said: 'The comhairle, along with Orkney and Shetland islands' councils, will continue to keep this as a priority in the Our Islands Our Future campaign and will ask it is put high on the agenda for the first meeting of the transport forum which will specifically be dealing with islands' transport issues.'

## 'Zombies' invade Kinlochleven high



SCARY: Rebekah Gunn, left, and teacher Sarah Sigerson

KINLOCHLEVEN high school pupils had to fight for their lives when zombies infested the building and turned a normal day of learning into an apocalypse survival.

The teenagers took part in workshops to learn how to survive with minimal resources and work together to make decisions when faced with moral dilemmas.

This was part of a project to help pupils understand the impact pandemics and natural disasters can have on communities and their economy by realising the difference between necessities and luxuries, particularly in the aftermath of west Africa's ebola crisis.

The event stemmed from an idea from Brittany Fordham, S6, and Verity Jamieson, S5, to raise funds and awareness about the disease.



LOOK OUT: Brittany Fordham, S6, was one of the 'zombies' who took over Kinlochleven high school



CHALLENGE: Shannon MacDonald and Ross MacLean worked together to fight the attack



APOCALYPSE: From left: Brittany Fordham, Esme Leitch and Lauren Mackay turned into zombies for the fundraising event

## Police chief welcomes 'encouraging' drop in Highland crimes

CRIMES including assault, house-breaking, shoplifting, vandalism and anti-social behaviour have dropped in the Highlands since last year, a report has revealed.

The number of people killed on roads in the region has also dropped, according to figures presented to Highland council by police chief superintendent Julian Innes.

As divisional commander for the area, Mr Innes reported to the local authority

on Friday June 11 and called the figures from April 1 2014 to March 31 of this year 'encouraging'.

His presentation showed there have been 141 less housebreakings, 220 fewer incidents of shoplifting and 42 less thefts from vehicles.

Reports of anti-social behaviour, disorder and assaults have also dropped with 98 less incidents of abusive crimes such as threatening behaviour, 327 less breach of the peace incidents, 150 fewer

common assaults and 257 less vandalism incidents.

Fifteen people were killed on Highland roads in the last year, down from 25 in the same period in 2013/14.

Welcoming the figures, Mr Innes said: 'The reduction in crime and the continued efforts to educate and inform the public is encouraging and reflects not only the work by our officers and staff in the Highlands, but also the partnership work which remains particularly strong

in this area. Extra resources and police activity have been focused on tackling vandalism, anti-social behaviour, alcohol abuse, drugs, violent crime and crimes of dishonesty, with the aim of making our communities safer.'

'While we welcome these encouraging figures, there's no room for complacency and we remain committed to continue working alongside our partners, and with our communities, to build on these positive results.'

## Gaelic education should be a legal right, says MSP

GAELIC education should be made a legal right, a Highland MSP has said, on the tenth anniversary of the Gaelic language act.

Dave Thompson, MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, delivered a speech in the Scottish Parliament thanking those who promote the language and calling for more to be done to strengthen Gaelic medium education.

He said: 'It is appropriate to thank all those who diligently promote and develop Gaelic, those who teach it and those

who use it in their daily work and in their communities and the Scottish government for trying to foster Gaelic through education.'

'However, we must look to the future and consider what we can do to strengthen the position of Scotland's oldest language. For example, there are opportunities through the Education (Scotland) Bill to ensure a legal right to Gaelic education when reasonable demand has been demonstrated, as well as statutory guidance.'

## Councillors handpicked to represent young people

TWO COUNCILLORS in the Western Isles have been handpicked to represent young people in the islands.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar's new 'youth champions' Charlie Nicolson and Donnie Steele will liaise with youth councils and build on the council's aim to engage more young people.

Councillor Nicolson, who will represent youth in Lewis and Harris, said: 'I am delighted to be a youth champion as I think it is so important young people play a role in shaping our communities. Much good work has been done by councillors working with and listening to young people. I hope we can continue to build on that.'

Councillor Steele, for Uist and Barra, added: 'Young people have much to offer their communities. In the islands, young people play an amazing role in sport, the arts, charity fundraising, caring and much, much more. It is important their contribution is recognised and that opportunities are provided for young people which enable them to fulfill their potential.'

## Number of fatal accidents on west coast decreases

FATAL accidents on the west coast have decreased in spite of a 16 per cent rise in accidents nationally.

Two hundred people were killed in reported road accidents in Scotland in 2014, 16 per cent more than in 2013. There were seven fatal accidents in Argyll with 303 accidents overall in 2014, as opposed to 507 accidents with 15 fatalities on average since 2008 when records began.

In Highland there were 25 fatal accidents with 516 accidents overall in 2014 while there were

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### Gaelic school head teacher appointed

A HEAD teacher has been appointed for the new Gaelic-only primary school in Fort William. John Joe MacNeil will take up the post when Bun Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar (Lochaber primary school) opens in August.

The four-classroom school is currently under construction at Ardour road, Caol, and will welcome pupils from Gaelic medium education in current Fort William schools.

Mr MacNeil, from Barra, currently teaches at Rockfield primary in Oban and prior to that taught in Mount Cameron primary, East Kilbride.

He said: 'I am delighted to have been appointed as head teacher for our new school. The children and the community will benefit greatly from his skills and enthusiasm.'

Alister MacLeod, chairman of the Gaelic parent council, said: 'We are delighted with the appointment of John Joe as head teacher for our new school. The children and the community will benefit greatly from his skills and enthusiasm.'

### Thousands living with diabetes

MORE than 16,000 people are living with diabetes in the Highlands, new figures have shown.

A report by Diabetes Scotland revealed 16,207 people in the region are registered with diabetes and the Scottish figure has reached an all-time high of 276,430.

Jane-Claire Judson, national director of Diabetes Scotland, said: 'Since 2008 there has been a 25 per cent increase in the number of people living with diabetes in Scotland. While this trend itself is of great concern, a major issue facing people living with diabetes is the lack of provision and access to good diabetes education. Managing diabetes without this education is like asking someone to drive a high performance car without any instruction.'

'More needs to be done to ensure every person diagnosed with diabetes is given the opportunity for structured education to help them learn how to manage the condition well.'

### Ben is 'too' high for disgruntled visitor

BEN NEVIS, the tallest summit in Britain, has been dubbed 'too high' by one unimpressed visitor.

The 4,408 foot mountain attracts tourists from all over the world but one TripAdvisor reviewer didn't see the charm.

The holidaymaker titled his review 'very steep and too high' and was disgruntled to find there are no attractions at the peak.

He wrote: 'My girlfriend was crying at one point. When we did get to the top there was nothing there. Mount Snowdon [the highest mountain in Wales] has a pub, restaurant and toilets at the top.'

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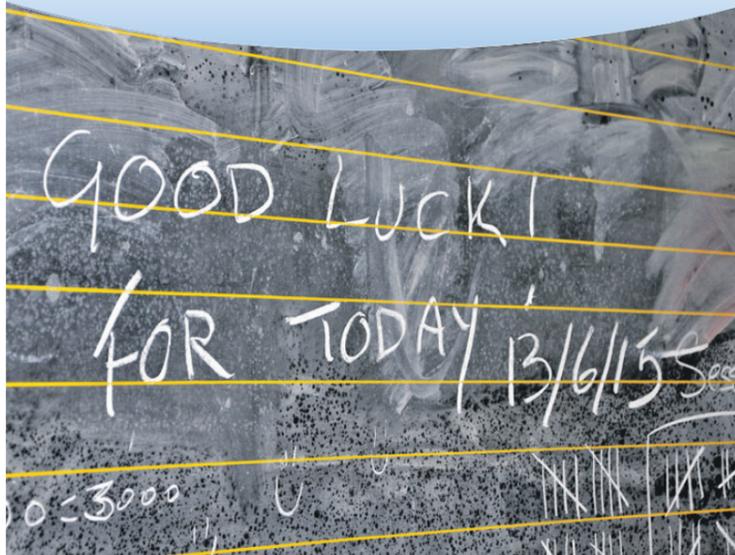
# ROCKFIELD CENTRE



## Community project rocks



Lesley and Ewen MacPherson who were sand-pit supervisors.



### Celebrations at The Rockfield Centre

THE Oban community turned out for a celebration at The Rockfield Centre last Saturday with many enjoying the 'Pop up Party' event.

The sun shone, music played, art was created, sandcastles were made, faces were painted, burgers were enjoyed, oysters were eaten and some even braved the playground surface to dance.

Organised by Oban Communities Trust (OCT) to celebrate community ownership of the building, the event was a roaring success with £3,825 raised, between fundraising efforts of the day and donation cheques.

OCT chairman Gordon McNab thanked everyone who had made the party such a success.

Gordon said: 'It was fantastic to see so many people enjoy-

ing this space in the centre of town. We had locals and visitors alike coming along to take part in activities or just soak in the atmosphere.

'Thanks to all the hard workers who made everything possible and a big thank you to Eleanor MacKinnon, our project facilitator for co-ordinating events before and on the day.'

He added: 'We are now sitting at nearly £30,000 for our Top Up The Tower campaign.'

'We need to raise £100,000 for the first phase of development and this week we will be approaching businesses to come onboard and support our campaign.'

'A small event like this showed just how many visitors were attracted to come along. If we can persuade people to spend longer in our town with activities at The Rockfield Centre we can provide an economic boost to the town.'

'A real treat to our attendees was the entertainment provided by our band of musicians, pipers and dancers - Neil Angus, Corrie Barrow and Paddy Wall, Ross MacPherson and Calum MacPhail, James MacPherson and Calum Garvin, Colin Campbell, Ewan MacDonald and Ruraidh Morrison, Sarah Garvin and Niamh Cameron, Joanie and Michael Garvin and not forgetting the first public performance by the Laura Munro School of dance.

Joanie Garvie who played with husband Michael to close the party said: 'I think all the musicians today felt it was lovely to play in such an amazing spot in the centre of Oban - we look forward to many more events like this at The Rockfield Centre.'

'This is exactly what this project is about - everyone using and enjoying this space.'



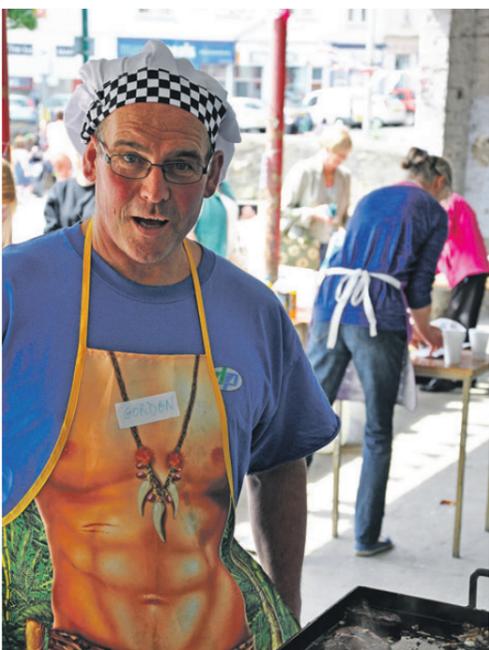
Kirsty MacKenzie face paints little Kathryn MacLeod, 6.



Eleanor MacKinnon and Graeme MacQueen at the newly installed car parking meter.



Ronnie Neil and Archie Darling who was making a recording for his Oban Fm radio show.



Gordon MacNab, chairman of Oban Community Trust cooks some delicious burgers - with that apron!



Correy Barrow and Paddy Wall played for the crowds.



Judith Vijk, Robert Powell and Norma Begg who were enjoying a romantic weekend in Oban.



Sylvia Varley, Caroline Boswell and Janice Kincade were on duty at the cup cake stall.



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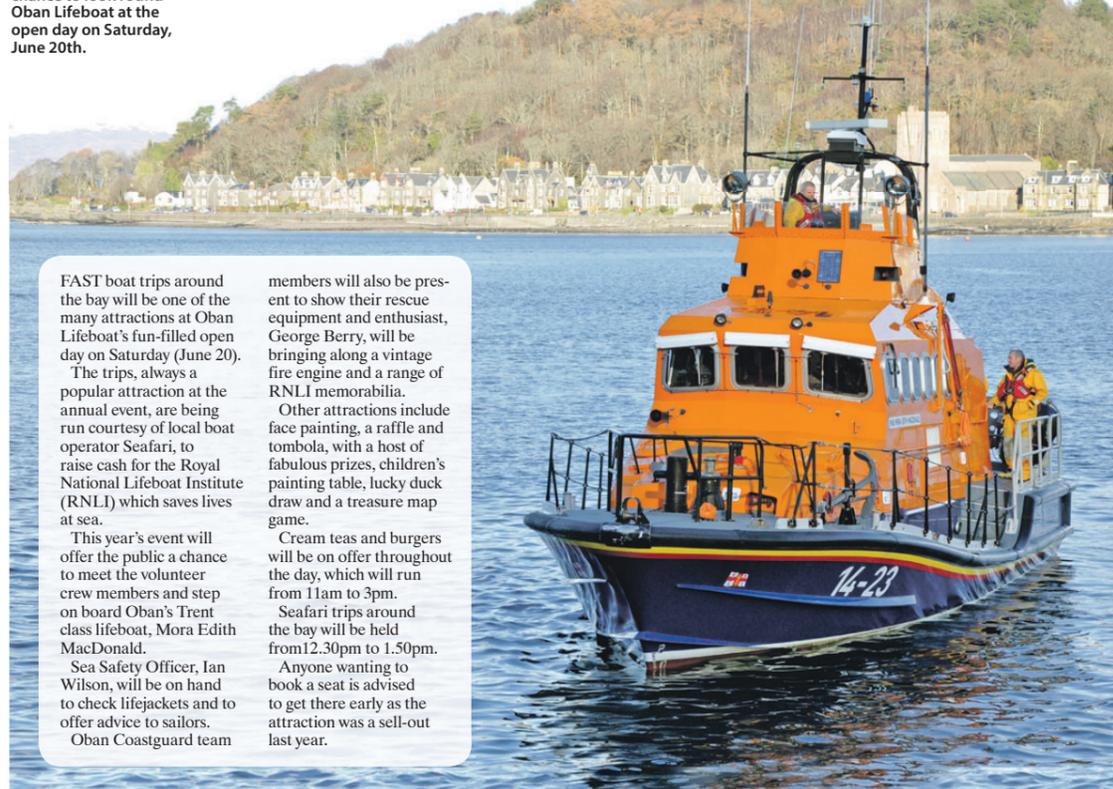


# Arena

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## Oban's lifeboat to be top attraction at RNLI open day

The public will have a chance to look round Oban Lifeboat at the open day on Saturday, June 20th.



FAST boat trips around the bay will be one of the many attractions at Oban Lifeboat's fun-filled open day on Saturday (June 20). The trips, always a popular attraction at the annual event, are being run courtesy of local boat operator Seafari, to raise cash for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) which saves lives at sea.

This year's event will offer the public a chance to meet the volunteer crew members and step on board Oban's Trent class lifeboat, Mora Edith MacDonald.

Sea Safety Officer, Ian Wilson, will be on hand to check lifejackets and to offer advice to sailors. Oban Coastguard team

members will also be present to show their rescue equipment and enthusiast, George Berry, will be bringing along a vintage fire engine and a range of RNLI memorabilia.

Other attractions include face painting, a raffle and tombola, with a host of fabulous prizes, children's painting table, lucky duck draw and a treasure map game.

Cream teas and burgers will be on offer throughout the day, which will run from 11am to 3pm.

Seafari trips around the bay will be held from 12.30pm to 1.50pm.

Anyone wanting to book a seat is advised to get there early as the attraction was a sell-out last year.



GLASGOW Madrigals Choir will be performing a concert

## Renowned Madrigals Choir

THE acclaimed Glasgow Madrigals Choir will be performing a concert of folk, traditional and sacred music at St Conan's Kirk, Lochawe Village, this Saturday June 20 at 7.30pm.

The Madrigals was formed in 2000 by co-directors Katy Cooper and Catriona Hutchinson. The group now consists of around 32 female undergraduates, postgraduates, alumni and friends of the University of Glasgow.

As well as an annual Advent carol service in the University Chapel, they sing in venues across Glasgow and the UK.

Radio appearances include a live slot on BBC Radio Scotland's Radio Cafe, and features on BBC Radio Orkney, Aled Jones' programme The Choir on BBC Radio 3, BBC Radio Scotland's Global Gatherings and the show, Macaulay & Co.

## Burach are the stars of the show at Andrew Raven Trust gathering

THE Andrew Raven Trust welcomed Morvern's Gaelic choir, Burach, to sing at their recent gathering on the theme Water as a Community Resource at Ardtornish House on the Isle of Mull.

This was the ninth weekend, organised through the trust, established in memory of Andrew Raven in 2007.

Each weekend the trust invites 40 people from around Scotland to come to Morvern for a residential stay to share talks and thoughts about flourishing rural communities.

Previous weekend topics have included sustainable housing; carbon and land use and food.



Details of all the weekends and the trust can be found at [www.andrewraventrust.org.uk](http://www.andrewraventrust.org.uk).

## Strong nominations expected at A&BS Awards

NOMINATIONS are open for this year's Arts and Business Scotland (A&BS) Awards, celebrating outstanding collaborations between the cultural and business sectors.

In a change to previous years, the event will now take place in February with the new date of Wednesday, 3rd February, 2016.

The event will take place in the capital at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

The Awards recognise excellence through partnerships and this year a new category has been added for environmental sustainability.

This is in addition to the five existing partnerships categories which are people, place making, digital innovation, entrepreneurship and international. As well as rewarding outstanding and creative partnerships between arts organisations and businesses, the awards recognise key individuals and projects which have made a significant contribution to the arts in the previous year with several additional awards.

Nominations will close at midnight on August 9 and the shortlist will be announced in September.

## Michael is Fort William's most improved fiddle player - officially

FORT William accordion and fiddle club named Michael MacLeod this year's most improved player. He was presented with a trophy in memory of Willie MacKillop by his son, Keith MacKillop and his family, at the club's final night of the season. The club has now broken up for the summer and will reconvene in October.



## Blas Festival spotlights Highland culture

MILESTONES and memories is the theme of this year's Blas music festival taking place at venues across the Highlands and Argyll between September 4 and 12.

Blas 2015 has assembled a stellar line-up of some of the best musicians and singers to celebrate Highland culture. Tickets for all Blas events can be bought online, or by phone,

with details on the festival's website, [blas-festival.com](http://blas-festival.com). Further information on the full programme of events and their venues is also available on the website.

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**Tennis club to be honoured**

A TENNIS club in Oban which holds annual tennis championships is to be honoured by councillor Elaine Robertson with a civic reception. To mark the annual West Highland Tennis Championships the function will be held at the tennis clubhouse, Atlantis Leisure, from 9 – 11 pm on Saturday July 4.

# He's one of our own

## Liam's flourish crowns him British champ

CAMPBELTOWN drum major, Liam Renton, scooped his first major title of the year when he was crowned the new British champion.

The 22-year old pulled off something of a miraculous triumph at the British Championships in Bathgate last Saturday, after scraping through his heat earlier in the day.

The former Kintyre Schools Pipe Band member was battling both a heavy cold and biting winds in West Lothian, but prevailed after a best-ever performance in the individual display involving a march to music with a mace, or 'flourish'.

Liam, who is working with the family firm, Phoenix Motors, in his home town, was representing Inveraray and District Pipe Band, and was among 22 adult-grade hopefuls vying for the title.

He said: 'It was a brilliant feeling to win, especially after a poor start. I only qualified in sixth place for the final, so I was just glad to get there and give myself a chance.'

'The conditions were getting tougher as the high winds made big throws a challenge. It is either that or being blinded by the sun when trying to keep your eye on the mace!'

'When I reached the final I knew I had to go for it after an unconvincing heat. In my routine I included a big throw and thankfully it came off.'

Liam achieved his best ever result, with scores combined across three categories - dress, flourish, and marching

and discipline - to seal a first-place finish in another major championship, after landing the European title in Forres last year.

His mum, Mhairi, and girlfriend, Fiona Mitchell, were there to cheer him on, as well as Liam's younger brother, Kevan, a fellow drum major with Johnstone Pipe Band, who finished in 11th spot.

Liam is also a keen footballer for Campbeltown Pupils AFC, but enjoys the change from team sport to something of an individual obsession.

He said: 'I have not stopped since last summer really - I normally have a break in the autumn and I feel well prepared for the rest of the majors. There are another four to be competed for across the summer.'

'I practise for about 30 minutes most days because it doesn't just happen by itself.'

'Drum majoring is technical and requires consistent hard work to have a chance of winning, but when it comes off it all feels well worth it.'

Liam has not long returned from a two-week spell in Connecticut, USA, where he gave lessons to young learners and attended drum major gatherings.

He is now preparing for the UK Championships in Belfast next Saturday, June 13.

He added: 'I hope I can do well there too.'

'Winning titles gives you more confidence.'

'The congratulations I got from people afterwards, through texts and social media, really means a lot.'

Liam Renton with the British Championship trophy after his win in Bathgate last Saturday.



of folk, traditional and sacred music at St Conan's Kirk.

## to appear in St Conan's Kirk

They have also been featured on BBC Scotland's drama, Fiona's Story in 2008, and on Channel Four in 2010 and 2013.

This concert is the latest in a programme of events organised by the Friends of St Conan's Kirk aimed at raising the profile of the building, and establishing it as a premier performance venue, recognising its charismatic setting and architecture,

and excellent acoustic properties.

The trustees of the kirk, have the enormous task of raising around £1 million to repair damage to the kirk's roof.

The Friends of St Conan's Kirk was established around a year ago to support trustees by promoting the building as a tourism and events venue. For more information, visit [www.stconanskirk.org.uk](http://www.stconanskirk.org.uk).

## Home safety storybooks now widely available

THOUSANDS of storybooks that help to teach youngsters how to stay safe at home are being made available free of charge to childcare professionals across the west coast.

The Birthday Party, has been produced by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) and can be given to any professional who works with children in primary three or younger.

Launched on Monday, the storybook, part of the Go Safe Scotland initiative to educate children on safety, has been made possible thanks to various donations.

The largest portion of these was collected at the recent ROSPA's occupational safety awards dinner.

## Sorley MacLean portrait unveiled

A SCOTTISH artist has revealed her portrait of Gaelic legend, Sorley MacLean, at an exhibition on Skye.

Cara Crawford unveiled the piece for the first time at the Aors centre in Portree on Monday, where her work will be on display until July 19. Other work on show include paintings of the island and other west coast locations. The exhibition will then be moved to Isle Oransay, also on Skye, from August 28 until September 17.

Miss Crawford was inspired by a photo of the Gaelic poet and was given permission by his family to study it for a portrait.

She said: 'It was such a powerful photograph I felt a strong desire to translate it into a painting. Although

it was a challenge I really enjoyed working on it and there was an added interest for me as my father was a friend of Sorley's.'

Miss Crawford's work has previously been exhibited in Ardnarmurchan. She hopes her time on Skye will inspire future work in the west Highlands and called the island 'one big film set'.

Miss Crawford said: 'Skye is my new canvas. I'm delighted to be presenting two exhibitions and hope that I can capture this powerful and dramatic island. In order to do this, I've even flown over the island to get a perspective from above.'

'Drama is everywhere, there's enough inspiration to last a lifetime. It's one big film set.'

## Daniella receives bursary for prestigious dance competition

A PUPIL from Tainuill has been selected by the Royal Academy of Dance to receive a bursary for the Genée International Dance competition, allowing her to compete in the prestigious annual event.

And Daniella Brown, a student at Ballet West, is thrilled to be able to participate in the competition.

A spokesman for the Royal Academy of Dance said: 'Funding ballet training can be quite expensive.'

'We are delighted that Daniella is taking part in the event.'

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Fri: 19:20; Sat: 14:00, 20:00; Sun: 14:10, 19:40; Mon, Wed: 19:00; Tue, Thu: 16:30

**SPY (15)**  
Fri: 15:20; Sat: 12:00, 16:50, 19:30; Sun: 13:30, 18:10; Mon, Wed: 16:30, 19:40; Tue, Thu: 16:40, 19:15

**TANGLED (PG)**  
Sat: 10:00 - Kids Club

**TWO BY TWO (U)**  
Sat: 10:00, 12:00, 14:40; Sun: 11:30, 16:10

### FILM SYNOPSIS

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**MONDAY:**  
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**TUESDAY:**  
0800 AM on FM, 0810 Breakfast Show with Maggie May, 1000 Ken Hunter, 1200 Memories are Made of This with Ken Hunter, 1330 The Quiz with Danni Hay, 1500 Lesley Blair-Simmonds, 1700 Drivetime with Jim Lynch, 1900 Sounds Scottish with Archie Cameron, 2000 Highest Praise with Stuart, 2100 Elaine Lamb, 2300 Northern Soul with Gordon Covey

**WEDNESDAY:**  
0800 AM on FM, 0810 Breakfast Show, 0900 Sound Scottish (repeat), 1000 Comfort Zone with Doug Carmichael, 1300 CLYDE 2, 1500 Elaine Lamb, 1700 Drivetime with Campbell and Coll, 1900 Country Meets Rock with Len & Ken, 2100 Gordon's Grooves

**THURSDAY:**  
0800 Maggie May's Carousel, 1100 Molly's Mix with Molly Black, 1300 CLYDE 2, 1500 Gordon Covey, 1700 Drivetime with DJ Taz, 1900 Christine's Collection, 2100 Ann's Ceilidh, 2200 Margo Till Midnight

**FRIDAY:**  
0800 Jean Ainsley Breakfast Show, 1000 Teeny and Tiny Show, 1300 CLYDE 2, 1500 Weekend Warmup with Ian Blair-Simmonds, 1700 Drive Show with Jim Lynch, 1845 Sports View, 1900 Country Meets Country with Jackie Craig, 2000 Friday Night with Innes, 2100 TFI Friday with Jim Lavin

**SATURDAY:**  
0900 Maggie's Swingin' Sixties, 1000 Saturday Morning Live with Linda Crowther, 1330 CLYDE 2, 1800 Sports View with the Dream Team, 1900 Marcus, 2000 Dave Lewis

**SUNDAY:**  
0900 Sunday Morning with Breege, 1100 - 1400 Allan, 1630 Archie Darling, 1800 Ken's Friends with Ken Hunter, 1900 New Country Show with David Entwistle, 2100 Drum & Bass with Graham Scott

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## Social scene

### Fionnphort

### Cross border Mull pub mix

A NIGHT out in Fionnphort always blows people into the small fishing village. On the night the Oban Times visited, we had the privilege of being in the company of 18 Estonian visitors, island baggers, some volunteers from the local youth centre and

two internationally renowned musicians. There was an eclectic musical mix led by the redoubtable Terry Heggarty. The real star of the show was pub owner Brendan who allowed the evening to go by - and didn't even want his picture taken.



A night in a Mull pub for the Estonians 16\_t25keel2



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Special report by Emma MacLachlan

## £1.3 million centre is a 'vote of confidence in community'



THE ATLANTIC Islands Centre on the Isle of Luing was officially opened on Saturday by Argyll's newly elected MP, Brendan O'Hara. The ceremony included the unveiling of the Fladda Lighthouse lens by the children of Luing primary school. The lens takes pride of

place in the centre's museum space. A delighted chairman of the Isle of Luing Community Trust, John Robertson, said: 'This £1.3 million project is the biggest investment ever in the Luing community. 'We would like to thank all our funders, especially Big Lottery Fund Scotland, the European Regional Development Fund, the Scottish Government Climate Challenge Fund, Highland and Islands Enterprise and Bòrd na Gàidhlig for their vote of confidence in our community.' Maureen McGinn from the Big Lottery Fund Scotland emphasised the need for opportunities on the island. Ms McGinn said: 'Employment opportunities will be boosted and local businesses will get the chance to grow through the provision of additional space.' The Atlantic Islands Centre was packed with people from the local community and other invited guests who came to support the project. Entertainment was provided by Innes MacQueen who plays the bagpipes and the children of Ukulele Luing, the island's

primary school band, also delighted the audience with a selection of tunes. Refreshments were provided by Luing fishermen, Eoghann MacLachlan and Neil MacQueen. And the delicious buffet of crab, langoustines, scallops and squat lobsters was prepared by the centre's chef, Vilas Roberts. The Isle of Luing Community Trust was established in May 2005. It aims to regenerate the island for the community and to preserve the heritage of the Luing. The exhibition, which was largely researched and written by the local history group, celebrates the heritage of Luing and the surrounding islands with an interesting interpretation and images about farming, fishing, education and the slate industry. RIGHT: top - visitors looking at the exhibits in the new centre. Below - the Fladda Lighthouse lens is unveiled, left, and Brendan O'Hara MP, makes a speech at the official opening, right. FAR RIGHT: Ukulele Luing players hit the high note at the ceremony.

# Social scene

Fort William

## Friends gather to reminisce as schools prepare to close their gates for the last time

PAST and present pupils and staff of two schools in Fort William came together for a walk down memory lane during the last weeks before they close.

The gates of Fort William RC, formerly St Mary's, and Fort William primary, will be locked for the last time in July before merging with other schools in the town in

August. Fort William RC opened as St Mary's in 1932 and will merge with Lochside RC after the summer. Pupils and staff will spend a year at the Lochside building before moving to a new school in Caol in 2016.

After 140 years, Fort William primary is set to close as part of a merger with Upper Achintore.

After two months at Upper Achintore the pupils' move to the new Lundavra school will take place.

Both schools marked the momentous occasion with ceilidhs and open days. Anyone with a connection with the schools was invited to tour the buildings and look at old photos and memorabilia.



LOOKING BACK: Former pupils and staff of St Mary's take a trip down memory lane. Back from left: Former pupils Sandra Gibb (1990), Fraser Hunter (2001), Elizabeth Lennox (1996), Lorraine Revitt (1972), Sharon MacMillan (1976) and Sam Drummond (1991). Front from left: Former teachers Moira Cambell (1975-2012), Anne Sutherland (1975 - 2012) and Terri Brown (1998 - 2011).



From left: Catriona Kearney, Mary Murray, Anne Munro, Catherine Maxwell, Anne Barrie, Father Michael MacDonald of Ardkenneth, South Uist. All are former pupils of St Mary's. f25schools1no



TOGETHER AGAIN: Former St Mary's pupils enjoyed a ceilidh at Caol community centre.



Current pupils and teachers of Fort William primary school hosted a ceilidh and were entertained by music from former pupil Robert Robertson 21\_f25schools04



THREE GENERATIONS: Fort William RC Gaelic medium primary one pupil Jamie Smith, his mum Eileen MacDonald who started the school in 1976 and his grandfather, James MacDonald, who started the school in 1952 20\_f25schools03



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## Drakes of Hazard are stars of Road to the Isles despite dry weather

HUNDREDS of locals and visitors enjoyed a dry day at Camusdarach for the Road to the Isles agricultural show at the weekend.  
This came as a relief as rain had been forecast during the previous week, but a cloud hung over the event as organisers said the show may not go ahead next year due to a lack of volunteers.  
Secretary Elizabeth Fleming said: 'We haven't decided what to do yet, but it's becoming a struggle to get exhibitors to come and get people to help. We're not

the only ones, other shows are in the same boat but it's a real shame. We don't know what we're going to do yet.'  
Overall show champion was an eight-week old Belgian blue cross heifer calf from Woodend, Ardgour, shown by David Wright.  
Both the overall and reserve sheep champions came from Lanith, Acharacle and were shown by Sam MacKenzie. His blackface shearing tup was overall sheep champion while his home bred ewe hogg took reserve.

Afternoon entertainment followed a treat, particularly the Drakes of Hazard duck show.

### Road to the Isles Agricultural Show Results 2015 (Livestock)

Commercial Cattle: Judge - Roddy MacLeod, Moy Estate, Banavie, Fort William  
Breeding Cow (Any Breed): 1 D. Wright, Clovullin, Ardgour, 2 H. MacDonald, Craigview, Arisaig, 3 W. Henderson, Traigh, Arisaig;  
Breeding Beef Cow with Calf: 1 D. Wright, 2 H. MacDonald, 3 I. Stewart, Craigview, Arisaig;  
In-calf Heifer: 1 H. Cameron, 6 Blaich, Fort William, 2 H. Cameron;  
Heifer born before 01/09/14: 1 D. Wright, 2 H. MacDonald, 3 I. Stewart, Craigview, Arisaig;  
Bullock calf born after 01/03/15: 1 H. MacDonald, 2 I. Stewart, 3 H. MacDonald;  
Heifer Calf born after 01/03/15: 1 D. Wright, 2 H. MacDonald, 3 I. Stewart, Craigview, Arisaig;  
Undressed Cow/Heifer: 1 H. MacDonald, 2 W. Henderson, 3 I. Stewart, 4 W. Henderson, 5 W. Henderson; Commercial Cattle Champion: D. Wright (Heifer Calf), Reserve: R. Wright (Bullock Calf);  
Blackface Sheep: Judge -

Andy Smith, Aberchalder Farm, Invergarry  
Aged Tup: 1 S. MacKenzie, Moss, Acharacle, 2 R. Shaw, Drimmin, 3 D. Cameron, Treslaig;  
Shearing Tup (Born 2014): 1 S. MacKenzie, 2 S. MacKenzie, 3 K. MacKenzie, Moss, Acharacle;  
Tup Lamb (Born 2015): 1 D. Cameron, 2 S. MacKenzie, 3 K. MacKenzie; Homebred Blackface Shearling: 1 S. MacKenzie, 2 K. MacKenzie, 3 D. Cameron;  
Ewe in Milk: 1 D. Cameron, 2 D. Cameron, 3 D. Cameron;  
Ewe Hogg (Born 2014): 1 S. MacKenzie, 2 S. MacKenzie, 3 K. Burgess, Lanith, Salen;  
Ewe Lamb (Born 2015): 1 S. MacKenzie, 2 D. Cameron, 3 D. Cameron; Ewe and lamb(s): 1 D. Cameron, 2 S. MacKenzie, 3 R. Shaw;  
Champion Blackface Sheep: S. MacKenzie (Shearing Tup), Reserve Blackface Sheep: S. MacKenzie (Ewe Hogg);  
Any Breed or Cross other than Blackface: Judge - Andy Smith; Aged Tup: 1 A. MacDonald, Portnadoran, Arisaig;  
Ewe in Milk: 1 A. MacDonald, Ewe Hogg (Born 2014): 1 A. MacDonald; Ewe Lamb (Born 2015): 1 A. MacDonald; Ewe and Lamb(s): 1 A. MacDonald;  
Non Blackface Champion: A. MacDonald (Suffolk Ewe Hogg), Reserve A. MacDonald

(Suffolk Ewe Lamb); Overall Sheep Champion: S. MacKenzie, (B.F. Shearling Tup); Reserve Sheep Champion: S. MacKenzie (B.F. Ewe Hogg); Overall Livestock Champion: D. Wright (Heifer Calf).  
Trophy Winners  
Sheep:  
Frank O'Donahue Cup: Blackface Champion: Sam MacKenzie; Invergusseran Cup: Blackface Shearling: Sam MacKenzie; MacGillivray Trophy: Home Bred B.F. Shearling Tup: Sam MacKenzie;  
Arisaig Stores Salver: Champion other Breeds: Audrey MacDonald; Knoydart Cup: Best B.F. Ewe in milk: Dougie Cameron; Best B.F. Ewe and Lamb Cup: Dougie Cameron; Moiteach Mhor Trophy: A. MacDonald; Steven Ferguson Cup: Best Blackface Lamb: Sam MacKenzie;  
Cameron Head Trophy: Overall Sheep Champion: Sam MacKenzie.  
Cattle:  
Phosyn Shield: Best in calf Heifer: Heather Cameron; Best Beef Calf: David Wright;  
Donald Campbell Trophy: Best A. I. Calf: Hugh MacDonald; Portnadoran Cup: Best Cow & Calf: David Wright; Tigh an Lagan Trophy: Best Undressed Animal: H. MacDonald; MacMillan Shield: Overall Cattle

Champion: David Wright; Alick Craig-Mhor Cup: Reserve Cattle Champion: Robert Wright; Bank of Scotland Cup: Overall Livestock Champion: David Wright.

Dog Show:  
Cameron Macintosh Cup: Joe Blower, Morar Lodge, with Bella (Alsatian)  
Best Visiting Dog: M. Macaskill with Rusty (Lakeland/Border Terrier).

### Road to the Isles Agricultural Show Results 2015 (Industrial)

Floral Decoration: Judge - Elizabeth Bryant, Resipol;  
Arrangement using 3 flowers and foliage: 1 June Cairns, Arisaig, 2 Pauline Elwell, Morar, 3 Helen Lamb, Arisaig;  
Arrangement in an egg cup: 1 Pauline Elwell, 2 June Cairns, 3 Jan Marshall, Arisaig;  
Flowering Pot Plant: 1 Angela Simpson, Arisaig;  
Handicrafts & Knitting: Judge - Elizabeth Bryant;  
Pair of Gents socks or Kilt Hose: 1 Isabel MacPhee; Child's Sweater or Cardigan Max. 28": 1 Isabel MacPhee, Fort William, 2 Marion Hepburn, Mallaig, 3 Ann MacGillivray, Mallaig; Christmas Card: 1 Ann MacGillivray, 2 Ellie Gibb, Arisaig Primary, 3 Hannah Gibb, Arisaig Primary;  
Baby Jacket in any craft: 1 Fiona Coates, Arisaig, 2 Pauline Elwell, 3 Christine Haynes, Morar;  
Arran Knitted Cushion Cover: 1 Linda McLean; Draught Excluder: 1 Isabel MacPhee, 2 Ann MacGillivray, 3 MacKintosh Day Care Centre, Mallaig; Dressed Baby Doll (Doll not judged): 1 Isabel MacPhee, 2 Christine Haynes, 3 Ann MacGillivray;

Piece of knitting from school pupil: 1 Grace MacDonald, Morar, 2 Poppy Dennis, Arisaig, 3 Megan Morrison, Mallaig; Item from oddments of wool: 1 Ann MacGillivray, 2 MacKintosh Day Care Centre, 3 Christine Haynes; Picture in any medium: 1 June Cairns, 2 Ann MacGillivray, 3 June Foxwell, Morar;  
Picture in any medium: 1 Christopher Lee, Arisaig, 2 Mia White, Arisaig, 3 Rosie Leven, Arisaig; Photograph: Sunset: 1 Keith Elwell, Morar, 2 Pauline Elwell, 3 Toby Dennis, Arisaig;  
Wooden Article: 1 Heather Simpson, Mallaig, 2 Ryan MacKenzie, Acharacle; Cromach/Stick: 1 Amy Hall, Morar, 2 Andy Hall, Morar;  
Baking & Produce: Judge - Clare Gunner, Mallaig;  
Victoria Sponge: no filling: 1 Pauline Elwell, 2 Christine Haynes; Boiled Fruit Loaf: 1 Christine Haynes, 3 Adele Moffat, Mallaig, 3 Edith McLean, Mallaig; 3 Viennese Fingers: 1 Andy Barker, Morar, 2 Christine Haynes, 3 Isabel Morton, Mallaig;  
Empire Biscuits: 1 Janet Ritchie, Mallaig, 2 Adele Moffat, 3 Pancakes: 1 Janet Ritchie, 2 Margaret-Ann MacDonald, Morar, 3 Fiona Coates; 3 Oven Scones: 1 Fiona Coates, 2 Margaret Andover, 3 Adele Moffat; 3 Pieces Shortbread: 1 Isabel Morton, 2 Pauline Elwell, 3 Janet Ritchie; Plate Apple Tart: 1 Pauline Elwell, 2 Isabel Morton; Lemon Drizzle Cake: 1 June Cairns, 2 Janet Ritchie, 3 Margaret-Ann MacDonald; 3 Custard Creams: 1 Christine Haynes, 2 June Cairns, 3 Janet Ritchie;  
Thermos of Soup: 1 Andy Barker, 2 Edith McLean, 3 Vera MacDonald, Arisaig;  
Jar of Marmalade: 1 Christine Haynes, 2 Anna MacDonald,

Mallaig, 3 Vera MacDonald; Jar of any Fruit Jelly: 1 Isabel Morton, 2 Jim Morton, Mallaig, 3 Anna MacDonald; Jar of Lemon Curd: 1 Anna MacDonald, 2 Edith McLean, 3 June Cairns; Jar of Chutney: 1 Jim Morton, 2 Susan Baker, 3 Isabel Morton.  
School Children: Judges - Pauline Elwell & Christine Haynes;  
Pre-School: Decorated Paper Plate: 1 James Miller, Arisaig Nursery, 2 Maiya MacDonald, Rebecca MacAskill, Picture of my Mum: 1 Hugh MacEwen, Muck, 2 Charlotte Paget, Arisaig, 3 Lola Foster, Arisaig;  
Primary 1-3: Collage using any materials: 1 Eivie MacCarthy, Mallaig, 2 Autumn Tarn, Mallaig P 3 Rory Calder, Mallaig P; Picture (Springtime): 1 Josh Reid Verrall, Arisaig P 2 Sophie Woods, Lady Lovat P 3 Chloe Harkins, Arisaig P; Primary 4-7: Christmas Card: 1 Grace MacDonald, Mallaig P, 2 Catherine Sharples, Mallaig P, 3 Ruairdh Thergill, Mallaig P; Picture of a Clown: 1 Heather Nicolson, Lady Lovat P 2 Grace MacDonald, Mallaig P, 3 Tiffany Mathieson, Mallaig P;  
Trophy Winners  
Dorothy Simpson Rosebowl: Best Exhibit: Linda McLean; Camusdarach Rose Bowl: Floral Art: June Cairns / Pauline Elwell;  
Jessie Corson Trophy: Handicrafts: Ann MacGillivray; Bill Henderson Trophy: Best Wooden Article: Heather Simpson;  
Old Library Trophy: Baking & Produce: Christine Haynes; Lochaber SWRI Trophy: Institute with most points: Morar; Achateilaisaig Trophy: Best School: Mallaig Primary; Jamieson Quich: Best Pre-School: Arisaig Nursery.



CHAMPION: An eight-week old Belgian blue cross heifer calf, from Woodend, Ardgour, was overall livestock champion 21\_f25show01



Sam MacKenzie shows his blackface shearing tup, overall sheep champion, with the help of his grandfather Allan MacGillivray 21\_f25show02



Sam MacKenzie was also reserve sheep champion for his ewe hogg 21\_f25show03



Bella the German shepherd won the dog show with some help from her owner, Joe Blower, from Morar 21\_f25show10



Cerys Colclough, two, enjoyed the face painting on offer 21\_f25show05



Arisaig children enjoyed feeding the lamb. From left: Christian MacKenzie, Corran MacKenzie, Ailsa MacDougall, Corrin Greer and Greg MacDougall 21\_f25show08



Members of Skye youth pipe band entertained the crowd between shows. From left: Steven McDiarmid, Michael Matheson and Dougal McKiggan 21\_f25show06



Mallaig coastguard volunteers sold burgers, prawns and monkfish to raise money for the charity 21\_f25show04



Mark Wylie's Drakes of Hazard show proved a big hit with the audience 21\_f25show07



Archie MacDougall from Arisaig took on 'Viking' Leif Olafson 21\_f25show09



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**New era for Lochaber agricultural society**  
TWO KEY Lochaber agricultural society roles have been handed over to new people.  
Symbolic shepherd's crooks were passed over during a stock judging at Lundavra farm.  
During the event, the outgoing president, Ian MacColl, of Blarmafoldach, handed over to Malcolm Cameron of Strone and former chairman, Paolo Berardelli, of Achindaul welcomed his successor, George Fulford, of Erracht.  
This comes ahead of the society's 118th agricultural show, to be held at Inverlochy castle farm, Torlundy, on Saturday August 22.  
Information about the show and judged classes can be found at www.lochaberagriculturalshow.co.uk.

**ALL CHANGE:** Symbolic crooks were passed on to mark a new era of Lochaber agricultural society. Outgoing president Ian MacColl (left) hands over to Malcolm Cameron whilst former chairman Paolo Berardelli (right) welcomes his successor, George Fulford 20\_f25agri01

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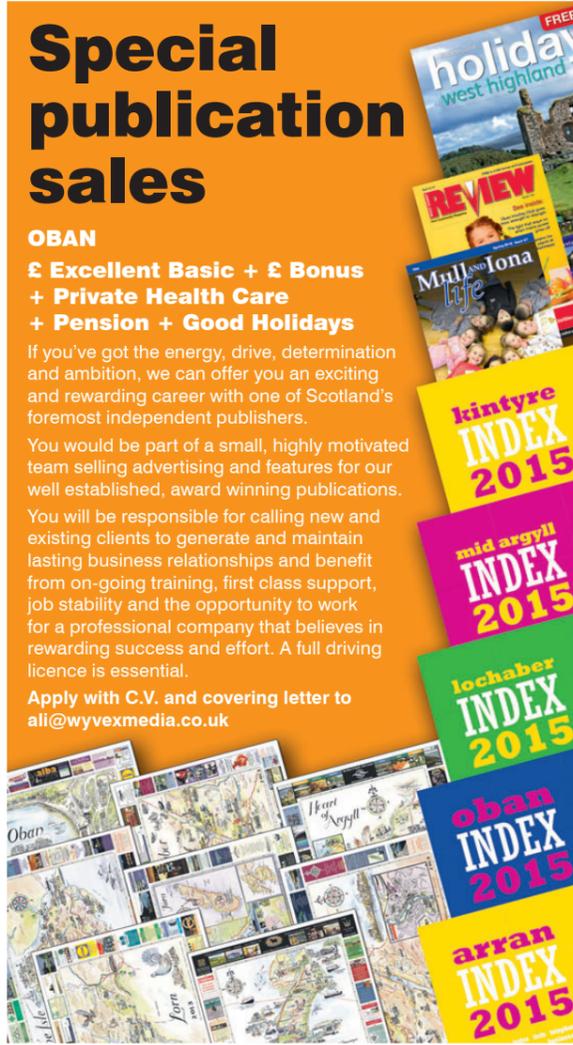
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The Town Hall Manager will be responsible for the day to day operation and administration of Campbeltown Town Hall ensuring that all services are delivered to the highest possible standards.

The role includes: Marketing and promotional activities in order to sell the facilities of Campbeltown Town Hall to commercial organisations and the local community (e.g. office rental, hot desks, functions etc). Working with local groups and community organisations to assist them in making best use of the Town Hall facilities. Organising an agreed number of large and small events per annum. Invoicing and VAT returns, administration of licences (Bar, Premises, PRS, Radio etc), Internal trading, Banking, Petty Cash management, administration of public exhibitions, Inventories, bookings & payments, Conference enquiries, stocktaking.

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Applications must be with us by close of business 17th July 2015. Interviews will be held on the week beginning 10th August with an appointment made soon thereafter.

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PDK Shellfish Ltd

The company is based in Oban, exporting live shellfish to Spain. Duties will include liaising with the Spanish arm of the business and carrying out general office tasks.

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## The Scottish Salmon Company

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

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Ref: Portavadie MO/06/15  
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For an application form and job description, please contact:  
Angela Gibson HR Officer,  
The Scottish Salmon Company,  
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Argyll, PA26 8BH.  
Tel. No. 01499 600 430  
Email: [angela.gibson@scottishsalmon.com](mailto:angela.gibson@scottishsalmon.com)  
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### PLANNING

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected at Municipal Buildings Albany Street Oban PA34 4AW, Monday to Friday 9am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5pm. On Wednesdays, the Customer Service Points will open at 10am. At the alternative locations detailed below or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/00917/PP	Erection of 2 dwellinghouses	Plot 1 And Plot 4 Land North Of Arle Farm Cottage Aros Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Mull Aros Isle of Mull
15/01445/PP	Installation of 16 no. roof mounted solar panels	The Surgery Connel Oban Argyll And Bute PA37 1PH	Sub Post Office Connel
15/01491/PP	Installation of 4 transmission dishes, 2 panel antennas and 1 GPS antenna onto the existing 45 metre high lattice mast	CTI Transmitting Station Glenshellach Road Oban Argyll And Bute	Oban Area Office
15/01513/PPP	Site for the erection of dwellinghouse	Land North East Of Balindore Taynuilt Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Taynuilt
15/01541/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land Opposite Hillview Salen Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull

These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00 - 17:00hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Marne, Lochgilthead Brae PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Written comments for the following list of applications should be made to the above address within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
15/01528/PP	Formation of patio (retrospective)	Port Charlotte Hotel Main Street Port Charlotte Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA48 7TU	Sub Post Office Port Charlotte

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Central Validation Team, 1A Marne Brae, Lochgilthead PA31 8RD.

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

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

### MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

#### MARINE FARM, LOCH SHUNA, ARGYLL

Notice is hereby given that Marine Harvest has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of change of equipment and re-location of an existing marine farm, Loch Shuna, Argyll:

Location	Latitude	Longitude
Loch Shuna, Argyll	Co-ordinates	Co-ordinates
	56° 11.09' N	005° 35.23' W
	56° 10.98' N	005° 34.86' W
	56° 10.75' N	005° 35.64' W
	56° 10.63' N	005° 35.28' W

(WGS84)

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

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:  
Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: [MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk), quoting reference: **05567 Marine Harvest**

**First Registration of a Croft**  
Elizabeth Dawson as executor of Alan Dawsons estate has registered his croft 33 Achadaphail, Kilfinichen & Kivlicoon on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 11 February 2016. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is AO662

**First Registration of a Croft**  
Frank I Larkin has registered his croft 15 Clovullin, Ardour on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by March 4, 2016. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is A0105

### CROFTING COMMISSION

#### COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD

#### DECROFTING APPLICATION

Mr A J Colthart  
4 Kinlochlaich, Lismore & Appin  
0.123 ha - Site of a public foot/bicycle path and an area for maintenance access.  
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Comments can be made to the Crofting Commission by any member of the crofting community within the locality of the land, within 28 days of the date of this newspaper.

Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW or [info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk](mailto:info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk)

**FIRST REGISTRATION OF A CROFT**  
Mr Richard Buttrick has registered his croft 3 Urugaig, Isle of Colonsay on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by the 9th March 2016. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is C 1201.

**First Registration of a Croft**  
John Anthony MacDonald has registered his croft 2 Portnaluchaig, Arisaig and Moidart, on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland. Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by February 29, 2016. Details of the registration can be found at [www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home](http://www.crofts.ros.gov.uk/register/home). The croft registration number is C1158

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### The Highland Council

#### Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

#### PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

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

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

Reference Number	Development	Address	Proposal Description
15/01888/FUL	Land North East of Inchree Onich Fort William		Formation of slate quarry
15/02050/FUL	Strathmore 24A Glencoe Ballachulish		Erection of house and detached garage (Previous permission 14/01290/PIP)
15/02060/PIP	The Old Byre Inverie Knoydart		Erection of house & associated external works
15/02127/FUL	Unit 5 Caol Industrial Estate Banavie Fort William		Change of use from car showroom & retail outlet to warehouse, office yard storage, and wholesale outlet for fencing, building & construction materials.
15/02145/LBC	Strontian Hotel Strontian Acharacle		Proposed internal alterations
15/02167/FUL	Land 475M NW of Seaview 2 Morar		The installation of 4 no microwave transmission dishes, together with 1 no ground based cabinet and ancillary development
15/02211/PIP	Land 70M North of Inbhirgarbh Invergarry		Erection of house
15/02214/FUL & 15/02215/LBC	Former Fort William Secondary School Achintore Road Fort William		Renovation of listed building, extension to create a civic hub with service point, registry, council chambers, committee rooms & office space, demolition of school canteen hut & gym & formation of a new access & road to proposed car parking
15/02223/PIP	Land 155M NW of Tigh A Chuil Badabrie Corpach Fort William		Erection of house

Time period for comments is 14 days (21 days for 15/02145/LBC and 15/02215/LBC)  
ePlanning Centre, The Highland Council, Glenurquhart Road, INVERNESS IV3 5NX  
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MARRIAGES

BAIN - THOM - At the Lodge on Loch Lomond on June 6, 2015. Jim and Lorna Bain would like to announce the marriage of their daughter Stephanie Margaret Bain to Steven Thom, son of Alistair and Janet Thom.

DEATHS

COLBERY - Peacefully at the Lorn and the Islands Hospital on Thursday, June 11, 2015, in his 95th year, Charles (Charlie) Stanley Colbery, Pulpit Hill, Oban, devoted husband to the late Mary, and a beloved dad, grandpa, great grandpa and uncle to the family.

CROALL - Peacefully on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at The Lancaster Royal Infirmary, Ian of Birkbeck Gardens, Kirky Stephen formerly of Lochgilphead. Much loved husband of Joan, father of Steve and Alexander. Funeral service and cremation at Carlisle Crematorium on Tuesday, June 23 at 11am.

HISLOP - Sadly we announce the death of Lesley at her home on June 11, 2015. She was a much loved daughter of Elza and the late Bill, special sister to Donald and Robin, she was soul mate to her husband Mark and a treasured mum to Anna and Jo. We will all miss her so.

MACIVER - On June 11, 2015, peacefully at Auchinlee Care Home, Campbeltown, Iver Alexander MacIver, formerly of SAI, in his 82nd year, beloved husband of Jean Wilson, much loved brother of Archie and the late Donnie and a dear brother-in-law and uncle to the family.

SCOTT - Mairi Black aged 56 years, passed away peacefully at home on the June 11, 2015, much loved daughter of the late Peter and the late Mary (May) Scott, formerly of Lismore and Glasgow. Funeral service is to be held on Lismore on Thursday, June 25 at 1pm.

SINCLAIR SMITH - Robert



On Saturday 13th June, Robert (Roy), beloved husband of Peggy (nee Ferguson), father of Robert, Malcolm, Iain and Gordon, father-in-law of Jane, Anna, Ali and Nicki, and much loved grandpa of Fergus, Huw, Mairi, Duncan, Toby, George, Charlotte, Jessica and Alice.

Funeral to be held Wednesday 24th June 2015 at the Linn Crematorium, Lainshaw Drive, Glasgow G45 9SP at 12 noon. All enquires to Fosters Funeral Directors 0141 613 0500

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GRADUATION

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Thought for the week - To be a pilgrim

I have just returned from a most enjoyable holiday on the new P&O cruise ship, 'Britannia'.

We called at two ports in Spain including La Coruna, where I joined a trip visiting the city of Santiago de Compostela with its ancient Cathedral of St. James which is said to house the relics of St. James the Apostle.

Because of this association with the Apostle James, Santiago de Compostela was a great centre of pilgrimage in medieval times along with Rome and Jerusalem. People would travel from all over the world to pray at the shrine of the saint. And still today pilgrims can be recognised on the pilgrim road

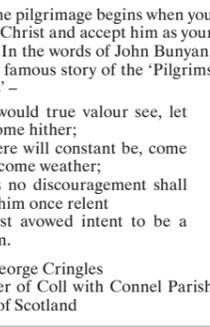
that leads to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, stepping out with a staff in their hands which has clam shells attached to mark them out as pilgrims.

I was reminded that this is also how Scripture regards the Christian life. We are travelling on the journey of faith as strangers and pilgrims on the earth because this world is not our final destination. We are looking forward to an eternal city whose builder and maker is God. When we reach our destination we will see our Saviour Jesus Christ face to face and rejoice in his loving presence for all eternity. Have you set out on the journey of

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Obituary: Katie Ann MacLean

Katie Ann MacLean, who died recently in her 102nd year at Dun Berisay Nursing Home Stornoway, was the last of the pre-world war Gaelic Mòd Gold Medalists.

And her passing marks the end of an era. In 1938 she was one of the many Highland girls 'on service' in the greater Glasgow area, where the Royal National Mòd festival was to be held

that year. Katie Ann competed in, and won, the Ladies Gold Medal. The men's winner was Alexander Brown from the Isle of Luing.

This was the last National Mòd before its temporary suspension, until 1946, on account of the upheaval caused by the Second World War.

Nevertheless, during 1939, Katie Ann performed on concert stages at various venues in Scotland and London.

However, the distress of the World War conflict saw her return to Shawbost, Lewis, where she married a local lad, Angus MacLeod, by whom she had a son and daughter.

Afterwards, a life of domesticity followed as a wife, mother, and, before she passed away, a great-grandmother. A chuid de Pharas dhith.

Norman MacLeod

Proposed share sale could off-set welfare cuts argues committee convenor

MONEY raised from the sale of the Royal Bank of Scotland should cancel the cuts hurting families, the Rev Sally Foster-Fulton said.

Rev Foster-Fulton, convenor of the Church of Scotland's church and society committee, said if the UK Government goes ahead with its plan to sell off its shares, the funds should be used to off-set proposed cuts to the welfare budget.

Mrs Foster-Fulton said: 'No doubt questions will arise about the decision to sell, the timing, the long-term implications and the philosophical debate around public and private ownership, but what we know is that the group of people who suffered most from the economic crash of 2008 were not the bankers, but those living in poverty.'

'They continue to be the hardest hit, the first cut and the last remembered. 'It is, therefore, entirely just that the proceeds of any sale of the government's shares in the Royal Bank of Scotland should first be used to off-set the particular hardships that this group are facing.'

'The right place to start would be to announce the cancellation of the planned £12 billion cuts to the welfare budget.'

Diamond wedding anniversary celebrations

A COUPLE who married in Oban 60 years ago returned to the town to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary.

John and Marion Cowan enjoyed a family lunch at Manor House with their three children and five grandchildren to mark 60 years since the pair married on June 1 1955.

Mrs Cowan, 82, said: 'It was a lovely day, it was just delightful from start to finish. It was lovely to also have our best man and bridesmaids there, who are all thankfully still alive.'

The couple now live in West Lothian, but both grew up and met in Argyll - Mr Cowan is from Oban and Mrs Cowan is from Benderloch.

Neither could pinpoint the secret to a happy marriage, but both agreed they have enjoyed many happy times together. Mr Cowan said: 'We have had a very enjoyable retirement. We have travelled and done everything we wanted to do, so that's good enough for me.'



Marion and John Cowan celebrated 60 years of happy marriage with a family lunch in Oban 16. t24anniversary01

Holy Communion for Lochaber children



St John's Caol: The children who recently received their first Holy Communion. Also in the picture is teacher, Miss McLoughlin, left, with head teacher, Violet Smith, right, and parish priest, Father Roddy McAuley. t25cc1no



St Mary's Church: (from left) Louie MacNeil, Dennis Wilk, Jessika Piechocka, and Mateusz Wilk, who made their first Holy Communion in Fort William. t25first1no

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# McPhee crashes out in Spain

JOHN McPhee claimed his best grid position since the start of the season with the 11th quickest time at last weekend's Moto3 qualifying session in Barcelona.

The SAXOPRINT-RTG rider - whose form has slumped since the opening round in Qatar as a result of ongoing set up woes - posted a best time of 1m 51.517s on his final lap to end the session 1.380 seconds off pole.

McPhee's row four grid slot marks his best starting position since qualifying 15th for the second round of the championship at Austin back in April, which in itself was a major disappointment for the Scot after starting fifth for the season opener in Qatar.

### Improvement

The RSF-backed rider puts the improvement down to a private test at Almeria recently which helped him find a set up more to his liking.

'There's a way to go yet,' he said. 'I'm still getting a lot of chatter over the bumps, which is a bit unsettling. But at least the test appears to have pointed us in the right direction at long last.'

However, things didn't go to

### Motorcycling

plan during the race as John dropped to 21st place by lap three following contact with another rider.

John pushed as hard as possible to regain places over the next few laps but unfortunately he continued to suffer from poor handling and lack of grip as he tried to make the best of the remainder of the race and, sadly, he eventually crashed with a high-side on lap ten.

John now looks ahead to Assen in two weeks to see if he can get better feelings with the bike.

The Connel rider said: 'The beginning of the race was not so bad but after the first lap I touched with another rider and lost some positions. After that I tried to push hard but the grip was quite bad and I lost some time in every lap. I continued to push, then the grip got too much and I crashed on lap 10.'

CRASHED OUT: John McPhee in action during the Catalunya GP in Barcelona



### Golf



### Glencruitten

STEPHEN Fox won the centenary gents open at Glencruitten on Saturday with a score of 75 - 14 = 61 (bih). Ian Harris (72 - 11 = 61), Charles MacIntyre (66 - 5 = 61) and Allan McPhee (71 - 10 = 61) were joint second. Phillip Murphy won the scratch prize with a score of 63.

The McVitie Price Trophy was played on Sunday. Steven McCuish and Helen Pearson winning the event with a score of 88 - 23 = 65. The runners-up were Neil Armour and Bunty Menassa with a score of 92 - 21 = 71.

In the junior section, the first round of the Jackie MacCallum was played on Sunday. Ross MacMillan leading with a score of 74 - 14 = 60 and Douglas MacLeod in second place 92 - 28 = 64.

The first round of the club championship and monthly medal take place on Saturday.

### Fort William

ON SATURDAY June 13 and Sunday June 14 the first two rounds of the club championship were played. The leading scores are: Steven Jamieson 159 (79+80); David MacPherson 159 (79+80); Dale Monk 161 (78+83); David Fairgrieve 163 (76+87); Eric Wallace 164 (87+77); Alasdair Ross 165 (85+80); Andrew Brown 165 (80+85). The final two rounds will be played this weekend.

A ladies medal and eclectic competition was played on June 9 with the following result: 1 Iona Cameron 75 (93-18); 2 Kathleen Leitch 79 (93-14); 3 Helen Brian 82 (101-19).

On Sunday June 14 the ladies SLGA brooch competition was played with the following result: 1 Ann Lovatt 73 (99-26); 2 Kay Jerram 76 (100-24); 3 Kathleen Leitch 78 (92-14).

### Isle of Skye

THE Senior open, held on Thursday June 11. Gents: 1 Dave MacVicar 40pts; 2 John MacMillan (Traigh golf club) 39pts; 3 Ian Graham (Spean Bridge golf club) 38pts bih.

Ladies: 1 June Sanderson 36pts; 2 Margaret MacQuarrie 30pts bih; 3 Donald Johnston.

Stableford, played on Saturday June 13 and Sunday June 14: 1 Alasdair Mackenzie 40pts; 2 Murdo Gordon 39pts; 3 John Marshall 37pts bih.

### Taynuilt

TREVOR Allen mixed scramble played Sunday June 14: 1 Andrew Diggory / Fraser Inglis / Anne S MacCalman: 58 - 5 = 53 (bih); 2 Donald MacVicar / Ewen McGlynn / Moira MacVicar: 62 - 9 = 53 (bih); 3 Paul Walton / Carol MacDougall / Fiona McGlynn: 63 - 10 = 53 (bih). All Taynuilt GC.

Ladies nearest the pin: Donna Campbell (Seil GC); Ladies Longest Drive: Fiona McGlynn (Taynuilt GC).

Gents longest drive: Fraser Inglis (Taynuilt GC); Gents nearest the pin: Robbie MacLarty (Taynuilt GC).

Taynuilt Golf Club would like to thank Ken Oxland for presenting the prizes on behalf of Christine Allen.



WINNERS: Taynuilt primary school Scottish schools orienteering team.

## Argyll does well in Scottish schools festival

TAYNUILT primary and Oban and Lochgilphead high schools all entered teams in the annual Scottish schools orienteering festival which this year was held in Livingston near Edinburgh.

Taynuilt achieved fifth place overall out of 26 schools with Ellis Hunter and Rona Shearer taking first and third places respectively on the primary seven courses.

Jura and Louis MacMillan both achieved a

### Orienteering

second place on the S3 and S1 courses for Lochgilphead high school while Roanne Lilley was placed first in the S4 girls and Eilidh Shearer second on the S1 girls course for Oban high school.

Despite only having a small team, Oban high came third overall out of 20 schools.



SUCCESS: Emma, Finbar, Paddy and Grace

## Oban high athletes impress at championships

THE SCOTTISH schools athletics championships took place in Grangemouth last Friday and Saturday with four pupils from Oban high school taking part.

Paddy Dunne won the bronze medal in the under 17 men's javelin competition with a personal best throw of 48.88m, achieving the Scottish schools badge standard. This was a

competition of extremely high standard and, as a result, Paddy is now reserve for the national team.

Grace Thompson won the gold medal in the under 14 girl's javelin with a personal best throw and also achieved the Scottish schools badge standard.

Finbar Dunne won the gold medal in the under 14 boy's shot

### Athletics

putt with a personal best throw and came fourth in the under 14 boys javelin.

Emma Thompson came fourth in the under 17 women's high jump. Emma continues to compete for Team Glasgow at national level.



Cameron Hill



Lennon Campbell



Lewis Campbell

## Oban boys re-sign for Dumbarton FC

WELL DONE: After a successful season, three Oban boys who play for Dumbarton FC were re-signed for next season's under 14 team. It was a great effort from the boys as only eight of the original squad of 18 players were re-signed by the club.



SCRAMBLE: prizewinners at the recent Trevor Allen mixed scramble at Taynuilt golf club



GOLDEN BOY: Iain 'Coogie' Potter, centre, and Brendan McMillan, right, on the podium at the Brazilian open jiu-jitsu competition in Edinburgh.

### MMA

On Saturday June 6, Oban MMA took a smaller than normal group of six participants to the Edinburgh open Brazilian jiu-jitsu competition.

This marked a return to competition after a two-year absence for coach Iain 'Coogie' Potter who took gold in the ultra-heavyweight division (over 97kgs) with Brendan McMillan taking bronze.

Lee Williamson took silver in no gi masters 76kgs and gold in gi masters 76kgs. Gi is the name of the traditional training clothes like those worn in judo.

Chris Rowan and Jamie McKay, although not taking home medals, continued to show great improvements and could count themselves unlucky in a weight division stacked with talent.

Alan MacDougall entered after only a couple of months training and showed great potential against a much more experienced opponent.

Oban MMA finished a respectful seventh out of 33 teams overall and are now firmly established on the BJJ circuit in Scotland.

The timetable has changed slightly for classes with Tuesday at 7.30pm now being a pure MMA class and Friday 7.30pm being a conditioning class. We are always looking for new



students to join our team and over the next few months invite anyone to join in our '12 weeks to peak'. This will involve getting folk in top condition over three months to compete or just to get fit.

For club info: coogiepots@gmail.com.

### Shukokai karate

The Dalmally branch of Argyll Martial Arts has had to shut down for the summer as a result of personal commitments.

Any students wishing to continue training can do so in Inveraray on Friday nights. The other clubs continue as normal.

For club information contact kenni.gray@btinternet.com.

### Kick boxing

The classes are gearing up towards the next grading test, with everyone working hard towards this.

Ruaraidh Neish and Ricky Duff are still in preparation for their K1 debut fights in Falkirk on June 27. Tickets are on sale

now for this via the 'Headhunters Fighting Championship' Facebook page.

For club information contact shihanwill@gmail.com.

### Kyokushinkai Karate

The Caledonia Kyokushin classes in Oban, Lochgilphead and Stirling have been preparing for the grading test on June 21 which will be held at Mid Argyll sports centre, Lochgilphead, with extra classes held on June 7 to help with this.

There are only two tests per year so anyone who has not prepared to the correct standard has to wait until December for the next chance. Everyone concerned is working extra hard at the moment.

The Oban club is still looking for sponsorship towards the 2016 world tournament in Japan for fighter Mark Welsh and coach Iain Rodger. If anyone can help please contact Iain at the email address below.

For club information contact iain@ikku.co.uk.

## Good away win for Oban cricket club

OBAN cricket club travelled to south Glasgow on Sunday June 14 for a match against Uddingston 2nd XI.

For this game, Oban welcomed back Allan Laycock who, as a student in Glasgow, is now featuring regularly for Uddingston 1st XI and is making a name for himself by playing at a high level week in, week out with and against current Scotland internationals.

Uddingston batted first and, after 20 overs, had made 96 without losing a wicket and must have had thoughts of a large total. Oban's bowlers though, stuck to their task and wickets started to fall.

Andrew Leach, Taj Islam and Neill Belshaw all took wickets and the Uddingston innings started to falter.

Young Lewis Haddon, playing his first game for the club, bowled well and the final wicket fell with the score on 195.

### Cricket

On a good pitch and a fast outfield, Oban knew they had a chance of chasing these runs and so it proved as they began well with a fine 60 from Mark Boyce. Taj Islam also passed 50 as Oban reached 146 before the 4th wicket fell.

Ronnie Kelly was then joined by Donald Histead and they batted sensibly to remove any optimism that Uddingston had of winning the match.

An unbeaten partnership of 50 between them was enough to see Oban reach 196 for the loss of only four wickets and a fine victory away from home against a well prepared and organised side.

Scores - Uddingston 195 (Spears 56; Belshaw 3-31). Oban 196-4 (Boyce 60; Islam 51).

# Double for Beaully at Macaulay sixes

## Youngsters show plenty of skill and endeavour at Mossfield

THE ARTEMIS Macaulay Sixes 2015 were held on a superbly prepared Mossfield Park, Oban, last Saturday, attracting 22 teams.

The main competition for primary seven and under was won by Beaully who defeated Lochaber 3-2 after extra time in a keenly-contested final, with Lochaber picking up the Oban Celtic Shield.

The Alastair Campbell Shield for primary five and under was won by Beaully and Ord who defeated Tainuilt 2-0 in the final.

The new Macaulay Development Cup, formerly the Peter English Cup, was presented to Dunadd for showing the best endeavour on the day.

The best boy player of the tournament was Max Campbell from Lochaber who won the Hector Campbell award.

The best girl player of the tournament was Leah Maxtone from Inverlochly who won the Lochcarron Quich. The Macaulay Association would thank

### School shinty

all the referees, the volunteers who ran the raffle, teas, shop and the scoreboard as well as Argyll and Bute councillor Roddy McCuish for handing over the awards.

Special mention goes to Kyles Camans and Ken Groom for the presentation sticks.

Ian Cumming Memorial Trophy - primary seven: semi finals - Inverlochly 0, Lochaber 0. Lochaber won 6-5 on penalties. Beaully 3, Ballachulish 0. Final - Beaully 3, Lochaber 2, after extra time.

Alastair Campbell Shield - primary five: semi finals - Beaully and Ord 1, Braxi Boys 0; Tainuilt 5, Banavie 0. Final - Tainuilt 0, Beaully and Ord 2.

Macaulay Development Cup - Dunadd. Best Boy - Max Campbell, Lochaber; Best Girl - Leah Maxtone, Inverlochly.

Photographs: David Hamilton



Beaully and Ord, winners of the Alastair Campbell Shield.



Ian Cumming Memorial Trophy winners were Beaully



Lochaber won the Oban Celtic Shield.



Winners of the Macaulay Development Trophy were Dunadd.



Best girl Leah Maxtone and best boy Max Campbell with Argyll and Bute councillor Roddy McCuish who presented the prizes on the day.



Tainuilt were defeated in the final by Beaully and Ord.



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# Glenurquhart win MacTavish Cup as Newtonmore see red

**GLENURQUHART** stalwart John Barr was delighted to get his hands on his first RBS MacTavish Cup on Saturday, claiming the players finally did themselves justice in the competition.

Prior to Saturday's 3-1 victory over favourites Newtonmore at Bught Park, Inverness, Glen had lost two MacTavish showcases in succession, both to Lovat.

The overwhelming feeling within the ranks was that, in general, they hadn't met their own high expectations when the spotlight has been on them in the major showcases.

On Saturday, all that regret was washed away as Glen captain Andrew Corrigan raised the ancient silver bowl aloft in front of the club's adoring faithful.

For Scotland stopper Barr, it felt like payback and he was satisfied to leave the ground having put a few niggling issues to bed.

'We were really disappointed to lose our first MacTavish Cup final against Kingussie in 2008. 'We didn't put up a real performance.

'Against Lovat two years ago, we went to extra time and penalties

## Shinty

and you are in the lap of the gods with that one.

'But last year we did not compete to our full potential so we are delighted this time.

Glen's game-plan involved scoring first and they chose to play with a strong wind at their backs.

The tactic worked and, in 24 minutes, Fraser Heath, deployed at full forward, took a ball across the penalty box and placed it powerfully beyond Michael Ritchie.

Their cause had been aided six minutes earlier when Newtonmore's Jamie Robinson was ordered off by referee Evan MacRae for connecting with Ali Mackintosh in retaliation.

Robinson had little defence for his moment of madness and it forced his team mates to redouble their efforts to stay in the game.

They rose to the task in the manner most would expect of Newtonmore, ending the half chasing an equaliser.

It didn't come and they found themselves further behind in 69 minutes when the lively Ewan



**VICTORIOUS:** a jubilant Glenurquhart squad celebrate after winning the MacTavish Cup last Saturday. Photo: Neil Paterson

Brady pounced on a rebound and steered the ball over the line from close range.

Lesser sides would have put their heads down but Newtonmore are

made of stronger stuff.

Sensing the final was running away from them, Paul MacArthur hammered in a long-range effort which almost

left Bught Park through the roof of the net, in 70 minutes. At 2-1, Newtonmore were still very much in the reckoning but their afternoon effectively ended just

a moment or so later when Neale Reid negotiated some space for himself to screw the ball into the net from around 15 yards to make the final score 3-1 for the Glens.

**GLENURQUHART** come back to earth after last Saturday's MacTavish Cup final victory over Newtonmore with a home premiership match against Kinlochshiel. It will be a 4pm throw up.

The two sides drew 1-1 in March and with the MacTavish Cup win behind them, Glen will be hoping for better.

**NEWTONMORE** remain the team to beat in the Marine Harvest Premiership, with a two-point lead over Lovat and games in hand over Kyles and Fort William.

P J Mackintosh's side crashed out of the MacTavish Cup on Saturday, losing 3-1 to Glenurquhart at Bught Park.

Fort William play host to Newtonmore on Saturday in a game which could play a big part in the outcome of the final league standings.

Saturday's tie throws up at 2.30pm at An Aird Park.

**INVERARAY** were missing three key players last Saturday as they went down 1-0 to Fort William in the premiership.

Euan McMurdo was at the Macaulay Sixes in Oban, John Kennedy was away in America and Grant Griffin is injured.

Fort William's Alexander MacMillan scored the only goal of the game in the 32nd minute.

Once again, Inveraray had plenty of chances but failed to capitalise on them and when they did, Paul MacKay in the Fort goal meant there was no chance of the ball getting into the net.

Inveraray captain Garry MacPherson said: 'Mackay had five really good saves which really stopped us in the game.'

Inveraray have a local derby in the Macaulay Cup quarter final at the Winterton on Saturday against Kyles Athletic.

MacPherson said: 'On Saturday against Kyles we will be at home, which is always good, and we have a full squad which gives us plenty of options.'

**KINGUSSIE** were held by Lochaber to a goal-less draw at Spean Bridge last Saturday in their third meeting of the season.

During the first half, neither team had many chances and

the ball moved around the pitch harmlessly.

In the second half, Lochaber had the best of the chances but despite increased pressure were unable to convert them into goals.

The two sides meet again at the Dell on Saturday, their fourth encounter of the season.

**LOCHABER'S** premiership clash with Kingussie will be repeated this weekend after a goal-less game in Spean Bridge last Saturday.

The venue will be switched to the Dell and Ally Ferguson's men will be hoping for a win to bring them level with Kingussie's seven points. Lochaber are currently seventh in the league and two points behind Kingussie with one game in hand.

**KYLES ATHLETIC** have had nearly three weeks to prepare for their Macaulay Cup quarter final against Inveraray.

The last time the two sides met in a Celtic cup game, about a month ago, Kyles were the clear winners by three goals but the second half was marred by a huge hail storm.

Kyles will be trying for a repeat performance on Saturday but will face Inveraray at full strength.

**KINLOCHSHIEL** took another two goals off Lovat last Saturday.

Both goalies made some great saves and 'Shiel's Scott Kennedy firmly stopped a Lovat penalty strike.

Mark MacDonald put 'Shiel ahead in the 37th minute but until Fraser MacVicar's last minute strike to win the game 2-0, there was lots of scrappy play and little momentum.

Kinlochshiel manager Colin Fraser said: 'It was Mark MacDonald's first score of the season. Lovat are a hard team to beat, especially at home.'

Both sides had three bookings each in the game but the win lifts 'Shiel to fifth in the premiership with two games in hand over second placed Lovat.

Kinlochshiel travel to Glenurquhart this Saturday and will be trying for better than the 1-1 draw they recorded in March.

Fraser said: 'It will be a tough game against Glenurquhart. Hopefully they will still have



**YOUNG GUNS:** Beaulie defeated Skye 2-0 in the final of the juvenile MacTavish Cup at the Bught Park, Inverness, last Saturday. Our photo shows Beaulie's Scott MacKenzie and Skye's Ruairidh MacLeod in action. Photograph: Donald Cameron

a hangover after lifting the MacTavish Cup.'

**FORT WILLIAM** climbed to third place in the premiership thanks to a 1-0 win against Inveraray at the weekend.

The An Aird men have won five of their last six games and will be hoping for continued success when they welcome premiership champions Newtonmore on Saturday.

There are just two points between Fort William and top of the league Newtonmore but 'More have two games in hand.

**LOVAT** welcome Oban Camanachd to Balgate park this Saturday, hoping to pick up full points after some disappointing league form.

A loss to Kinlochshiel on Saturday, and losses to Fort William and Kyles in recent weeks, has derailed Lovat's league challenge slightly, with Newtonmore now two points ahead with three games in hand.

Fort William, Kyles, Kinlochshiel and Kingussie are also on similar points but with games in hand on John MacRitchie's side.

The Oban Camanachd game throws-up at 3pm.

**OBAN CAMANACHD** travel to Kiltartney this Saturday to face Lovat, having had no fixture last weekend.

Gussie Campbell's men managed to fire 13 goals past Ballachulish last Thursday evening, June 11, in a Macaulay Cup tie. Scorers included Aidan MacIntyre notching four goals, Lorne Dickie and Andrew MacCuish both netting a hat-trick, Conor Howe managing a brace and Malcolm Clark rounding off the rout at Mossfield.

Saturday's league tie with Lovat will throw up at 3pm at Balgate, with Campbell's men sitting bottom of the premiership.

## South Division One

**STRACHUR** faced further frustration last Saturday as league leaders Lochside Rovers fired five into the Strachurmure net.

It was their second 5-0 defeat in consecutive games. With one league win this season, Strachur remain firmly in the bottom spot.

Michael MacQueen started the scoring followed by Iain MacMillan in the first half.

After the break Craig MacDougall, Brian MacMillan and Brian McCallum added to the misery.

Strachur are at home again next Saturday to Oban Celtic.

**LOCHSIDE ROVERS** manager Gareth Evans has said his side are in for a 'cracking tie' as his team go head-to-head with Fort William's second side this Saturday.

With both teams undefeated this season, the Sutherland Cup semi-final tie will decide who meets the winner of the Inveraray and Newtonmore match in the final of the tournament.

'This is the big one we've been gearing up for,' said Evans.

'With them undefeated too this season, it should be some game.

'They've got a bit more experience than us in their squad, but it's a big park, so hopefully we can knock the ball about a bit and play some good shinty.'

Lochside beat Strachur 5-0 on Saturday, with goals from Chris Macmillan, Brian MacCallum, Michael Macqueen, Craig MacDougall and Iain Macmillan.

the semi final of the Balliemore cup. This is the fourth time this season the rivals have clashed.

MacPherson said: 'This is a really big game for us because Beaulie beat us in the semi final of this cup a couple of years ago so we'd really like to get the win this time but we're missing three players.'

'It would be great to win but as I've said before our main priority is the league. Any cup success is a bonus.'

**SKYE** will be refreshed and ready to take on Ballachulish on Saturday after a free weekend.

The islanders are favourites to win the league game with home advantage and their opponents have lost all four of their league games this season.



**SAVED:** Oban Camanachd's Andrew 'Papa' McCuish is stopped by Ballachulish's 15-year-old keeper Cameron Sutherland who made countless superb saves during their Macaulay Cup quarter final at Mossfield last Thursday evening. Although the score was 13-0 for the Oban side, it would have been a lot more if the young star had not been between the posts. Photograph: Kevin McGlynn

## South Division Two

On Saturday, Glenorchy travel to Aberdeen.

**BUTE** held Kilmallie at bay for 84 minutes in their Balliemore cup quarter final last Saturday.

Bute, who beat national league side Skye Camanachd to get to this game, played a strong side and thwarted all Kilmallie attempts on goal in the first half.

John Stewart made the break when, facing away from goal, he turned and sent the ball into the net. Two minutes later he did the same thing to put the game out of reach of Bute.

Bute are back in league action away against Kilmory at MacRae Park on Saturday.

**KILMORY** revisited their last match against Taynuilt, in May, again going down 2-1 this time away.

It started well when Calum MacKinven put Kilmory ahead, but five minutes later David Campbell equalised.

The play then ebbed backward and forward with neither team gaining the upper hand until Taynuilt's Jamie MacFarlane struck a last minute winner.

Kilmory are now seventh in the league having won one game this season. On Saturday they entertain Bute, their last match having been called off as a result of an unplayable field.

**OBAN CELTIC** smashed seven goals past Glenorchy as they won their fourth game of this year's South Division One league campaign.

With three games in hand over Kyles and 'Ary ahead of them in the table, they have a good chance

to go higher. Donald Campbell was the top scorer with a hat-trick, Daniel Madej put away two and Lee Askew and Alan Mackie put away one each.

Manager Davy Hamilton, who was not at the game said: 'It was a good result and four out of four is as good as we can ask.'

Celtic travel to Strachur on Saturday.

Hamilton said: 'Strachur is never an easy place to go but they are bottom of the league. We have still got problems with injuries so we will have to see who is available.'

**TAYNUILT** A goal in the 89th minute from Jamie MacFarlane gave Taynuilt a 2-1 home win over Kilmory last weekend.

Calum MacKinven gave the

Mid Argyll side the lead after 10 minutes before David Campbell equalised five minutes later.

This Saturday Taynuilt travel to Tighnabruach to take on Kyles Athletic's second team.

## South Division Two

**INVERARAY** reserves, without Scott Robertson who is serving a two game suspension, beat Aberdeen 3-0.

Neil Campbell scored an early goal and a second half an hour later, with Neil Shaw ensuring victory for the home side.

Inveraray were due to play Glenorchy on Tuesday evening.

On Saturday Inveraray face Newtonmore in a Sutherland cup semi-final at Spean Bridge.

**OBAN LORN** endured another crushing defeat going down 7-0 at Paterson Park on Saturday to send Glasgow Mid Argyll (GMA) reserves to the top of the table.

Calum McLay opened the scoring for GMA in the seventh minute.

He was followed by Lewis Miller, Jack Berg and Angus MacInnes before the break.

In the second half, McLay scored another three in an amazing four minute period.

Lorn now have a long break until July 4 when they take on Ballachulish reserves.

**BALLACHULISH** seconds had a walk over as Bute was unable to field a team giving Balla' a 5-0 win.

On Saturday the reserves take on Glenorchy at Mart Park, looking to avenge their 4-0 defeat in May.



## Fixtures

Thursday June 18 2015

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
Glenorchy v Col Glen  
7pm throw-up

Saturday June 20

**Artemis Macaulay Cup Quarter Final South**  
Inveraray v Kyles Athletic  
Billy Wotherspoon

**Balliemore Cup Semi Final**  
Inverness v Glasgow Mid Argyll  
Archie Ritchie  
at Newtonmore  
Bute/Kilmallie v Beaulie  
John MacGregor

**Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Semi Final**  
Fort William v Lochside Rovers  
Andy MacLean  
Inveraray v Newtonmore  
John Matheson  
at Spean Bridge

**Bullough Cup 1st Round**  
Glasgow MA v The SCOTS  
Jon Gallagher

**Marine Harvest Premiership**  
Glenurquhart v Kinlochshiel  
John Angus Gillies - 4pm  
Lovat v Oban Camanachd  
Deek Cameron - 3pm  
Fort William v Newtonmore  
Robert Baxter  
Kingussie v Lochaber  
Evan MacRae

**Marine Harvest National Division**  
Skye v Ballachulish  
Ron Kennedy - 3pm  
Caberfeidh v Kilmallie  
Innes Wood

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
Kinlochshiel v Glenurquhart  
Ronnie Campbell  
Kingussie v Lochcarron - 12pm  
Lovat v Beaulie - 12pm

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Aberdour v Glenorchy  
David Mitchell  
Kilmory v Bute  
Innes Wood  
Kyles Athletic v Taynuilt  
Willie MacDonald  
Strachur v Oban Celtic  
Graham Cameron

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Aberdeen University v Lochaber  
Euan Pearson  
Boleskine v Inverness  
Scot McNeil  
Skye v Glengarry  
Donald MacRae - 12pm  
Strathspey v Caberfeidh  
Rab MacAskill

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
Bute v Aberdour  
Jim Innes  
Glenorchy v Ballachulish  
John Wood  
Tayforth v Col Glen  
Jon Gallagher

Throw ups 2.30pm unless stated

## Results

Thursday June 11

**Artemis Macaulay Cup Quarter Final South**  
Oban Caman 13 - 0 Ballachulish

Friday June 12

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Lochaber 7 - 1 Kilmallie

Saturday June 13

**RBS MacTavish Cup Final**  
Newtonmore 1 - 3 Glenurquhart

**Balliemore Cup 2nd Round**  
Bute 0 - 2 Kilmallie

**Marine Harvest Premiership**  
Inveraray 0 - 1 Fort William  
Lochaber 0 - 0 Kingussie  
Lovat 0 - 2 Kinlochshiel

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
Kinlochshiel 1 - 3 Fort William

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
Inveraray 3 - 0 Aberdour  
Oban Celtic 7 - 1 Glenorchy  
Strachur 0 - 5 Lochside Rovers  
Taynuilt 2 - 1 Kilmory

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
Caberfeidh 0 - 1 Lewis

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
Aberdour 4 - 9 Tayforth  
Ballachulish P - P Bute  
Points to Ballachulish  
Bute unable to field a team  
Glenorchy P - P Col Glen  
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Glasgow MA 7 - 0 Oban Lorn

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## Oban Otters celebrate 40 years in the pool

'The improvements and standard are a testament to all the teachers who give lessons every week'



**RECORD BREAKER:** a delighted Ella MacKechnie with her medals for 50m butterfly, which she completed in 33.71 seconds breaking the record which had stood since 1981, and the 100m back crawl which she swam in 1.44.77, breaking the record which had stood since 2010



**ON FORM:** Sam Coates from Kilmore won the 50m butterfly in a time of 34.12 seconds, breaking the record which had stood since 2006



**CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM:** Daniel Teape powers ahead in the 50m butterfly

OBAN Otters swimming club held its annual club championships on Sunday at Atlantis leisure centre.

The day's event was a double celebration as it coincided with the club's 40th anniversary. Competitions included small pool, width, length and squad events, with children from ages five to 15 years old competing.

**Fantastic**  
Jillian Gibson, club committee member,

said: 'It was great to see such fantastic swimming from all the children and it shows all the hard work that has been put in throughout the year.'

'The improvements and standard are also a testament to all the teachers who give lessons every week.'

'On behalf of the club, I would also like to say 'thank you' to all the parents and volunteers who helped make the day such a great

success. Kim Fletcher, who has helped coach the squad for several years, is also leaving us and the club wishes to thank her for all the hard work and time she has devoted to Oban Otters during her years with the club.'

**Further events**  
A 40th birthday cake was served for club members, with further events to be held in recognition of the anniversary after the school holidays.

## Oban Saints youth results and fixtures

### Youth football

LAST weekend's results: Saturday: Under 13s 5, Baljaffray Inter 0. Scoring for Saints were Aidan MacPhee, Daniel Sloss, Kenni Gray, Aaron MacKay and Liam Richmond. Under 14s 6, Helensburgh 4. Saints goalscorers were Scott Mossman (3), Rory Dowd, Sol Smith and Keir MacLean; Under 15s v Drumchapel United postponed Under 19s 1 Nairn County 0. Connor Howe netted the only goal of the game for Saints.

Sunday: Under 14s 1, Dumbar-ton Riverside 2. Saints scorer was Scott Mossman.

Saints youths have now finished a successful season in the DF DL with the under 13s finishing second in the league.

The Under 14s also finished second in their league and lost out 1-0 in the final of the league cup.

The under 15s won the Michael McGinley Shield as well as finishing in second place in their league.

The under 16s finished fourth in their league.

The under 19s won the league cup and lost out on winning the league by a single point.

All in all this has been a very successful season for the Oban club and thanks go to all the players and coaches for all their hard work during the season.

## Oban Saints youth tournament called off

### Youth football

OBAN Saints annual youth tournament sponsored by Oban Joinery Services, which was due to take place on Saturday at Mossfield Stadium, has had to be called off after a number of the professional youth teams pulled out of the competition leaving the organisers no option but to cancel the event.

## Bob Macgregor trials at Killin

### Motor cycle trials

DESPITE torrential rain, the Bob Macgregor motor cycle trials took place in Killin recently.

They proved to be a great success again this year with riders coming from all over Great Britain to take part. There were 150 entrants in total.

Luckily the weather was much improved on Sunday and extra sections were possible on the Falls of Dochart.

Organiser Bobby Laffery thanked everyone who came to compete and all the helpers for their hard work that made this event possible.

## Sunday league looking for players

### Primary football

OBAN Sunday primary football league is on the lookout for players and teams for the start of next season.

All primary age children and budding coaches are invited to attend the registration night at Atlantis Leisure, Oban, on Tuesday June 23 from 7 till 8pm.

If you have any queries or want more information please text Stuart Macdonald, chairman of the primary league on 07528 300247.

## Fair winds for annual town regatta



**SILVERWARE:** prizewinners after the annual town keelboat regatta

SUN and good winds combined to provide perfect sailing conditions for Oban sailing club's (OSC) annual town keelboat regatta, supported by Nancy Blacks of Oban.

Held over two days, the fleet was split into three classes racing on Saturday and Sunday. The first day's racing saw the fleet head to the Greag Islands in the Firth of Lorne with a run back to Oban Bay.

Race officer Finlo Cottier matched the course with the conditions and the fleet had good sailing on all points of sail. Billy and Steven Forteith's Beneteau Shadowfax showed the fast class a clean pair of heels, winning from Eric and Irena Chapman's Sigma 33 Amber Haze with Richard Shellcock's Prism 28 Thrust third.

In the slow handicap full sail class, commodore John Peden took the silverware with his Achilles 9 Hecla. Colin Currie, racing Hot Toddy, finished sec-

ond and Derek Grier's Al Harija was third. Graham Anderson's Lucky Ned Pepper won the restricted sail class.

Although Sunday's racing normally takes place within Oban Bay, the race officer took advantage of the good breeze in the Firth and sent the fleet out to the Ganavan Mark and back. Billy Forteith's Shadowfax again won the fast class, this time from Thrust with Colin Crawford's Nimrod third.

Hot Toddy took the slow spinaker class from Hecla and Al Harija with Kevin McGrath's Calvador winning the restricted sail class. Ross Wilson's Star Cross finished second and Douglas and Ann Boyd's X 332, 2 Extreme, was third.

Race 2 was held in Oban Bay with Shadowfax completing the hat-trick to take the overall best performance of the weekend. Thrust finished second in race two with Nimrod third. Hot Toddy also took a first in the final

### Sailing

race to win the slow handicap class overall and Calvador won the white sail class, also lifting the best performance of the weekend in this class.

With a dozen yachts competing, this was an excellent turn-out for the annual event. Sailing club commodore John Peden thanked all those who had made the event possible, particularly Finlo Cottier for being race officer and everyone who provided food. He also highlighted the support of Sean Jamieson and Nancy Blacks who had sponsored the event with prize vouchers.

John said: 'It was fantastic to see so many boats and new members out on the water racing in our regatta. Everyone had great fun which is our ethos at the club, and there was tremendous camaraderie. It was a fabulous event.' The next OSC event is this weekend when yachts compete in the Round Garvellachs Race.

## Under 19 Argyll and Bute badminton championships take place in Oban



**WINNERS:** Shannon Wilson from Lochgilphead won the girls singles title and Scott MacLellan from Campbeltown came out on top in the boys singles

THE Argyll and Bute under 19 badminton championships, sponsored by The Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund, took place at Oban high school last weekend.

Results: Boys singles: 1 Scott MacLellan, Campbeltown; 2 Ryan McCuaig, Lochgilphead; 3 Gareth Sansom, Lochgilphead.

Girls singles: 1 Shannon Wilson, Lochgilphead; 2 Rachel MacPhail, Campbeltown; 3 Amy Shaw, Campbeltown.

Boys doubles: 1 Ryan McCuaig / Gareth Sansom, Lochgilphead; 2 Scott MacLellan / Paddy Dunne, Campbeltown/Oban; 3 Craig MacCorquodale / Louis Reeves, Oban.

Girls doubles: 1 Shannon Wilson / Suzie Blair, Lochgilphead; 2 Amy Shaw / Rachel MacPhail, Campbeltown; 3 Kirsty MacArthur / Zoe Cook, Oban.

Mixed doubles: 1 Scott MacLellan / Amy Shaw, Campbeltown; 2 Ryan McCuaig / Shannon Wilson, Lochgilphead; 3 David MacPherson / Kirsty MacArthur, Oban.



**SUCCESS:** trophy winners at the Argyll and Bute under 19 badminton championships

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**Friday** Cloudy with light rain showers  
Winds light west south westerly  
Temperatures 9°C to 12°C.

**Weekend Outlook** Light rain on Saturday  
Cloudy on Sunday  
Winds light westerly  
Temperatures 10°C to 13°C.

**TIDAL INFORMATION**

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, June 18, 2015** are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am			pm		
Thur	00.52	0.9	06.40	3.8	12.54	0.8
Fri	01.34	1.0	07.17	3.7	13.34	0.8
Sat	02.14	1.2	07.54	3.6	14.13	1.0
Sun	02.54	1.3	08.31	3.4	14.53	1.1
Mon	03.35	1.5	09.10	3.3	15.35	1.3
Tues	04.20	1.7	09.54	3.1	16.19	1.5
Wed	05.10	1.8	10.47	3.0	17.08	1.6

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardriishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

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Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

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**MOVING ON:** Lochaber high school sixth years before their graduation ceremony last Thursday 20. (25/graduation02)

# Canna shop theft shock

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THE COMMUNITY of a tiny Hebridean island was left devastated when its only shop was raided by thieves in the first crime on the island for 50 years.

Canna community shop, mostly looked after by volunteers and run by the isle's community development trust, has been run on an honesty basis since it was set up four years ago, but was targeted on Friday night as criminals cleared the shelves of sweets, groceries and toiletries.

Six hand-knitted hats made from Canna wool by store manager, Julie McCabe, were also stolen.

Canna community shop in the small isle was run from the pier before opening in a former binder shed in April last year.

It was left open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for fisherman and other visitors to use the internet or buy essentials while stopping overnight at the island pier. Customers just wrote down what they had taken in a book and left the money in an honesty box.

Colin Irvine, chairman of Canna community development trust, said CCTV cameras

may now have to be installed to prevent another theft.

He said: 'It's such a shame when we islanders have built up such a bond of trust with the wonderful people that come to the island. I am so angry and upset this has happened when members of the community work so hard to make this such a welcoming and trusting place for visitors.'

'We don't want to have to lock the shop because it's not fair on the people who have used the system well and respected it for years. Why should we have to punish them?'

'Installing a CCTV camera may be an option, but I think we'll have a meeting as a community body to decide what to do next.'

Mr Irvine, who runs a guest house on Canna, said the islanders were dismayed at the theft: 'People are first of all shocked because it has never happened before and they can't understand why it has happened now. They're also very disappointed because this is such a safe and trusting island.'

With a population of just 26 people, there is no police station or special constable on Canna, with the nearest police station in Mallaig on the mainland. This was the

first crime committed since the theft of a wooden plate from the church of Rhu in the 1960s.

Stewart Connor, who manages the shop with his partner, Ms McCabe, said the support they have received is 'unbelievable'

'We have been overwhelmed by messages of support on Facebook, including financial donations to help replace the loss,' he continued.

'It has been unbelievable and we cannot thank everyone who has sent these enough.'

A Police Scotland spokesman said: 'On Sunday June 14 2015, police in Mallaig received a report of a theft from the isle of Canna community shop.'

'The incident is believed to have occurred between 8pm on Friday, June 12, and 8am on Saturday, June 13, 2015.'

'A number of items were reported as stolen, consisting of hand-knitted woollen hats, confectionery and toiletries.'

'To provide assistance as part of ongoing enquiries, officers are looking to speak members of the public and those on board fishing vessels which were moored at Canna pier around the time of the incident.'

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers by phone on 0800555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

# Lochaber high pupils head off in style



**GOOD LUCK:** teachers at Ardnamurchan high school joined the departing sixth years for a final photo

**LOCHABER** teenagers celebrated a milestone achievement when they graduated from high school. Sixth year pupils from Lochaber and Ardnamurchan high schools put on their glad rags for their celebration events. Lochaber pupils enjoyed a leavers' ceremony while their fellow graduates on the peninsula enjoyed dinner at Ardshealach lodge, Acharacle.

# Doors open on study into future of Sunart housing

THE FUTURE of housing in the Sunart area of Lochaber is to be studied as part of an in-depth consultation on how to improve facilities in the area.

Sunart community company has set up a steering group of volunteers including community councillors and local parents and has appointed an intern to conduct a confidential study on what residents think are the most important issues. This follows a similar appraisal held last year and it is hoped it will identify what homes may be needed in the future to build up a plan for the area.

James Hilder of Sunart community company said: 'More sheltered housing for the elderly and more affordable housing came out high on the

list of residents' issues last year. There is also a concern that, without more homes being built, we will not attract young families to the area which might put the long-term future of our schools in doubt.'

'For this reason, we also want Oban Times readers to contact us if they have friends or family from outwith the Sunart area who would like to relocate. A Sunart housing needs survey Facebook page has been set up with a survey link.'

Intern, Sarah Watson, has moved to Sunart for two months to conduct the study.

She said: 'Having examined social housing issues in Glasgow as part of my recent studies, it's great to be helping the community plan for the future in a rural setting like

Sunart. 'With many houses being used as second homes or holiday homes, there are fewer places for local young people to rent. There are even fewer options for the elderly who might not require full-time care, but may be feeling their own home is getting a bit much for them to manage. It's so important for communities to plan for the future, and we hope as many people as possible complete the survey, to make sure that any future decisions are based on the actual needs of the community.'

All households in the area will receive a copy of the survey, which is also available on the Facebook page. Anyone wishing to contact Ms Watson can do so via sarah.meredith.watson@gmail.com.

# Skye beaches top of the beauty poll

THE BEACHES on Skye have been voted the most beautiful in Scotland, new research has shown.

The opinion poll, carried out by Sykes cottages, showed the island's coasts, famous for cliffs, lochs and rock pinnacles, took the overall top spot with 12 per cent of the vote.

Beaches on the Orkney islands took second place with nine per cent, followed by the Shetland islands with seven per cent. But Scottish respondents disagreed with the rest of the UK, voting the coastline in Ayrshire and Arran as the most beautiful by 21 per cent, followed by the Outer Hebrides with 12 per cent.



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# Red carpet event celebrates amazing work of volunteers

THE HARD work of volunteers in Lochaber was celebrated at an award ceremony in Fort William.

Voluntary Action Lochaber (VAL) hosted the red carpet event, the 'Voscars' as part of Volunteers week on Friday, June 5, to thank people who give up their free time on a regular basis.

Niall Clark of Lochaber Phoenix boxing club was named volunteer of the year, while young volunteer of the year went to David Saunders of Fort Augustus. Caol regeneration picked up organisation of the year, Pat Abernethy of Lochaber sensory care won board or committee member of the

year and James Russell was awarded good neighbour of the year. Lochaber car scheme picked up the prize for best supporting organisation of the year and the lifetime achievement award was given to Sheana Fraser.

A spokesperson for VAL said: 'Volunteering plays a huge part in Lochaber's community. Many people choose to give their time and services to a cause that they care about.'

**KNOCKOUT:** Niall Clark won Voluntary Action Lochaber's volunteer of the year award for his work with Lochaber Phoenix boxing club



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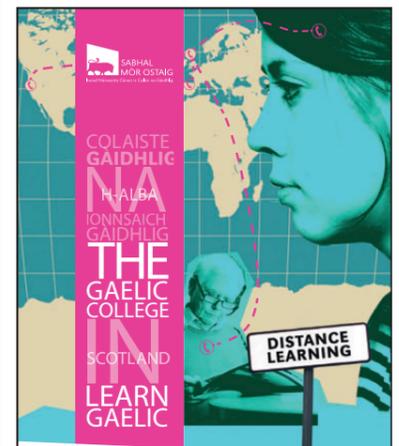


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POLITICIANS JOIN FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS FOR SERVICE AT CHURCH NEAR FORMER MP'S CAOL HOME

# Hundreds turn out to funeral of 'much-loved' Charles Kennedy

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HUNDREDS attended the funeral of Charles Kennedy on Friday, when he was laid to rest following a Requiem Mass in his local church, St John's.

And in a final tribute to the long-standing politician, who was a Highland MP for more than 30 years, the 500-strong congregation gathered in the warm sunshine to applaud the hearse as it travelled through Caol after the service, accompanied by music from members of Lochaber pipe band.

It was standing room only and crowds gathered outside the church, near the Lochaber man's Lochside home, to hear the funeral which was relayed through speakers for those listening from the grounds, before a burial service at a family plot at Clunes, Achnacarry.

Politicians including Nick Clegg, Gordon Brown, Danny Alexander and Jim Murphy joined family, friends and neighbours for the service, which started at noon with the hymn, 'Christ Be Beside Me'.

Pupils from St Columba's, Lochside RC school, which the long-standing Highland MP attended as a child, sang the psalm, 'O God, You Search Me and You Know Me'. The 55-year-old, who died at his home on June 1 after suffering a major haemorrhage as a result of his long-term excessive drinking, was one of the first pupils to attend the school, which was built on croft land donated by his grandfather.

Brian McBride, a friend of Mr Kennedy's offered a eulogy after Communion and recounted tales



SOLEMN PROCESSION: Moira Robertson of Lochaber pipe band pipes the hearse away from St John's church



PAYING THEIR RESPECTS: crowds gathered outside to listen to the funeral service

of his childhood in the Highlands, playing on the family croft with his siblings and cousins.

He went on to tell the congregation of his friend's teenage success in debating, from his time at Lochaber high school and the University of Glasgow.

He added: 'I knew from the first time I met Charles that he was very special. My early memories were that he was very bright and diligent and he was universally respected by all. He was very mature, there was no accent or class with Charles, what you saw was what you got and he never, ever, forgot his roots.'

Mr McBride spoke about Mr Kennedy's roles as politician, speaker and twice rector of Glasgow University, and said it came from his 'huge public service ethos': 'Charles did none of these things for the money, he was here to serve. Everything he did, every challenge he faced, was not about him, it was always for the benefit of other people.'

'I doubt I will ever see his like again. He was one of the few public people who walked this earth and didn't have a single enemy.'

'He was described as one of us and to everyone in this church, this town, this constituency, Glasgow, Scotland and throughout the UK, I think that is exactly what you were, Charles, one of us.'

Father Roddy McAuley of St John's provided the homily and began with calling Mr Kennedy 'a humble man'.

He said: 'Charles Kennedy was a humble man. When Charles' parents died and he said a few words in the church, he wouldn't come up here to the lectern, but insisted on speaking outside the sanctuary, from the floor.'

'In this church, Charles was one of the 'backbenchers'. He didn't always sit in the same pew, but he always sat at the back of the church.'

'There's a thoughtful reflection by William Barclay which states, 'O Father, give us the humility which realises its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognises its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke.'

'Help us always to praise rather than to criticise, to sympathise rather than to condemn, to encourage rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst.'

'We accept and acknowledge a person's giftedness and Charles



SPECIAL: Charles Kennedy in his role as chief of Glenfinnan Highland gathering

**“ I knew from the first time I met Charles that he was very special... and he never, ever, forgot his roots ”**

Brian McBride  
friend of Charles Kennedy

giftedness was devoted to and shared with the community.'

Father McAuley went on to talk about Mr Kennedy's parents, Mary and Ian, and said he had inherited their 'humility', along with his siblings, Isobel and Ian.

He ended the homily: 'There have been beautiful tributes paid to Charles especially over the past week or so. Something we might add is the importance of Charles' faith to him.'

'He was a much loved and respected parishioner of St John's and he will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.'

The recessional hymn was 'How Great Thou Art' and there was hardly a dry eye in the church when the coffin was carried outside to pipe and fiddle music, in tribute to Mr Kennedy's parents, who played fiddle and organ at the church for more than 40 years.

## Lochaber and Skye councillors take over senior roles at Highland council

LOCHABER and Skye councillors have been picked to take on senior roles in the new Highland council administration.

A special meeting was held on Friday (June 11) to form the new group, with the Independent party forming a minority administration.

This comes after the Liberal Democrats removed themselves from the previous

coalition they shared with the SNP and Labour councillors.

Caol and Mallaig Independent councillor, Allan Henderson, has been appointed as the chairman of the community services committee, while Skye member and party colleague, Hamish Fraser, will head the community safety, public engagement and equalities committee.

Highland Alliance councillor,

Drew Millar, also of Skye, was named chairman of the education, children and adult services committee.

Margaret Davidson, new leader of Highland council, said: 'We are on the brink of an exciting time for the Highlands.'

'We are an Independent administration and while we may be a minority administration, this is not

unusual across Scotland. Our aim is to work collaboratively with other members to achieve the best outcomes for the Highlands.'

'Those who know me will know that I will do my very best to promote the interests of the Highlands and I am committed to leading an administration that serves our communities and delivers real local power across the region.'

## Pupils' fond farewell to teacher

A TEACHER who has educated the children of Lochaber for more than 40 years, was presented with gifts this week as she prepares for retirement at the end of the month.

Mairi MacColl spent the final four years of her career at Banavie nursery, but has worked in schools and nurseries in Caol, Lochaline and Upper Achintore.

Mrs MacColl was given flowers, a vase and a hand-made card by pupils of Banavie nursery on Monday.

She said: 'I have mixed feelings about retirement. I'm looking forward to having more free time, but I'm really going to miss the children. I'm sure I won't be a stranger though.'

'I'd like to pop in to read stories now and again.'

Mrs MacColl plans to use her free time to help her daughter arrange her wedding.



WE'LL MISS YOU TOO: Mrs MacColl will retire this month after 42 years of teaching. Her pupils at Banavie nursery presented her with gifts and a special hand-made card. 'I'm really going to miss the children,' she said

## Partnership spotlight on district progress

CULTURE and leisure services will be in the spotlight at the next Lochaber district partnership meeting.

Ian Murray, chief executive of Highlife Highland, will give a presentation on the on-going work in the area at the council chambers, Lochaber house, on Tuesday, June 30.

Progress on the Lochaber community development plan will also be discussed at the meeting, which starts at 1.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend and will be asked to comment on these issues.

## Rail group gets on track at meeting

THE FIRST meeting of the newly-formed West Highland community rail partnership will be held next weekend.

Members hope the group can bring together local people and service providers to ensure the best possible provision can be offered.

The meeting, on Saturday June 27, will be held at the Alexandra hotel and a public meeting will follow at 2pm. Transport groups, Highland council and local business owners, will all be represented in the partnership.

## Trust on lookout for scenic photographs

PHOTOS from scenic locations in south Lochaber are being sought for a calendar displaying the best the area has to offer.

Every year hundreds of calendars featuring stunning landscapes in and around Kinlochleven are printed by the village community trust and proceeds are used to fund projects in the area.

To submit a photo to be considered for the 2016 calendar, pick up an entry form from Kinlochleven community trust or email jayne.wilkinson@kinlochleven.co.uk

## TIMESLINE

### A82 returns to two lanes at Glen Gloy

TWO-WAY traffic has been restored to a section of Lochaber's trunk road.

The A82 at Glen Gloy, near Spean Bridge, has been realigned away from the river gorge and two bends removed to improve driving conditions.

This follows damage caused to the riverbank supporting the stretch of road during a landslide in 2011.

Scottish transport minister Derek Mackay said: 'The Scottish government has made a clear commitment to the north west by implementing this important scheme which helps improve transport infrastructure in the area.'

'The removal of temporary traffic signals has restored journey time reliability and we have also taken the opportunity to improve driving conditions by widening the carriageway and taking away two of the bends through this section of the road.'

'A huge thanks has to go to the communities along the route for their patience while work has been ongoing. I hope they are pleased with the long-term benefits this will bring to this lifeline route.'

### Hot tub damaged in village garden

POLICE in Lochaber are appealing for information about the following crimes:

Sometime between midnight and 1.30am on Tuesday June 9, an inflatable hot tub in the garden of a Kinlochleven house was damaged.

Cigarettes were stolen from a Fort William house late afternoon on Thursday June 11. Police are encouraging the public to ensure their properties are secure at all times and to look out for anyone acting suspiciously.

Anyone with information about these incidents should contact the police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously by phone on 0800 555111 or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### Music school's fun day and concert

LOCHABER music school's annual family fun day and concert will be held this Sunday, June 21.

Many of the group's 50 pre school students will be showing off what they have learned at the event in Kilmallie hall from 2.30pm, as well as performances from talented older pupils. After the concert there will be a bouncy castle, a barbecue, face painting, a treasure hunt and a raffle.

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# If you want Ganavan, you can have it, says councillor

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GANAVAN Beach was offered to the community by Oban's leading councillor, saying, 'If you can run it better than we can, then you should have it.'

In the dramatic statement made last Wednesday at Oban's area committee, councillor Roddy McCuish said he was keen to give the community what they wanted, and if they wanted Ganavan then he was sure 'they could have it.'

Parking charges at the popular Oban beach have come under fire from a campaign led by Doreen MacLeod, after it was

revealed the beauty spot was given to Oban town council in 1927 for £1,800, payable over 20 years.

Original documents prepared in 1927, and shown to the *Oban Times* this week, state the area was to be used as a public park.

The legal papers state that 'free of any charge', the area should be 'for seaweed collection' and furthermore for a 'public park and pleasure ground or place of public resort or recreation... for the inhabitants of Oban...and their visitors...'

An action group now wants to reclaim that right - saying parking charges should be cancelled instantly and investment should be made in the area. Doreen MacLeod, a carer from Oban,

started a campaign to scrap charges, partly in memory of her husband Duncan, who enjoyed the beach 'every day of his life'.

Mrs MacLeod presented the area committee with a petition of 1,000 signatures asking the council to ban the charges. She was joined by Margaret Copper, an Oban businesswoman, who believes the area should be given back to the people of the town.

And Margaret is backing Doreen's campaign.

She said: 'This women has been working on something she believes in passionately. Like most people, we have just talked about wanting the area to be free to park.'

After the meeting Margaret

continued: 'People can see the possibilities of Ganavan becoming a place of recreation. But at the moment it is very untidy, there is rubbish all over the place, dog fouling is a problem and frankly people are being given parking fines when there are no parking bays.'

Area committee chairman Roddy McCuish, would not commit to losing the £3,000 raised from parking fees at the beauty spot, but said: 'If the people of Oban are passionate about Ganavan then let's give the people of Oban Ganavan back.'

'Community groups in the town are taking over things like Atlantis and Rockfield, so why don't we give the people the opportunity to take over the area.'

'The council certainly doesn't have any money to invest in the area at the moment. But a community group with the level of passion that is being shown might have. I say good luck to them. Make us an offer.'

But Doreen said: 'You are soft soaping us Mr McCuish. The land belongs to the people - you need to remove the parking charges.'

'At the moment we are asking for free parking, not to take over the whole area. That is your responsibility.'

● A parking protest will take place at Ganavan beach on Saturday, June 20 at 2pm to show support for the campaign to make Ganavan parking free.



BACKING THE CAMPAIGN: Margaret Cooper 16\_t25ganavan2



BRIGHT PUPILS: schoolchildren enjoy the sunshine at Ganavan Sands last week 16\_t25ganavan9

## Town-wide consultation on parking charges

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PARKING is set to drive people crazy as councillors set their sights on charging for the free spaces in Oban.

At a meeting of Argyll and

Bute council's Oban, Lorn and the Isles area committee last Wednesday, members said they needed to look seriously at car parking and the strain it is putting on the town.

The committee has now agreed to have a town-wide consultation.

Under review is on-street charging in 15 minute increments, rather than by the hour.

And charges were being considered at the busy car parks at Lochavullin and Atlantis Leisure, where drivers are allowed to park free of charge for 24 hours.

It was suggested that charges could be imposed at these sites after four hours free parking.

On Mull there are plans to charge for off-street car parks in Tobermory and Fionnphort.

District nurses will be issued with free parking permits. All

eight local councillors are entitled to free parking.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, chairman of the committee said: 'We are trying to improve the area for residents and visitors; these proposals represent what we think is, within reason, a fair

reflection of what people want.'

'We want to limit the Atlantis Leisure and Lochavullin car parks to restrict medium to long term parking, creating a good turnover of spaces, rather than people leaving their cars there all day while they are at work.'

### TIMESLINE

#### Jobs under threat at fish net station

FIVE crucial jobs in a remote area of the west coast are under threat.

Scottish Sea Farms (SSF) has confirmed other positions will be available to staff members after a consultation on redundancy was discussed with staff at a long established salmon net station at Lochaline, on the Ardnamurchan peninsula.

A spokeswoman for SSF said: 'Where possible, staff will be redeployed into other roles on the island and in the local area.'

#### Inn with a shout over re-opening

THE historic B-listed Oban Inn on the town's waterfront, which has been closed since 2008, is due to reopen.

Argyll businessman, Calum MacLachlainn of Macgcochans in Mull, plans to reopen the inn as a pub and a Scottish restaurant.

He said: 'We are in the final stages of legal negotiations, but we hope that matters will be resolved shortly.'

#### Watching brief for potential winners

OBAN Specsavers is on the lookout for the potential 2015 spectacle wearer of the year.

The George Street store staff will be in town on Monday 22 and Wednesday 24 June, with cameras and entry forms for the award ceremony later this year.

#### Street-wise Niall unearths records

OLD documents have confirmed that Stafford Street in Oban was originally known as George Square.

Oban Times reader, Niall Barber, found drawings from 1868 confirming the historic place name.

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## Mobiles on hold as pupils engage in no phone trial

'PHONE-free Wednesday' proposed for Oban high school has been put 'on hold' by senior teachers.

Maths pupils have been asked to evaluate the trial ban, before it may be fully implemented. The self-imposed ban was the idea of pupils and was announced on the school's website and Facebook page almost two weeks ago.

A spokeswoman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'Oban high school's new S2 and S3 pupils took part in a 'virtual weight' project to find out how much time they spend online using their mobile phones.'

Leading on from this, working with guidance teachers, the pupils embarked on a pilot project to explore the impact of leaving mobile phones at home or handing them in to the school office to be collected at the end of the school day.

'The pupils chose Wednesday, May 27, and due to the success of the day, repeated the process on Wednesday June 3. Participation was voluntary, parents were advised in advance and staff took part, too.'

Councillor Rory Colville, education spokesman for the council, said: 'It is second nature to many of us to take our mobile phone with us wherever we go. I do it myself.'

'The phone-free day suggested and planned by the pupils as part of their project work, encouraged much more face-to-face communication between the pupils at break times, emphasising the importance of body language, facial expressions and language in developing their communication skills.'

'The project received some very positive feedback from pupils, staff and parents.'

The results of the experiment will be considered in future discussions as to whether or not the pupil led phone-free day project will continue.

## NHS rebuked for £2.5M overspend

POOR leadership and complacent budget control contributed to NHS Highland over-spending £2.5 million in 2013/14, a Scottish parliamentary committee found on Tuesday.

NHS Highland had to borrow £2.5 million from the Scottish government to break even that year.

The report - 'NHS Highland 2013-14: Financial Management' - follows evidence gathered from the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS), Audit Scotland, the Scottish government and NHS Highland - who provided evidence on two separate occasions.

Public Audit committee convener, Paul Martin MSP, said: 'Without brokerage (a loan) there could have been serious repercussions for patients.'

'The lack of transparency about the need to seek brokerage meant there was little opportunity for the public and staff to understand early on why brokerage was being sought and the potential impact on services of paying it back over three years.'

NHS Highland chair, Garry Coult, said: 'We have already acted to address the concerns the committee has raised, both in its latest report and previously.'

# Public's back seat view as cash runs out for Oban's open space

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SEATING at Stafford Street's pedestrianised area will be shared between the public and private business because the cash-strapped local authority can't afford to pay for tables and chairs.

The £600,000 project has so far brought stones from China and workers from Glasgow, but there has been no money laid aside by Argyll and Bute council to provide seating.

Businesses on Oban's Stafford Street are now in a 'free for all' over the issue. Many of the traders said they had been given the impression that tables and chairs would be purchased by the local authority - but were then told there was no money to buy them.

Julie MacKenzie, a community councillor, demanded to know if the public would be welcome in the new plaza area.

At the last meeting of Oban community council, Ms MacKenzie was given a guarantee that the seating purchased by the council would be for the public. But seating and tables bought by businesses would only be available for their customers.

The public will only have access in the areas surrounding



WATCHING BRIEF: workers were busy putting the last touches to the Stafford Street space

the private tables and chairs. This means those in the 'free seats' will need to crane their necks to look over those in the 'paid seats' to get a view of the seafront.

The area will host a free wifi space and coloured LED lighting to complement the illuminated McCaig's Tower.

The businesses, including Kronks, The Little Bay Café, The Whisky Shop, the Pokey Hat and the recently let Oban Inn, will all be entitled to space

and an outdoor café culture licence that will be 'free for the first year.'

Business owners had a mixed reaction to having to provide their own seating, as many had hoped the area would be open to everyone.

Alex MacKenzie, owner of The Pokey Hat, said: 'This should be a space for everybody and people should be able to bring their flask of tea and a sandwich from home to sit out and enjoy the view.'

'But what will happen is that people will sit here and be looking over the other businesses' tables.' Kronks sandwich shop owner, Irene MacKinnon, said: 'It would have been better if the council had bought the tables and chairs as they had promised. Then everyone could have shared them.'

'But what has happened is that a few weeks before the place is meant to open, we have been told to buy our own tables and chairs.'

'The area should be for everyone in the town.' Robert McKay at The Little Bay Café has already ordered his tables and yellow padded chairs, from Hong Kong and is planning a new canopy from Benderloch's Owen Sails.

Mr McKay said: 'I have been given planning permission for four tables outside my business. I have to block the area off and tables and chairs need to be back inside the building by 9pm.'

'I am planning to have my chairs out by Thursday (today) as that is when we've been told the area will be open to the public.'

But a council spokesman said: 'Stafford Street will remain as a public space. The council encourages businesses to provide outdoor furniture to encourage the development of a café culture in our towns, however, the purchase of tables and chairs is a matter for them.'

'These businesses must address a number of issues, the most pertinent here being that of public safety.'

'Public realm areas are also public thoroughfares and, as such, the safety of all users must be considered.'

'There is already provision for public seating within the design.'

## Ferry worker Julie's voyage of discovery

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AUTHOR Julie Clarke's heart will always be in her beloved Coll, but her new book could attract her to the bright lights of London.

She said: 'I'm toying with what to do because there are so many things calling me at the moment. I would like to go out and do a bit more before I get too old, as a woman, which I haven't been able to do in the past.'

'London does that for me. I'd like to get back into the music scene there, which I really enjoy. I don't want to be stuck on Coll for the rest of my life, but go out there and do different things.'

'I want to show off my new me to the rest of the world and there is no better place to do that than London. It ticks a lot of boxes for me: the wine bars and music venues. I just feel I need a bit more.'

Having lived in Coll for 20 years, Clarke readily admitted it would be a wrench to leave, but she yearned to see a bit of life in the faster lane.

'Coll is beautiful, but I want to meet more people, which is difficult on an island with just 250. It is tranquil, which is

great at times, but I need more inspiration.'

Clarke insisted the reaction to her book has been truly astounding as she says society continues to change, but in the right direction.



NEW CHAPTER: author Julie Clarke outside Oban ferry terminal 15\_125julieclarmac01

'I have had nothing but very positive things come out of the book,' she said.

She continued: 'Nobody bats an eyelid nowadays, which shows how far we have come. I'm very content with my life

and I have found myself, the real me. The book has been incredibly cathartic in that respect. I am a lot more confident in myself and maybe that's why I would like to see something different of the world.'

A 38-year-old man was arrested after allegedly shoplifting from Tesco supermarket in Oban. Police arrived at around 8pm on Saturday, June 13, after the man was detained by store security staff, having allegedly attempted to steal alcohol and clothing. A report has been sent to the procurator fiscal for further investigation.

## ISLAY EXPANSION PLAN OBJECTION 'Lives at risk' over distillery scheme

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AN ISLAY resident has claimed that people could be killed if controversial expansion plans at the Bruichladdich distillery go ahead.

Douglas Tott, 61, who lives at Stonayburn on the A847, is one of several objectors to the building of six new warehouses, which is subject to a planning hearing at Bruichladdich village hall on June 29.

Mr Tott's house is approximately a quarter of a mile south of the proposed development site.

Now retired, he has lived with his wife Isobel on Islay since 2005.

He said: 'At present, one HGV a week passes my house, but according to the planning application, there will be a minimum of 100 HGV movements during the construction stage of the foundations and erection of the first set of warehouses.'

'That means 200 HGVs will pass our house as there is only

one road in and out of the proposed site. I've measured the road and it is only just over five metres wide.'

'All year round, locals and visitors walk along the side of the A847 between the youth hostel, Port Charlotte and Bruichladdich as there is no footpath, with most of them intending to visit Bruichladdich distillery.'

'If this planning application is passed, locals and visitors will take their lives in their hands as they walk along the road.'

'It will only be a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed.'

Isobel added: 'The fumes from the maturation of the whisky coats buildings with a black fungi, and I think that will be the case with our house.'

'These buildings should be constructed well away from human habitation.'

Other objections regarding the plans, listed on Argyll and Bute council's planning website, include the scale, height, and location of the buildings. Objectors also say the proposed white finish, although in keeping with the main distillery, will be too bright.



A spokesman for Bruichladdich distillery said: 'The proposed new warehouse project that will come before the planning committee meeting to be convened in our local village hall on June 29 is a very positive development.'

'It is indicative of the long-term strategic commitment of Bruichladdich distillery to the economy and environment of Is-

lay, to our workforce and the wider community. We have carefully considered all representations made to us and look forward to presenting our case for the development at the meeting.'

A spokesman for Argyll and Bute council said: 'There will be a discretionary hearing on the island on June 29, which will allow any issues to be discussed and considered by members. Members will also be carrying out a site visit to assess the material planning considerations.'

## Lets talk rather than posture, says McCuish

THE first ever meeting of the People's council has been heralded a 'huge success' by one of the event's organisers.

More than 150 people met at the Corran Halls on June 6 to discuss local government issues. Speakers included MSP for

Argyll and Bute, Michael Russell, and MSP for Highlands and Islands, John Finnie.

Stacey Felgate, 29, from Oban, and one of the organisers, said: 'This gave people a chance to learn about, and take a stand against, what are seen as the failings locally

and nationally in how local government operates.'

'The People's council is demanding Argyll and Bute council halt the ongoing secretive budget discussions, and undertake a more legitimate process, and on a national level will lobby all parties to

include robust policies on local democracy reform.'

Oban-based councillor, Roddy McCuish, said: 'I'm absolutely delighted that people are taking the initiative to address what they perceive to be an imbalance in democracy. I fully believe the more

people involved in democracy, the better.'

'However, I would prefer if people would initiate dialogue, rather than issue demands. I'm willing to meet anyone to discuss these matters, and look forward to positive dialogue in the future.'

## TIMESLINE

### Parted brothers reunited safely

OBAN Mountain Rescue and the police were called out on Saturday, after two brothers became separated as they descended a mountain near Loch Awe.

Joseph and John Gordon, from Glasgow, had become separated after making their way to the top of Stob Diahm mountain.

Joseph contacted Police Scotland when he reached the bottom of the peak after becoming concerned for his brother's whereabouts.

It transpired John had injured his arm, but had descended the mountain safely, albeit slower than expected.

After being examined by paramedics, the pair left the area safely.

### Thief gets on bike to steal £750 cycle

POLICE are appealing for information after a bicycle worth more than £700 was stolen in Oban.

The bike - a red, white and blue-coloured Carrera Carlen - was taken from the common close of 8 Longsdale Terrace some time between 5pm on Saturday, June 13 and 10am on Sunday, June 14.

It is understood the cycle, worth around £750, was not secured in the stairwell at the time of the theft.

Anyone with information should contact PC Sutherland at Oban Police Station on 101.

### Driver crosses the line of road safety

A DRIVER has been reported to the procurator fiscal for two alleged motoring offences.

Traffic officers witnessed a 63-year-old woman overtaking another vehicle, crossing solid white lines while performing the manoeuvre on the A82 near the Bridge of Orchy at around 11.15 am on Saturday, June 13.

The woman was also recorded travelling at 76mph in a 60mph zone.

### Shoplifter charged over store incident

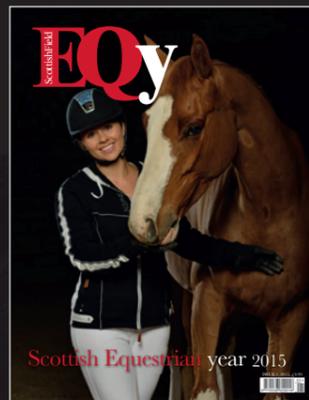
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FUNDRAISERS: Steve Docherty, centre, with the Lochaber boxers who stepped in the ring to raise money for his life saving operation

## Boxers step in to help raise cash for coach's lifesaving operation

LOCHABER Phoenix boxers stepped into the ring this weekend to raise money to fund a lifesaving operation for club official Steve Docherty.

At the Ben Nevis hotel on Sunday, in what was the club's final show of the season, enough money was raised to help Mr Docherty pay for a gastric band.

Combining pad work exhibitions, skills bouts, exhibitions and fully

fledged boxing contests, 12 of the club's boxers took part along with visitors from Edinburgh, Lanarkshire, Elgin and Dunfermline.

Robert MacDonald, 14, was named best local boxer of the day after his bout with Midlothian's James Hutchison, fighting off Hutchison's aggression with clever movement and quality punch picking.

Kevin Aitchison, 15, was another

Phoenix winner after his powerful punches in the opening two rounds had put him so far ahead the fact he faded in the last against Shire's Nathan Harkins was enough to see him through by decision.

Top of the bill was 17-year-old Lee Bruce who engaged in a very physical contest with Elgin's Elliot Lees when the Elgin boxer looked to tie up Bruce every time the local boxer got into close

range. When the bout was fought at long range Lees was the boss but up close was Bruce's domain. After three demanding rounds Lees pipped the local boxer by split decision.

At the end of the show Mr Docherty said: 'Regarding our boxers we could not have asked more from them as regards effort. Everybody at the club is proud of how our boxers conducted themselves today and we are really excited about

### Boxing

what next season holds.

'On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in even the smallest possible way towards my operation which should enable me to have a quality of life that I have not enjoyed in years. This is going to be truly life changing for me.'

## Ardnamurchan high school wins schools league shield

ARDNAMURCHAN high school were the winners of the Highland schools girls shinty league shield, which returned after a five-year break.

Teams from high schools across the region took part in a round robin tournament before the final event in Lochaber last week.

The Ardnamurchan girls picked up the shield after winning 3-0 against Lochaber B in the final.

Lochaber A also made it to a final as they faced Kingussie in

### Girls shinty

the cup final, but lost 2-0 to the visitors.

Teams from Kinlochleven, Portree and Plockton also took part in the league but some couldn't make it to the final tournament.

Organisers from High Life Highland thanked all the helpers who allowed them to bring the tournament back after the long absence.



SHINTY GIRLS: teams from across the Highlands took part in the tournament, which was held this year for the first time in five years 20\_125shinty02

## Charity shinty match raises £2,000 for Alzheimer Scotland

FORMER shinty camanachd cup winners and international stars raised more than £2,000 during a charity game.

Veterans in the sport joined forces at Caberfeidh in aid of Alzheimer Scotland and the star of the match was undoubtedly

Ian Bartlett, former home team player who took to the pitch at the remarkable age of 75.

Caberfeidh fielded a team to take on the 'rest of the world veterans', including Lochaber's Ally Ferguson and Willie MacDonald, as well as John Mackenzie of

Newtonmore, David Anderson of Kingussie and Ian Fraser of Kinlochshiel.

The match ended in a 2-1 win for rest of the world and match organiser, Andrew McMaster of Caberfeidh, said: 'We are delighted with the response from

the local shinty community to our veterans match on Saturday evening. The game was played in great spirit and no quarter was asked or given, as you would have expected from all the players on show.'

'The select showed their class

knocking the ball about with ease however our own boys more than stuck to the task and we were unfortunate not to come away with a draw. There were a couple of aches, pains & strains during and after the match but fortunately we were no burden to

the local NHS as had been highly anticipated.

'We must send a massive thank you to everyone involved in making the event such a success and for raising such a tremendous amount of money for such a worthwhile cause.'



FUNDRAISERS: Shinty veterans joined forces for a charity match and raised more than £2,000 for Alzheimer Scotland. Caberfeidh are in blue and the Rest of the World veterans are in red

## United we stand Welfare football

CAOL United retained their place at the top of the Marine Harvest welfare league after two victories in the sixth week of games. Thrashing Ballachulish 7-1 and Lochaber 6-1 last week put the team six points clear of second-place Mallaig with a game in hand.

Lundavra climbed to third place after beating Nevis Range 2-1 and Ballachulish claimed three points thanks to an 8-3 win against the Volley.

This week, Lochaber were scheduled for two league games, against Lundavra on Monday and Nevis Range tomorrow (Friday), whilst Nevis Range and the Volley were due to play on Tuesday night.

Ballachulish and Caol United were set to battle it out for a place in the final of the John Bair memorial cup last night (Wednesday) and Mallaig and Lundavra will play their cup semi final tonight. The final will take place next Friday (June 26) at Lochaber high school.

Next week's league games: Mallaig v Ballachulish Tuesday June 23, Caol United v Nevis Range, Wednesday June 24, Lochaber v the Volley, Thursday June 25.

League table as of June 15

	P	Pts
Caol United	6	18
Mallaig	5	12
Lundavra	6	12
Lochaber	5	9
Ballachulish	6	6
The Volley	5	3
Nevis Range	7	0

## Martin checks out Darts

MARTYN Cameron defeated Darren Sutherland four-nil in the final of the Tradewinds round-robin tournament.

Semi finalists were John Matheson and Paul Shearer and the best leg of the night was a 14-dart leg from Cameron. The consolation final was won by John Wood who defeated David Neil.

This marked the end of the 10-week league, over the course of which 32 180s were scored and 16 finishes of more than 100 were achieved, the best being 161 by Cameron.

## Old Firm match Welfare football

THE OLD firm is coming to Fort William this weekend as part of a fundraiser for football in the area.

Marine Harvest welfare league papers will don blue and green to make up Rangers and Celtic teams this Sunday to raise money for the league. An over 35s old firm league will also take place, along with children's football.

## Fundraiser Cycling

ENTRY is open for this year's Lochaber 100 cycling fundraiser, to be held on August 15.

The 100-mile clockwise route takes in some of the area's most spectacular scenery, on the Ardnamurchan peninsula as well as the mainland, in aid of Christian relief charity Tearfund and Fort William baptist church.

This year, the annual event has been expanded to include a separate 100km route, taking in the shore of Loch Eil and the west side of Loch Linnhe.

For more information or sponsor forms see www.tearfundcycling.btek.co.uk/Lochaber/100.

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**TIDAL INFORMATION**  
Tide tables for Oban during the week from Thursday, June 18, 2015 are listed below with differences for major ports listed on the right. All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	pm	Ardrihaig	Mallaig
Thur	00.52 0.9 06.40 3.8 12.54 0.8 18.47 3.9	-5.35	+0.25	
Fri	01.34 1.0 07.17 3.7 13.34 0.8 19.24 3.8	-5.30	+0.55	
Sat	02.14 1.2 07.54 3.6 14.13 1.0 20.01 3.7	-0.47	+0.16	
Sun	02.54 1.3 08.31 3.4 14.53 1.1 20.39 3.6	2.00	+5.30	
Mon	03.35 1.5 09.10 3.3 15.35 1.3 21.18 3.4			
Tues	04.20 1.7 09.54 3.1 16.19 1.5 22.01 3.3			
Wed	05.10 1.8 10.47 3.0 17.08 1.6 22.53 3.1			

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

**WEATHER**

**Thursday** Cloudy  
Winds moderate westerly  
Temperatures 10°C to 12°C.

**Friday** Cloudy with light rain showers  
Winds light west south westerly  
Temperatures 9°C to 12°C.

**Weekend Outlook** Light rain on Saturday  
Cloudy on Sunday  
Winds light westerly  
Temperatures 10°C to 13°C.

**FRIDAY**