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# Oban hotels could be back soon

## Argyll Hotel and Oban Inn take positive steps forward

TWO OF Oban's most prominent former businesses, the Argyll Hotel and the Oban Inn, could be trading again within the coming months.

Restaurateur Alan MacLeod said he hopes to start construction this year on the new Argyll Hotel after an amendment to the 63-bed accommodation was approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

Meanwhile, Mull businessman Calum MacLachlainn is the preferred bidder for the Oban Inn and hopes final negotiations with owner, the Spirit Pub Company, conclude this summer. The earliest a licence application could be considered is September.

Some renovation work is taking place inside the pub, which closed in 2008, including further improvements to the rear door deemed essential for disabled access.

The businessmen both say some hurdles remain, but hope tangible progress will be seen by the end of the year.

**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** by STEVEN FLANAGAN sflanagan@obantimes.co.uk

Speaking to *The Oban Times*, Mr MacLeod said negotiations regarding access points at the rear of the new Argyll Hotel had held up progress, but he hoped negotiations with two property owners could be resolved soon.

"That's the only thing that's holding things up now. It is frustrating but we just have to tell people the truth," he said.

"We haven't got a building warrant yet but there's no point applying for it if we don't have access. We do hope to start work this year." The alterations to the Argyll Hotel plan include a slight reduction in footprint, alterations to the position of windows and doors, an inset main entrance to incorporate a disabled ac-

cess ramp and to enhance the entryway and the omission of a glazed caretaker's extension on the roof. A kitchen extract flue has also been repositioned.

Speaking of his possible move into the Oban Inn, Mr MacLachlainn said: "Everyone wants to move on with it. I'm the preferred bidder but I haven't yet given much thought to what to do with it. It probably will be a traditional pub."

"Trading is exceedingly tough just now and growing a new business in challenging times is difficult."

"However, the Oban Inn being shut is affecting Oban and, whatever we do, it will be an improvement for the whole town."

The Argyll Hotel was closed for several years before it was demolished at the start of 2012. Once attached to the Oban Inn, the businesses made the corner of the Corran Esplanade and Stafford Street one of the busiest spots in the town.



Helen of Troy, played by Hannah Teape, is protected by Achilles - also known as Daniel Baird, left - and Spartan warrior Sorley Inall.

## Greek legend comes to Taynuilt Primary School

ACHILLES, Helen of Troy and Hector were on stage at Taynuilt Primary School this week - as the P5-7 pupils put on their own version of Troy Story.

Teachers Mike Skelton and Ellen Carlton

guided pupils through Greek history and legend, with the play the culmination of a term of work on the subject. As well as creating costumes and props, the pupils even put their own musical spin on the

production.

The school's pupils were given a sneak preview on Monday, before parents and the public got their chance to see the budding actors in action the following two nights.

## Oban beauty spot 'absolutely destroyed'

ONE OF Oban's oldest beauty spots has been 'absolutely destroyed' by Scottish Water, according to councillors and neighbours of the once-vibrant Polvinster Reservoir.

May Tosh and Maime Morrison, together with local councillor Roddy McCuish, have watched in horror as the pond, which was once several feet deep and home to fish, ducks, and swans, was reduced to a puddle. Scottish Water said the pond's depth had to be reduced

after the outflow that regulated the height of the pond failed - causing a flood risk to homes in Glencruitten - and in 2009 applied for permission to landscape the ground, and install a new outflow.

Residents including May and Maime were shown images of how the landscaped pond would look prior to the work - but they've been left devastated with the condition Scottish Water has since left the former beauty spot.

May said: "There's nothing there now but a puddle of stagnant water. The wildlife has disappeared and it's an eyesore now. We've tried and tried with Scottish Water but they ignore us. We're not asking a lot; just to raise the water level a little."

Old tyres, rusty metal and broken pipes litter the site, with half-buried traffic cones and plastic sheets visible throughout the site. Councillor McCuish described the work as 'environmental vandalism', adding: "This was once one of Oban's most spectacular beauty spots. Now it's like an environmental disaster."

A spokesman for Scottish Water said: "The project has delivered according to what was agreed with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the planning department of Argyll and Bute Council."

"We will continue to work with the local community regarding additional landscaping in the area."

## £1.3m Dunollie Castle works gets underway

THE BEGINNING of a £1.3m refurbishment of Dunollie Castle is underway - but workmen have been warned to watch out for spiders.

Rare European cave spiders (Meta minardi) have been found within the castle walls and Dunollie Trust has pledged to protect their habitat during the works, which could last up to seven years.

The project will be the first major repair works for almost

50 years at the castle, which is so unstable, access has had to be restricted.

However, the castle will not close during the works.

Ivy, which is such a trademark of the castle, is wrenching out large stones, some of which have fallen directly onto the path up from the main road. In addition stones have fallen off the top of walls, and some window lintels are dangerously under-supported.

## Argyll and Bute Council uncertainty may remain until August meeting

UNCERTAINTY over the running of Argyll and Bute Council could be set to continue into August.

**Political management review** The Argyll and Bute for Change group has submitted a motion to be considered at this week's meeting of the full council, proposing that all senior political positions, with the exception of the provost and deputy provost, are removed. In the interim, a group of nine

councillors would then be put in place to work with senior council officers to take forward a review of the political management structure of the council, with a report to be brought back to a special council meeting in August.

The group is proposing to change the structure of management at the council so lead councillor responsibilities are shared among many members, instead of individuals.

Duncan MacIntyre, Vivien Dance, Dick Walsh, Michael Breslin, Gordon Blair, Iain MacDonald and Dougie Philand will take seven of the positions on the proposed interim model, with two members to be identified when the meeting takes place today (Thursday).

The council has been in a state of flux for months, with infighting and 'greed' blamed for the SNP-led administration collapsing in the spring.

## Islay landmark mast row

AN ISLAY community councillor has hit out at plans to erect an anemometer mast next to an island landmark, ahead of a public hearing later this summer.

Alastair Redman, who runs Portnahaven Post Office, was speaking after Argyll and Bute Council's planning committee deferred a decision on Scottish and Southern Energy Renewables' proposed 60-metre meteorological mast next to the lighthouse on Orsay Island, off Portnahaven. Speaking after the decision last Wednesday, Mr Redman said: "I have seen the plans for this mast, with guy wires coming out from the side, and it looks like an upside down, burnt-out Christmas tree."

"The lighthouse is a symbol for the Rhinns, it is on nearly every postcard in my shop and was on our school jerseys when Portnahaven Primary was still open."

A spokeswoman for SSE Renewables said the mast was vitally important for its proposed Islay Offshore Windfarm but added the company would 'engage' with the local community.

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### Tiree Music Festival sold out

DESPITE boasting its biggest ever capacity, Tiree Music Festival has sold out in record time.

Not only has the festival never sold all of its tickets before July, but capacity was increased from 1,200 last year to 1,500 this year due to growing demand.

It means the island's population will more than double over the two days of this year's event, which welcomes Capercaillie, Roddy Hart and the Lonesome Fire, Skerryvore and Manran.

Festival organiser Daniel Gillespie said: "We are overwhelmed with the demand for tickets this year. Not only is the festival itself so unique, but the setting is so beautiful and it is so nice to know that people will discover more about Tiree while they are here, as well as seeing some incredible artists."

The festival attracts audiences from all over the UK and Europe to enjoy a weekend of great bands alongside the added fun of camping, enjoying watersports, biking and the many galleries that the island has to offer.

As well as increasing the capacity this year, organisers introduced a new family campsite area, have introduced new stalls showcasing local goods and new workshops.

This year's event takes place on July 20-21. For more information, see tireemusicfestival.co.uk.

Kintyre artist Dawnne McGeachy.

### Campbeltown artist wins prestigious Jolomo award

CAMPBELTOWN artist Dawnne McGeachy has further enhanced Campbeltown's image as a hub for artistic talent after winning the prestigious £25,000 Jolomo Bank of Scotland Award.

Glasgow-based Dawnne picked up the award for her diptych of waves after Justine Narot, a pupil at Campbeltown Grammar School, scooped the inaugural Jolomo Schools Award at the start of the month.

Awards founder, John Lowrie Morrison, praised Dawnne's 'beautiful and stunningly expressed paintings of Kintyre waves'.

Dawnne, whose paintings of the waves and fishing boats are inspired by her growing up in Campbeltown where her father was a fisherman, said: "I'm still really quite shocked. I still can't believe I won it. I was so chuffed to be shortlisted that it hadn't even occurred to me I might win. I'm obviously over the moon."

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**Man fined £100 for throwing shoe at woman**

THROWING a shoe at his then-partner during a drunken row has cost a Fort William man £100.

Robert Smith, of 45 Kennedy Road, had been out drinking in the town with the woman when an argument erupted as they walked towards Fassfern Road on their way home on January 8 2012.

Procurator Fiscal Karen Smith told Fort William Sheriff Court Smith started shouting and swearing at the woman, who fell to the ground after some 'pushing and pulling'.

She said: 'One of her shoes came off and Mr Smith picked it up and threw it at her.'

The 24-year-old chef then struggled on the ground with the woman, hitting her on the head.

**MSPs praise chart-topper Fergie**

'CELLIDH King' Fergie MacDonald has won more praise after shocking the music world by topping the iTunes UK world music chart - this time from the nation's politicians.

Caithness, Sutherland and Ross MSP Rob Gibson has lodged a motion in parliament congratulating Fergie and band on reaching number one with his song 'The Shinty Referee'.

Mr Gibson told *The Oban Times*: 'Twenty-six MSPs have signed the motion so far. The Shinty Referee song is good craic and is probably one of the few songs sung about referees that can be broadcast.'

**Defibrillator for Colonsay pier**

LIFESAVING equipment will be sited on Colonsay pier after islanders raised enough money to buy a defibrillator.

At the group's annual ceilidh, Jim McLoughlin, chairman of the Isle of Colonsay Medical Equipment Fund, announced £2,342 had been raised by volunteers.

A large part of this sum was raised by islanders Christine McNeill and Shirley Johnston, who walked the West Highland Way, raising a magnificent £911.

Many businesses in Oban kindly contributed prizes for the raffle and the committee would like to thank them: Aulay's Bar, *The Oban Times*, the Columbia Hotel, The Rowan Tree Hotel, Oban Fish Restaurant, Gordon's Chemist, Bookers, Derek Wilson and MacLennan Motors.

**Court hears incident was 'out of character'**

A BANAVIE man who smashed a window during an argument with his ex-wife has been admonished.

Finlay Taylor, of Aros Cottage, pled guilty to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner outside the house on April 27 after a disagreement about Roisin Taylor's new partner.

Mr Taylor shouted and swore at the woman and struggled with his son before punching the window with his hand, Fort William Sheriff Court heard.

Admonishing the 43-year-old, Sheriff Noel McPartlin said the incident had been 'out of character'.

**Macmillan cancer support service lends an ear**

A NEW service aims to help those in Argyll affected by cancer.

The Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service will run for the next two years at Campbeltown and Rothesay libraries, with the hope the service will eventually run throughout Argyll and Bute.

The drop-ins will complement medical care with trained volunteers hosting 'listening ear' sessions, either with people diagnosed with the disease or family members.

Elsbeth Atkinson, director of Macmillan Cancer Support, said: 'A cancer diagnosis brings with it all sorts of questions and uncertainty for patients, their families and friends.'

'Being able to access information and emotional support at this stressful time is vital.'



A photographer accompanying HMS Gannet on a routine exercise captured the dramatic rescue on film.

**Mother praises 'angels from the sky' for saving baby's life**

THE ARGYLL mother of a 16-week-old baby who was rushed to hospital by the Royal Navy's rescue helicopter has praised the pilots and medical staff on board for saving her baby's life.

Describing the military staff as 'angels from the sky', Strachur mum Rebecca Taylor credits the navy for helping to save her son Max MacRaild, suspected as having meningitis.

Rebecca became worried about her son last week when she found blood in his nappy and when she took him to Strachur

Medical Practice the local GP discovered the tot had gone into acute shock.

'He had a rash that didn't go away when you rolled a glass over it. He wasn't his usual self and he was quite floppy, all the warning signs,' Rebecca said.

Explaining the local GP immediately called the paramedics and Yorkhill Children's Hospital, Rebecca said: 'I heard someone say the air ambulance for Dunoon is in Aberdeen.'

'I was panicking, it was the

worst feeling ever but before I knew it the Royal Navy had arrived.'

HMS Gannet Search and Rescue crew, which was on a routine exercise with a photographer, collected two on-call doctors and went straight to the Loch Fyne village, where Rebecca, baby Max and her partner Neil MacRaild were waiting at the shinty pitch.

Rebecca added: 'From the pilots to the doctors everyone was so calm and reassuring; there was this aura about them.

They were like angels from heaven, they were amazing. I would love to thank them all personally, they definitely saved his life.'

'I'm so grateful that he is still with us.'

She added: 'The GP in Strachur did an amazing job with Max. She went above and beyond what GPs normally do.'

Young Max has made a full recovery and is now back at home with his mum, dad and sister Kayci, blissfully unaware of his dramatic dash to hospital.

**Six West of Scotland businesses make green tourism awards short list**

A HOST of tourism businesses from the west of Scotland have been nominated to receive a 'green' award.

The Green Tourism Business Scheme honours Britain's most environmentally friendly businesses at a national awards ceremony in Bristol.

The shortlist of contenders, whittled down from 2,400 entrants, has been released and includes six from the west of Scotland.

Seaview Bed and Breakfast, run by Jane and John Noddings, in Fionnphort, Mull, has been nominated alongside Signal Rock Cottage Bed and Breakfast in Ballachulish for best B&B.

The Isle Of Eriska Hotel, near Oban, is in the running for best hotel while Glencoe Cottages is up for best self catering accommodation.

Nevis Range in Fort William is up for best visitor attraction and VisitScotland's Portree information centre on the Isle of Skye has been nominated for best tourism information centre.

Now in its third year the annual awards aim to honour those businesses and organisations that have done the most to promote sustainability within the industry by implementing cost-saving practices that help the environment and improve customer services.

Best of the best Andrea Nicholas, director of Green Tourism, said: 'The Gold Star Awards are a recognition of the best of the best in Britain when it comes to creating and maintaining a thriving sustainable tourism industry.'

'A record number of 63 green tourism businesses from across the UK have been shortlisted for the Gold Star Awards this year out of more than 2,400 entries.'

The finalists represent the top three per cent of Green Tourism businesses in the UK.'

Award winners will be announced at the first Green Tourism Conference to be held at the AT-Bristol Science Centre on November 8.

**Community company directors elected**

FOUR people have been elected as directors of Scalladh na Beinne Mòire, the community company which owns South Uist Estate.

Stephen MacAulay and John MacMillan were re-elected with 371 votes and 341 votes, while Neil Campbell and Kate MacDonald were elected to the board for the first time with 309 and 289 votes respectively.

The postal ballot, organised by Electoral Reform Services, attracted a turnout of 70.4 per cent, an increase of two per cent on the previous year.

The four directors' terms run from the close of the 2013 AGM

today (Thursday) until they will be required to stand down in 2015 or 2016 as part of the rolling process which sees all elected directors stand down over any three-year period.

Full results: Number of eligible voters - 808; total number of votes cast - 569; invalid votes - 1. Elected - Stephen MacAulay 371; John MacMillan 341; Neil Campbell 309; Kate MacDonald 289. Not elected - Donald Angus MacInnes 212; Donald John MacAulay 168; Calum MacMillan 162; Archibald MacDonald 91; Angus Archie MacDonald 75.

**Number of children living in poverty in Argyll and Bute below national average**

AROUND 14 per cent of children in Argyll and Bute are living in poverty - but that figure is below the national average.

Statistics released by the End Poverty Campaign revealed Oban North and Lorn was

amongst the best performing regions in the county, with eight per cent of children living below the headline, whilst in Oban South and the isles 13 per cent of children are living in struggling households. The national average

is 20 per cent. The worst affected area in Argyll is Dunoon, where one in five children lives in poverty.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokeswoman confirmed the local authority does not have

a strategy for tackling child poverty. She said: 'We are committed to doing what we can to support families both in terms of increasing employment opportunities in the area and ensuring people know about

**Boss urged to play fair with Corran Ferry prices**

Meeting hears planned changes are unpopular with residents

PLANS to overhaul the fares regime on the Corran Ferry ran into further opposition in the last of five public consultations last week.

And the audience of around 40 at Acharacle Resource Centre on Monday provided Highland Council transport and infrastructure boss Sam MacNaughton with more evidence that his controversial fares shake-up is unpopular with residents.

Speaking after the meeting, Acharacle Community Council chairman Hugh MacPherson summed up local opinion.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'There was a good broad range from the community there, from retired folk to bus operators who depend on the ferry.'

'People realise there is a shortfall, but the ferry is really part of the road network. It is a vital route to the area and should get some level of subsidy from either the council or the government.'

By STEPHEN NORRIS snorris@obantimes.co.uk

'People using the Skye, Erskine and Forth bridges are not paying for the crossing so why should we be disadvantaged?'

Under the proposed regime, a £40 monthly smart card would replace the current 30-journey ticket books, meaning daily commuters' costs would fall to under £1 per crossing - an annual saving of up to £400.

But pensioners and others going to Fort William on weekly trips would pay £3.65 - a 94 per cent increase equating to around £180 per year.

Discounts for hauliers and coaches would also end, raising fears in the community of a loss of tourism business and increased prices for deliveries.

Mr MacPherson said: 'From animal feedstuffs, livestock going to market to any materials coming into the area, everything

is going to be more expensive - and we are paying over the odds as it is.'

'Commercial operators will see a near 100 per cent increase in fares - and that's totally unacceptable. The danger is that if fares are too expensive that could lead to a greater shortfall and a worse position that we are in at the moment because people will boycott the ferry and use the road instead.'

The council says it needs to find an extra £300,000 to cover higher costs. The smaller back-up ferry, the *Maid of Glencoul*, is also nearing the end of her working life.

Mr MacNaughton told *The Oban Times* earlier this month his proposals 'were not set in tablets of stone' and welcomed the 'constructive' public comments. He will submit his report to the TEC services committee on August 12. The consultation ends on July 19.



Jessica Cunningham, Peter Mathieson, Bryony Kirk and Solène Cargill of BigFoot toast their success in Glasgow.

**Mallaig's BigFoot youngsters quick off the mark to double award success**

A GROUP of Mallaig youngsters have picked up two top awards for their innovative business idea at a national competition in Glasgow.

The six Mallaig High School pupils - Peter Mathieson, Bryony Kirk, Jessica Cunningham, Solène Cargill, Morven Cameron and Jessica Baker - formed 'BigFoot' as part of the Young Enterprise project.

In April, the company won the Highlands regional final in Inverness, giving them a ticket to Glasgow to compete against 16 other top young businesses from across the country.

The Lochaber team took second place for marketing category and third for their report.

The company created and sold the children's book 'Max the Monkey and the Choconana Cupcakes' which has proved wildly successful. The book aims to teach young children numeracy and literacy skills and even includes the recipe for the cupcakes.

Bryony, who hopes to study international business at Strathclyde University after the summer, told *The Oban Times*: 'It was a really good experience, everyone really enjoyed themselves. A couple of us plan

to stay in business so it's really helped us. Everyone has been really supportive of us and they seem to like the book. We've still got a few to sell so we'll just keep going for now.'

The product has proved so popular that Highland Council had expressed an interest in taking over the business. Teacher Jamie Cavanagh said: 'The kids did brilliantly, they've done the school really proud. To finish in the top three schools in Scotland is amazing for a school our size.'

'They've worked really hard throughout the year and they've produced a brilliant product.'

**ACHA spends £9.3m in Campbeltown**

ARGYLL Community Housing Association (ACHA) has confirmed that its current capital investment work on site in Campbeltown amounts to £9.3million.

This includes investment in the association's soon-to-be completed new build at Park Square, the modernisation of the cottages at Dalruan and a range of roof and roughcast replacements, heating and re-wires, kitchen and bathroom renewals and new door entry systems. The investment in ACHA's current housing stock is part of its programme of works to bring all of its properties up to the Scottish Housing Quality Standard by November 2015.

The completion of the new housing at Park Square will provide 32 new homes for affordable rent in the town which when added to the 52 completed by the association at New Parliament Place gives a total of 84.

**Man denies punching woman**

A FORT William man is to stand trial accused of punching a woman on her head and body to her injury.

Jake Black, of 1B Loch Linnhe Buildings, pled not guilty assaulting the woman at an address on Kennedy Road on May 1. The 23-year-old also denies destroying property at the house and behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by repeatedly shouting and swearing at the woman. Five prosecution witnesses are due to give evidence at the trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on July 1.

**Admonished after good behaviour**

A CAOL man who admitted grabbing a woman's arms and chest to her injury during an argument has been admonished.

Graham Buchanan, of 5 Patience Way, was found guilty of assaulting the woman at Kenra, Acharacle, after a trial at Fort William Sheriff Court last December.

The incident occurred on October 11.

Sentencing was deferred for good behaviour and after hearing the 42-year-old had not come to police attention since then, Sheriff Noel McPartlin admonished him.

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Visitors to Mull will miss the otter's antics Picture - Nic Davies

## Tobermory Bay loses second 'star' otter

A SECOND celebrity otter from the Isle of Mull has been found dead, leading to calls for islanders to care for the animals more.

A question mark hangs over the death of the otter which took up residence following the death of 'Elvis' the otter, who became a worldwide star.

The otter had been resident for about a year and seemed in reasonable physical shape and had been seen feeding very recently. The body was spotted in the bay by Whalewatch operator Paul Gallagher and retrieved by the harbourmaster.

**Autopsy**

It will be sent to the Scottish Agricultural College in Inverness for a full autopsy, part of a programme of research to examine the health of Mull's otter population.

Nic Davies, coordinator of the Tobermory Otter Fund, completed a dental examination of the dead otter.

He said: 'It was a fairly

gruesome task to examine the animal and get good enough shots of its teeth to compare with earlier photos.

'The otter's dentition was in pretty poor shape towards the end of its life and the decayed and missing teeth made identification relatively easy.'

'Examination showed one of its large upper canines was completely missing, a very recent injury.'

The Tobermory Otter Fund which has just formed the Mull

Otter Group (MOG) whose aim is to help protect all of Mull's otters.

Three possible causes of death have been suggested for the otter: impact by a boat, collision with a car or a fatal interaction with another otter or dog.

MOG chairwoman Jane Stevens said: 'It was really good that someone rang me within an hour of the otter being found so it shows that the Mull Otter Group is working already.'

'It is just sad that one of our

first calls was to the death of an otter which so delighted locals and visitors to Mull.'

Nic added: 'We really need to find out what happened because we're obviously pretty bad at looking after any otter that sets up home here in Tobermory.'

'We care about them, but we don't care for them.'

'We're all hoping that it will be third time lucky because to lose one celebrity otter may be regarded as a misfortune, to lose both seems like carelessness.'

## Lorn topics to be heard in private by Argyll council

THREE items affecting Oban and Lorn will be discussed behind closed doors at this week's meeting of Argyll and Bute Council.

A discussion on the site selection for the new Oban High School has been marked as a restricted item, as has Taynuilt Sports Council's proposal for a cash flow loan for its pavilion project.

The reasons given for the restrictions are that the items involve discussion which could relate to financial or business affairs of any person other than the council and because they could involve discussions regarding negotiations to acquire or dispose of property or supply of goods or services.

A discussion over school transport and the enhanced rail services between Glasgow and Oban will also be held in private, again as it would involve discussion relating to negotiations to buy or sell property or supply of goods or services.

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## Young musician to help charities this weekend

A YOUNG Oban musician who suffers from multiple sclerosis (MS) is organising a fundraising concert this weekend in aid of three charities.

Guy Fortieith and friends will play Ambient Acoustics at the Corran Halls from 7.30pm to raise money for Oban's MS Therapy Centre, The MS Society and the Myelin Repair Foundation.

The 20 year old, who was diagnosed three years ago will be joined on stage by Finlay Wells and Elisa Conway, Lush Puppies, Nikki Aitkenhead and Robert Stinson.

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## Soroba hotel flats plan lodged

PLANS have been submitted to convert four self catering flats in the former Soroba House Hotel complex to permanent residences.

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# Market ignored closure order

### Police charge man after licence row

OBAN'S business community has condemned the continental market that visited Oban after stall holders ignored an order from Argyll and Bute Council to cease trading.

Dunfermline-based Continental Market Ltd was granted a street trader's licence on the basis it would not sell the same produce as established shops in the town and could set up four times between Easter and November this year. The market was open for four days from Thursday to Sunday last week.

But *The Oban Times* has learned the enterprise was issued with an enforcement order by a council officer on Friday instructing the owner to close around half of the stalls as they

did not comply with the licence.

The market's actions have resulted in police charging a man.

*The Oban Times* understands Argyll and Bute Council is also moving for a suspension order on the licence before it is reviewed by the council's planning, protective services and licensing (PPSL) committee. Continental Market Ltd had been due to visit the town between August 21 - 25 and October 30 - November 3.

John Fortieith, chairman of Oban's Business Improvement District, BID4Oban, said the actions of the market had angered the town's business community.

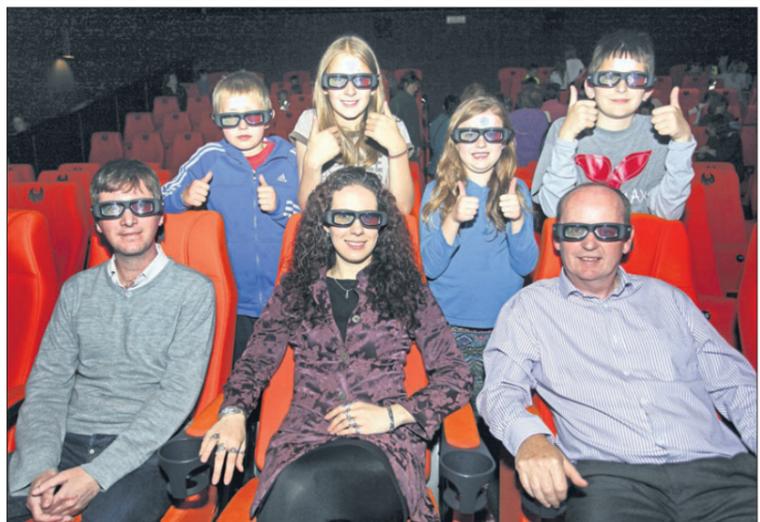
He added: 'BID4Oban started to get complaints about the Continental

Market and made it clear we were in support of anything increasing the footfall in the town, providing it didn't conflict with the existing traders and engaged with the local community.'

'The council put down clear parameters and the operator has clearly flouted those.'

'We will all be sitting down with the council to find a way of preventing this from happening again. We are not against the idea of a market but perhaps we could organise one with the traders within the town.'

Meanwhile, councillor Fred Hall, who sits on the PPSL, asked for a report into the breach of licence to be presented to the committee.



Children from Luing and Easdale primary schools joined Brian Shearer of Scottish Sea Farms, Fee Shaw artistic director of Phoenix Cinema and Steven Divers managing director of Fusion Marine, at the Phoenix Cinema Picture - Kevin McGlynn

## Oban Cinema funding boost

OBAN Phoenix Cinema has announced it will open its smaller, multi-use screen this year after confirming a triple funding boost totalling £46,000.

Scottish Sea Farms and Fusion Marine on Tuesday announced £3,000 and £5,000 donations respectively to contribute to the cost of the recently installed 3D projector for the main screen, while a LEADER grant of £38,000 will pay for the full refurbishment of the smaller second screen.

Work on Cinema 2, which will have 20 seats, has to be completed by November. A new projector and sound system will be installed, while the auditorium will be refreshed.

Cinema 2 will be available for community hire for private showings

of films and could even be linked to an Xbox or Playstation for big-screen gaming sessions.

Cinema manager Fee Shaw said: 'We're not going to be able to do the work in the summer because it is still quite busy but we'll try and do it as soon as the season comes to an end.'

Fee added: 'The support and donations from Fusion Marine and Scottish Sea Farms could not have come at a better time for the cinema. We were able to opt for the best 3D system available.'

'The quality of cinema going experience we have now at the Oban Phoenix because of these donations means we offer a level of sight and sound that other cinemas simply can't afford to

install.'

Community support for the social enterprise has been 'brilliant', added Fee, with preliminary figures showing some 37,000 people have already sat in front of Oban's own silver screen.

'By the time we've done our first full year in August we should hit 50,000. That's a lot more than we expected. We have regulars too which is brilliant.'

Meanwhile, the cinema has welcomed Stirling University student Nicola MacKinnon to their team, with the marketing and psychology student joining on a three month placement from Talent Scotland.

Nicola, 20, will develop a membership programme for the cinema as well as a new hiring system for Cinema 2.

## Charitable trust donation sparks Oban fireworks fundraiser

A CHEQUE for £4,000 has sparked a fundraising campaign for the town's fireworks display.

MacQueen Brothers Charitable Trust presented Oban Fireworks Group with the donation last Thursday for the planned show this November.

Charity trustee Graham MacQueen said the money was given to provide an organised fireworks display for Oban and the surrounding area.

Mr MacQueen added: 'At first when we said we were going to award funds towards a fireworks display, some of our volunteers were not sure about the idea.'

'But from my point of view, the emergency services insist on a safe, controlled fireworks event.'

'The £4,000 donation will go a long way towards the fireworks group achieving their goal of raising the required £6,900 and they are

confident of securing the remaining funds from elsewhere.'

Treasurer of Oban Fireworks Group, Fred Hall, said of the award: 'This donation ensures a deposit can be put down. I would like to thank MacQueen brothers and all volunteers involved.'

'I would also like to take the opportunity to assure the public that we will have a fireworks display this year.'



Fred Hall, treasurer of Oban Fireworks Group, Graham MacQueen of MacQueen Bros Charitable Trust and Oban Community Fire Station commander Martin Hill are joined by charitable trust volunteers at the cheque handover.

## Benderloch road repairs completed

ROAD repairs carried out in Benderloch are satisfactory, according to Scottish Water.

The water operator ordered a resurfacing of sections of the A828 after deeming work done by contractors, George Leslie Ltd, unsatisfactory. Residents were less than impressed with the patches redone on Monday, but Scottish Water said: 'We have inspected the road reinstatement work at Benderloch and we are happy with that work.'

'There was some excess tar left and this was removed today.'

## Mull rally route will be better for spectators say organisers

THE ROUTE for this year's Tunnock's Mull Rally is being made more spectator friendly, according to organisers.

The rally, scheduled to start on Friday October 11, runs over 19 stages, 157.26 miles, on public roads closed for the occasion.

Last year Calum Duffy won the event in an Escort, beating John McCrone in a Fiesta R2. Both men are from Dervaig.

As usual, the event starts on the Friday evening, runs into Saturday morning, restarts Saturday lunchtime, takes a break in the late afternoon and then resumes again, to run into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Iain Campbell, clerk of the course, said the changes this year for the 44th running of the event are mainly designed to provide improved spectator viewing and to freshen up some of the old favourite stages with more stage mileage.

He said: 'The stages that made up the route over the last three years have been hugely praised by the competitors for the challenge that they offered and also the fact that there was a good mix of long and short tests.'

'You can't continue to run the same thing, year in year out, so we have looked to keep the mix of long stages with some new permutations on how the roads link together and to also offer more for the spectator who comes to watch the action.'

He added: 'One of the many things I learnt last year, or something that was reinforced to me, was the huge following Mull Rally has.'

'It attracts not only competitors from around all of the UK, but the number of spectators who travel here to make a week's holiday of the rally is staggering. With that in mind we have changed the Saturday afternoon stage format to give the spectator the chance to see the cars twice through most stages.'

'Not only will they get to see the cars twice through six of the eight daylight stages but they will be coming twice as quickly, as each stage in the afternoon will be run at 30 second intervals.'

Entries to the rally open on August 9.

## Homecoming 2014 may be boost

EVENTS throughout Argyll and Bute are set to benefit from 'marketing in kind' by associating with Homecoming 2014, according to VisitScotland.

The tourism body said events such as FyneFest, Feis Ile, Clan Lachlan Gathering and Strathlachlan Fest should welcome fresh interest after aligning themselves with the Homecoming 2014. Visit Scotland's regional director for Argyll and Bute, David Adams McGilp, said: 'I am thrilled that these first-class events will make Homecoming Scotland 2014 a year to remember in Argyll and Bute and will encourage people from across the globe to visit the region.'

'The eyes of the world will be on Scotland next year.'

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**Morvern Lines**

THE SOUTH side of the Aoinneadh Mor Valley, which runs from Loch Arinas to Loch Teacuis, is made up of a long line of crumbling basalt cliffs rising almost 1,000 feet above the valley floor.

Because of the nature of the rock and the steepness of the ground they are almost impossible to scale without ropes and climbing equipment. It was not always so.

The late Bob Laurie, Acharn, told me that as a shepherd in the area in the 1900s, these were smooth green slopes from top to bottom on which it was possible to walk almost anywhere.

The nutrient-rich soil provided an early bite for the sheep which congregated there in large numbers in the spring.

Their pathways provided a trap for the rain and snow and eventually the ground was undermined and torn away leaving what is now one of the worst examples of soil erosion in Scotland.

The Forestry Commission, which bought the land in the 1930s, tried to arrest this by planting Sitka trees as far up the slopes as they could but the operation was not a success.

Sheep are being blamed for the destabilisation of the hillside above 'The Rest and Be Thankful' leading to its frequent closure.

For further information on this and of sheep in the Highlands in general, see the well-known journalist George Monbiot's interesting article at [www.monbiot.com/2013/05/30/sheepwrecked](http://www.monbiot.com/2013/05/30/sheepwrecked).



The Cameron Arms Inn, Lochaline and the scene of many disturbances. It stood on the site of the present Lochaline Social Club and was demolished 1913-14.

RECENTLY I have been going through some of the old Tobermory Sheriff Court records which contain many cases from Morvern.

They are interesting not only for the people they mention, their misdeeds and what they were fined, but for places which are no longer inhabited. Here is a small sample.

Angus and Hugh Graham living near Achlic, Loch Sunart-side, were found guilty of breach of the peace and assaulting local Police Constable Murdo Macleod at the Cameron Arms, Lochaline Village, on November 22 1869 by seizing him by the neck and whiskers and knocking him down.

While on the ground they kicked him, struck him with a walking stick and 'tore a part of his whiskers from his face by the roots'.

They also kicked and knocked at the door of the inn, cursed and swore and conducted themselves in a drunken and disorderly manner, quarrelled and shouted, making a great noise to the annoyance and alarm of the lieges and in breach of the public peace. Both were sentenced to three days in Tobermory jail.

On October 21 1858, David Dunbar, a groom residing at Ardtornish, was accused of assaulting Alexander James Mackintosh, the Lochaline doctor, on the road near the Inn at Lochaline, owned by John Cameron, by kicking him on the knees with heavy toe plate shoes whereby his right knee was cut to the effusion of his blood and injury of his person. Dunbar was fined ten shillings or ten days in Tobermory jail if he failed to pay the fine.

At Tobermory on December 28 1870, Alexander and William Murray, crofters at Larachbeg, were found guilty of assaulting Duncan MacDonald, a labourer in Lochaline Village, on the public road between Achranich and Achnagowan.

They pushed him against a stone wall, struck him with clenched fists on the face and head and caused bleeding and bruising. Fined two shillings and sixpence.

On December 18 1858 Allan MacInnes, tenant of Achforsa; Donald Cameron, labourer, Knock; Neil MacInnes, labourer, Knock; John MacEachern, labourer, Knock; Duncan MacEachern, ploughman, Lochaline and Allan MacInnes, Achnaha were charged with breach of the peace in the neighbourhood of the shop in the lower village of Lochaline occupied by John Cameron, merchant.

According to the charge sheet the accused 'did wickedly and feloniously quarrel and fight, created a great noise, did make use of oaths and violent language and did otherwise conduct themselves in a drunken, noisy and unruly manner.'

The 'happy' party then headed off down the Drimmin road but started fighting amongst themselves near Kiel at a spot no longer known, called 'Bellachnagoibh', where they created two further breaches of the peace.

They were each fined seven shillings and sixpence and put in Tobermory jail until the fines were paid. If they fines weren't paid they were to remain in jail for seven days.

Catherine Cameron, or Maclaclachan, a widow living in Lochaline, was accused of breach of the peace and malicious mischief outside John Cameron's shop in the lower village.

According to the charge she created a great noise and disturbance, swore, used 'violent language,' quarrelled and conducted herself in a drunken, noisy and unruly manner.

With a stone, or some other form of missile, she broke and destroyed three panes of glass in one of John Cameron's shop windows and another in a shop belonging to Alexander Ferguson.

Mrs Cameron pled not guilty, the case went to trial and she was fined ten shillings or ten days in prison if the fine wasn't paid.

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**It all adds up for top young maths students**

SOME of Lochaber High school's top young maths students have picked up certificates in the annual UK Junior Mathematical Challenge.

And for the first time the overall winner - S2 pupil Olivia Johnston - was given a new trophy to keep for the next year.

The cup, as well as £100 prize money split between the top pupils from S1 and S2, was supplied by the competition's new sponsors, Lochaber Housing Association (LHA).

LHA's chief executive Blair Allan was on hand to hand out silver and bronze certificates to 23 pupils from S1 and S2.

While Olivia picked up the trophy, Carys Bilton was the top S1 youngster and also managed the second best score overall.

Depute head Paul Reynolds said: 'We are delighted LHA has chosen to mark its 25th anniversary with this annual sponsorship.'

'Well done to Olivia, Carys and all our other mathemagicians.'

Eight pupils received silver awards and 15 bronze in the UK-wide competition, which is run by the University of Leeds.



Overall maths champion Olivia Johnston, left, and S1 winner Carys Bilton receive their awards from Blair Allan of Lochaber Housing Association. 20\_126maths01

**Inner Wheel Club's donation to fund HOPE shower**

AN OBAN homeless charity has been handed £1,141.55 from the town's Inner Wheel Club, which will be used to provide showers for those in need.

HOPE Kitchen, short for Help Our People Eat, has recently moved into new premises in Argyll Street and can already provide laundry facilities and hot food. This donation will allow the installation of a shower so people can get washed.

Jess Macdonald, a founder

member of HOPE, said: 'We're hoping to get a shower put in the bathroom so this money will go towards that so the guys can get a shower and get cleaned up.'

'That makes a lot of difference to people, just to get a wee wash and clean set of clothes. That is a huge step - getting a shower.'

Catherine Hall, Inner Wheel president, said: 'We have been fundraising for them all year. All the money raised from our annual coffee morning and raffle

went to the fund. We have also held little coffee mornings and get-togethers where we all pay a donation.'

'Every year we choose a local charity as our charity of the year, I'd heard about the really good work HOPE was doing, I came down and had a chat with Jess about what they were doing.'

'This is happening in our town lets help all we can and get the word out there - they are doing amazing stuff.'



Catherine Hall, left, and Christine Marlow, right, present the Inner Wheel cheque to Jess Macdonald and Stuart Chalmers, from HOPE. 16\_t26hope01



Pupils at Arinagour Primary School, on Coll, celebrate their second Green Flag, with outgoing EcoSchools co-ordinator Liza Bourne.

**Arinagour school earns second green flag**

ARINAGOUR Primary School has been awarded its second Green Flag by EcoSchools Scotland, which congratulated the pupils on making the most of the island's unique surroundings.

The EcoSchools Assessor made special reference to the school's links with the community, including the Young Chefs Training Courses at the Coll Hotel and its involvement in the work to have the island listed by Dark Skies Scotland.

He also highlighted the holistic way the pupils use the island's characteristics to 'enhance children's experiences of outdoor living and issues of global sustainability.'

To celebrate, pupils and staff enjoyed a Green Day Party, with 'green' games, including

blowing a green grape along a table, pea and spoon race and stick the litter in the bin.

They also munched their way through a huge selection of green foods such as guacamole, asparagus, melon, spinach pasta, lime jelly and cake.

Arinagour School looks forward to the next Green Flag in 2015.

Meanwhile, the school's EcoSchools co-ordinator Liza Bourne, who supported and guided pupils towards their achievement of a second green flag, will retire at the end of the current term.

Aileen Cook, head teacher at Arinagour Primary, said: 'All at Arinagour Primary School wish to thank her very much for all her efforts and wish her a very happy retirement.'

**West coast groups in running for RSPB Scotland's Nature of Scotland awards**

WEST coast groups are in the running for a host of accolades in this year's RSPB Scotland's Nature of Scotland Awards.

After tough deliberations the judges have identified a shortlist of entries, which will now be in the running to take home one of eight top prizes.

Stuart Housden, chairman of

the judging panel and director of RSPB Scotland, said: 'We had high hopes that the 2013 Year of Natural Scotland would allow us to recognise and reward some truly inspirational projects and we were not disappointed.'

Guy and Juliet Grieve from the Ethical Shellfish Company on the Isle of Mull are up for a

marine award and sustainable development award.

Also in the running for the marine award is the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust's vessel *Silurian*, dubbed a floating classroom and the Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network (SSACN).

SSACN is also in line for the

RSPB species champion award alongside Clive Craik for his South Shian tern rafts project, also nominated in the innovation category.

The Scottish Beaver Trial, based at Knappdale Forest in Argyll, completes the innovation category.

Rob Gibson, MSP for Caith-

ness, Sutherland and Ross, is nominated as politician of the year while Ian Burrett, co-founder of SSACN, is up for the outstanding contribution to nature conservation award.

The community award nominees include Snapberry, a collaboration between Scottish Natural Heritage and Lochgil-

head High School and the Whale and Dolphin Conservation's Shorewatch Programme.

The awards aim to recognise national projects and local heroes, working hard to protect and enhance the nation's natural heritage. Winners will be announced at a ceremony in Edinburgh on October 30.

**Inverlochy and Torlundy Community Council**

INVERLOCHY and Torlundy Community Council (ITCC) held its monthly meeting in the Braxi Hall last Tuesday.

Among the items discussed were: An election to bring new community council members on board is due to be held in November.

ITCC currently has just three elected members and two co-opted members.

The area can have up to seven councillors, with a minimum of five required. Current co-opted members Michael Dunham and Flora McKee both indicated they would stand for

election. Ms McKee said she hoped seven members could be elected with two new co-opted members coming on board. The election has been prompted by Sandra Casey's decision to step down from ITCC in September.

ITCC pledged its support for the Association of Lochaber Community Councils.

The community council received an email from ALCC asking if they were keen for the group to continue. Flora McKee said she had attended a number of Saturday morning meetings and said

they proved very useful. She said: 'It's good to have contacts in other areas. That way if any larger issues come up we are ready to go.'

Chairman Michael Dunham said: 'We will offer our backing and support to keep it going.'

PLANS were discussed for the upcoming Inverloch Garden Competition.

A new category for ornamental gardens is being added this year, and a new shield will need to be bought for the winner.

Judging will be held in the first two

weeks in August, weather permitting, with the result announced at the beginning of September. Dave Smith will be the judge this year.

SANDRA Casey said concerns had been raised locally about police response times since the introduction of the 101 number.

She said some people were also being put off calling police because they were being connected to a call centre in Inverness rather than the local station.

THE AMBULANCE station in

Inverloch is set to move to Blar Mhor when the new joint police and ambulance centre opens. Lochaber councillor Brian Murphy said the current station would be taken over by Police Scotland who planned to use it as a hostel for young cadets.

COUNCILLOR Murphy said there would be a second spell of data collection on the A82 at the entrance to Inverloch in August. The data will be collated with information gathered earlier in the year to produce a model aimed at reducing congestion.

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**Mull Lines**

RESIDENTS on Mull who struggle for broadband connection are being invited to a public meeting tonight in Craignure Village Hall.

Mull and Iona Community Trust (MICT) is progressing a plan for a community broadband service on the island and would like residents to share their views at tonight's meeting at 7.30pm.

MICT could take advantage of a £5 million fund set up by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to help communities which will not be covered by BT's planned £146 million roll-out of high speed broadband across the Highlands and Islands.

Moray Finch, MICT general manager, said the group hoped to use a 'microwave system' to boost broadband signal on Mull and would be encouraging local residents to sign up.

He said: 'The price will be comparable to what they pay at the moment but they will be able to cancel their BT service if they wish.'

'We need a commitment from people - we can't put all the infrastructure in if we don't have a commitment from people that they would transfer.'

For more information contact Moray Finch on 01680 812905 or mfinch@miect.co.uk.



A PLAN to regenerate Iona and Fionnphort is under way thanks to the Sound of Iona Harbours Committee (SOIHC).

SOIHC has secured funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme to create a programme of works at the pier areas at Iona and Fionnphort in Mull.

A tender has been issued seeking architects to put together a master plan for these areas which it is hoped will develop tourism, improve the local economy and grow the population. A contract is expected to be awarded on July 16.



**Salen Primary School primary 4-7 youngsters took second place in the drama playlet section at this year's Ardnarmurchan Mod in Strontian. The Mull children, just some of a number of Muileachs competing in the Lochaber event, put on a show which explored the links between the island and Canada. The Mod saw its highest ever turnout, with more than 150 youngsters taking part. Mod Secretary Val Barker said it had been 'a great day'.**



A FUN day to raise money for Tobermory Toddler Group is being held in Aros Park next month.

There will be everything to entertain young and old including face painting, kids races, a mum and dad tug-of-war and a bouncy castle.

An ice cream van will also be on hand to refresh the dads after their race around the loch and a barbecue will be fired up.

Mum Sophie Cattanaich said: 'This is the main fundraiser for the year and there is a lot happening. We want everybody to come, adults and kids. Hopefully it will be a nice sunny day but even if it is not it will be good fun with so much going on.'

The event is on July 7 and starts at 1pm.



A MUSICIAN is swapping the west coast of the United States for the west coast of Scotland in a homecoming gig to help a community group on Mull.

Robert Gillies, originally from Mull, is coming home to visit his dad in Tobermory and will be performing a fundraising concert for the new scout and guide hall.

Robert, who has been classically trained since the age of five and has a degree in song writing from Berklee College of Music, has shared the stage with pop sensation Andy Grammer and, more recently, fellow songwriter Charlie Puth on talk show Ellen for co-writing the YouTube hit Break Again.

Lynne MacLeod, Tobermory Guide leader, said: 'It's great that one minute Robert will be playing San Francisco and the next our wee hall in Tobermory. We are hoping everyone will come along and support the gig.'

The concert is on Friday July 5 at 7.30pm in the Scout Hall. Refreshments will be available or BYOB.



IT WAS a busy weekend for the volunteer crew of Tobermory RNLI, first going to the aid of a diver before rescuing a fishing boat.

The lifeboat was first called to help a diver suspected to be suffering from bends on Friday evening.

The man, in his 40s, was diving off the Isle of Muck. He was successfully transferred to the lifeboat and where he received attention from the volunteer crew before being handed over to ambulance staff in Oban shortly after midnight.

Coxswain Andrew McHaffie said: 'This was a routine shout which required the crew to use their casualty care training.'

'This is something which we regularly practise and indeed our last training session earlier this week involved the crew dealing with a multiple casualty scenario on a local whale watching boat.'

'We are fortunate in that many of the crew have received world class casualty care training through the RNLI College and we were able to use this training to good effect.'

The crew might have deserved a long lie on Sunday but that was interrupted when the call came from a fishing boat with electrical problems in Loch Sunart.

Tobermory RNLI lifeboat launched at 7.50am to a 30-foot prawn trawler suffering a loss of power off Salen in Loch Sunart. The lifeboat towed her to Tobermory, encountering 35 knot north westerly winds as they progressed across the Sound of Mull.

The trawler was safely secured alongside the pontoons to undergo repairs.

Coxswain Andrew McHaffie added: 'The trawler skipper did the right thing by contacting the Coastguard as soon as they realised that they had a problem as the weather conditions were deteriorating rapidly.'



**These enterprising youngsters raised £206 at the recent Tobermory High School summer fair with clever money making schemes. As part of their business enterprise topic, primary five and six children divided into three business groups and came up with a variety of ideas to get cash rolling in, including painting stones and a nail salon. The fair, organised by the parent council alongside staff and students, also featured beat the goalie, a fortune teller and the Grand Tobermory Raffle, raising around £1,000 overall. The money goes straight back into school funds to contribute to trips.**



Local residents Brian Williamson and Malcolm and Fiona Reed hear from Keith Mackie of Scottish Canals about the camping pods plan at Banavie. 10\_f26camping01

# Caledonian Canal pod venture draws mixed views

A SERIES of 'camping pods' along the Caledonian Canal would boost tourism and cut anti-social behaviour, developers Scottish Canals claimed in Banavie last week.

The Moorings Hotel drop-in event - the latest of the waterway agency's consultation events in the Great Glen - again drew a mixed public reaction.

But development surveyor Keith Mackie told local residents the wooden structures - planned at eight sites next to the Great Glen Way - would bring in more visitors and reduce mess associated with wild camping.

The pods would sleep two and

have cooking amenities with no more than nine being built at any one place. A separate service pod would contain washing and toilet facilities. A warden would be employed to manage the sites.

Mr Mackie stressed local input was invaluable before a phased plan for 40 to 50 pods over eight locations were submitted to Highland Council later this year.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'We would look to build three pods first at four sites where there is known demand from Great Glen Way users - Gairloch, Laggan, Kytra and Fort Augustus.'

'At Banavie, we are still not entirely sure there is demand from Great Glen Way users because it is so early in the trek and 90 per cent of people start from Fort William.'

'But there is a lot of pressure at Gairloch just now with a lot of people wild camping, which is resulting in problems such as a lack of toilet facilities, anti-social behaviour, drunkenness and a lack of respect for people's homes. There is a lot of local resentment because of these issues.'

'We are also looking at Telford House at Gairloch as a bunkhouse because it has been

vacant for over a year and the local community is keen to see it put back into use.'

Mr Mackie admitted a 'mixed' public response so far, with some accommodation providers expressing concern the pods would take away visitors who would otherwise go to campsites or B&Bs.

**Additional market**

He said: 'What we need to do is to demonstrate that they are bringing in an additional market here and are creating additionality.'

'There's a good case for foreign tourists to be doing this - 70 per cent of users currently come

from the UK but Germany and Holland are being cited as very strong markets for the Great Glen Way.'

'At the moment people just pass through not spending any time or money - and we want to increase both.'

Mr Mackie and his colleagues later gave a presentation to Kilmalie Community Council.

Secretary Russell Leaper said after the meeting: 'Some people felt the design of the pods was not as good as it might have been from an aesthetic point of view.'

'Concerns were expressed about potential disturbance as well.'

# Argyll voluntary group secures almost £50,000 funding

ARGYLL Voluntary Action has been successful in applying to Young Start, securing a total of £49,500 funding for its latest project.

The group's Building Community Bridges is a project uniting 200 youngsters aged 10 to 24 with 300 older people across Argyll and Bute.

Young participants will undertake an accredited personal development course then meet with older people at 60 café sessions and 60 lunch clubs over two years. Young and old will be partnered up together and young people will be asked to complete basic tasks for their partners.

Older individuals will mentor

young participants giving them advice.

Meanwhile, two charities in Argyll and Bute have secured more than £6,000 in funding between them. The money, from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, is part of almost £200,000 of funding awarded this month to 48 charities across

Scotland. People and Agencies Coming Together in Mid Argyll and Kintyre (PACT MAKI) works to ensure people in the area have the opportunity to come along and try new things, meet new people and have lots of fun or a reasonable cost. They work with people who are old, frail or have disabilities and the

award of £3,500 will help pay the salary of their development worker.

Gareloch Group Riding for the Disabled Association is one of two Riding for the Disabled groups to receive funding. The award of £2,976 will help pay for the costs of caring for the horses.

## Bands and friends join forces to help Appin boy



Cameron Allen suffers from a severe form of brittle bone disease.

A 6' 4" DRAG Queen, a DJ and local bands are joining forces to help a determined Appin youngster raise enough money for a new wheelchair.

Eleven-year-old Cameron Allen, who suffers from a severe form of brittle bone disease, is hosting a Ladies Night at Oban's Cuan Mor tomorrow (Friday) to help raise money for a new manual wheelchair.

The Strath of Appin Primary School pupil, who dreams of competing in the Paralympic Games one day, needs the new wheelchair to take part in sports.

Others have helped the youngster's family in their fundraising, including the Ryan MacPhail Memorial Fund, Sea Life Centre, Appin Medical Fund and Dawn McBay, who organised a car boot sale at Dalranach Tea Room. The Cuan Mor event will see the Lush Puppies playing live, local DJ Murray Willis and Friends and the unforgettable Crystal, a drag queen who is hosting the evening.

## Indian woman denies crash

AN INDIAN woman accused of crashing into a motorbike and injuring the rider before driving off appeared at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday.

Divya Bhatia, 29, from New Delhi, denied all charges, including dangerous driving, and failing to stop and report the accident. She was released on bail and is expected to stand trial on August 21.

## Strontian man denies racist remarks charge

A STRONTIAN man has denied making racist remarks during an argument at a nearby farm.

Daniel Longmate, of 18 Anaheilt, pled not guilty to conducting himself in a disorderly manner on May 1. The 29-year-old is accused of shouting, swearing, using racist language and baring his buttocks during the incident.

Longmate will stand trial at Fort William Sheriff Court on July 2.

## Bid to gain national status for Scots Pine goes to consultation

A FORMER teacher at Oban High School has succeeded in getting the Scottish Government to consult on making the Scots Pine the national tree.

Alex Hamilton, who taught in OHS for 25 years until 1997, presented a petition to the government last year asking that Scotland, like other countries, designated a national tree.

He said at the time: 'I see this as a symbolic gesture of support for our natural environment and woodlands. It is a small gesture but hopefully one that can have a good effect.'

The Scottish Government will now undertake a consultation exercise to seek views on having a national tree for Scotland. The consultation will begin in September and run for three months.

Paul Wheelhouse, environment minister, made the announcement during a visit to the Royal Highland Show on Friday June 21.

He said: 'We are very sympathetic to the concept of having a national tree, but want to hear what the people of Scotland think about the idea and what their choice would be.'

'The designation of a national tree for Scotland would help highlight the significant contribution that trees, forests and woodlands make to Scotland especially at a time when we are unfortunately facing a number of serious tree health problems.'

'I have asked Forestry Commission Scotland to undertake this consultation in a way that reaches as many people as possible including, for example, school children.'

'With this being the Year of Natural Scotland, it is also a fitting way to raise the profile more generally about some of our much-loved tree species.'

## Corpach man who had cannabis to do unpaid work

A CORPACH man found with around £350 of cannabis in his home has been ordered to carry out 80 hours of unpaid work in the community.

Unemployed Andrew Greenwood, of 7 Caledonian Road, admitted possessing 41 grams of the class B drug after police searched his house on March 27.

Defence solicitor Hamish Melrose said the drugs were for the 24-year-old's personal use.

## Fort William woman falsely claimed benefits

A FORT William woman who falsely claimed nearly £17,000 in benefits has been ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work in the community.

Allison MacDonald pled guilty to telling the Department of Work and Pensions her only income was from benefits, despite her estranged husband paying a number of household bills for her.

Defending, Niall MacBeath said MacDonald did not realise she had to inform the authorities about the extra money coming in. He told Fort William Sheriff Court MacDonald was now repaying the amount in full.

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

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

Sentencing MacDonald, of 20 Ross Place, Sheriff Noel McPartlin said: 'There is a sizeable sum of money involved here.'

## Helicopter called to Loch Craignish

A HELICOPTER was scrambled to Loch Craignish on Sunday after a dinghy capsized.

Belfast Coastguard was called just before 2pm after one person fell into the water, with the other clinging to the side of the upturned dinghy.

Crinan Coastguard Rescue Team and the Royal Navy search and rescue helicopter were scrambled to the scene and a mayday was put out on VHF radios. A nearby yacht tender rescued the two people and took them back to shore. 'They didn't require medical attention.'

## Oban man out of jail for breaching bail is re-arrested

AN OBAN man who was in prison for breaching his bail conditions was arrested on the day he was released for the same offence.

Stephen Kelly, 49, of Room 5, Solas, Albany Street, Oban, pled guilty to breaching his bail by breaking his curfew when he appeared at Oban Sheriff Court on Monday.

Defence agent Edward Thornton said it had been a 'genuine mistake' on Kelly's part as he believed his bail had been lifted because he'd served a prison sentence.

Kelly was admonished.

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**SPEAN BRIDGE**

A THREE-DAY flower festival will be held next month at Kilmornaig Church in Spean Bridge.

The event will be held from Friday July 12 to Sunday July 14, with refreshments and home baking served each day.

**LOCHAWAY**

THE CREAM of Argyll talent recently treated more than 150 people to an evening of Songs from the Shows in St Conan's Kirk.

Rev Liz Gibson got together the primary school, drama groups, a local choir and soloists to sing and perform their favourite songs, from Abba to Gilbert and Sullivan. The evening was finished off with the audience and ensemble joining in a rousing finale of Les Miserables. Introduced with comments on the spiritual side of musicals by Ian Bradley from St Andrews University, a great night was had and more than £450 was raised to be shared between St Conan's Kirk and Dalnally Primary School.

Plans are already under way for next year's event.

**LISMORE**

CALEDONIAN MacBrayne (CalMac) has given an update on the eagerly-awaited replacement ferry for the MV Eigg.

A CalMac spokesperson said: 'We currently do not have a permanent berth in Oban that will accommodate a Loch Class vessel such as MV Loch Linnhe.'

'Following a survey and risk assessments of the current permanent berth at Oban South Pier, it has become clear that the berth is unsuitable for vessels such as Loch Linnhe due to the likelihood of grounding at low tide perhaps resulting in hull damage.'

Meanwhile, CalMac say, harbour owners Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited has been asked to make the berth suitable for Loch Class vessels which may take some time as additional investigatory work will be required.

It seems there are no alternative permanent overnight berths in Oban, although some would dispute this, and they will not have a vessel that can be permanently allocated to the route until the introduction of the new hybrid vessel at Sconser/Raasay which will 'hopefully' be late summer 2013.

Meanwhile CalMac port managers, in talks with Lismore Community Council, have agreed additional sailings have been and can be arranged to meet the demands of residents requiring heavy goods to be shipped by re-deploying a Loch Class vessel from Tobermory on Sunday when there is no service at present.

They hope this will go some way to meet the island's needs. Meanwhile those requiring heavy goods delivered should contact CalMac to arrange this.

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IN 2004, to celebrate ten years of country dancing in Lismore, teacher Anne Livingstone organised the island's first full scale Scottish Country Dance inviting dancers from Fort William, Oban, Appin and North Connell to spend the evening dancing to the music of the John Renton Band.

With 40 dancers and a programme of 16 dances, this was an energetic evening opening with a Highland Welcome, closing with Mairi's Wedding and stopping only for a delicious supper.

Anne hoped the tradition would continue and it most certainly has.

This year, for the tenth year running, dancers from East Lothian, Oban, Appin, North Connell, Ardrishaig and many other places joined the Lismore dancers for what has become a popular event in the country dancing calendar.

Congratulations to Anne for her continued enthusiastic teaching and for this invaluable contribution to the quality of life on the island.

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THERE was a great charity dinner in the café on Saturday June 8 when 25 people sat down to a feast prepared by Beth Campbell who, ably assisted by Josie Meddes, worked tirelessly.

The result was tasty African themed food, great craic and beautifully decorated tables.

The event was arranged to help Memory and Ian MacDonald's two youngest daughters, Mhari and Sarah, fund their part in a building programme in Tanzania to make homes for orphaned children.

Memory said: 'This is their chance to make a direct contribution to the lives of some of the poorest children in the world and to witness at first hand the transition from street to a loving home.'

They have set a target of £4,000 and the dinner added £700 to the £1,720 already raised. Further donations to www.vinetrust.org/support/sarmar.

All money will go to building materials and the volunteers will work alongside local craftsmen.

**DUNVEGAN**

LOCAL 'Yes Scotland' campaigners are to set up stall at this year's Dunvegan Show on Saturday July 27.

Around six 'Yes Duirinish' volunteers will be handing out leaflets and signing people up to the independence declaration, organiser Carole Inglis, from Harloch, said.

'We just want to get the story out there of how good our country could become,' she told *The Oban Times*.

**TORLUNDY**

ACTIVISTS from the 'No' campaign Better Together will be hosting a stall at Lochaber Agricultural Show at Torlundy on Saturday August 24.

The group will spend a couple of hours talking to local people and signing up supporters to the Unionist cause.

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**St Bride's primary pupils set sail on wildlife spotting tour**

Primary 4-7 pupils at St Bride's Primary School, North Ballachulish, enjoyed an exciting wildlife spotting tour through the Corryvreckan whirlpool out past Scarba with Seafari Adventures from Oban. Highlight of the day was seeing bottlenose dolphins and their young and many more birds and animals. The hungry sailors rounded the day off with a pizza in Oban and a tour of Dunstaffnage Castle.

**PLOCKTON**

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Melver in Muir of Ord who became Scotland's oldest man on June 13, reaching the age of 106.

He was born in Coigach, Wester Ross. His first teaching post was at Plockton in 1925 before moving to Kyle Primary School as headmaster in 1936.

He received a special birthday card from the Queen and he is listed on a website entitled 'Oldest people in Britain'.

He was at the first meeting of Plockton Small Boat Sailing Club in 1933 and at the first meeting of Plockton Hall in 1934.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Neil McKintosh from Oxford who received the CBE in the Queen's Honours list.

Neil is a cousin of the late Torquil and Isobel Nicolson, Plockton, and visits the village every year to take part in Plockton Regatta.

Neil received his award for services to education.

PLOCKTON and District Community Council met in Plockton Hall for its AGM on June 3. Charlie M MacRae, chairman since 1989, was re-elected to the post.

Secretary and treasurer

for the past 22 years, Gill James, was re-elected. Vice chairman: Joy MacKenna and Mike Jones.

DURING the past week the building attached to Dunraiga Castle has finally been demolished.

The castle is presently being renovated but the work won't be completed until 2015.

COMMUNION was dispensed in Plockton Free Church on Sunday June 9.

Visiting Minister was the Rev Gordon Matheson, Sleat and Strath.

ON SUNDAY June 2, Duncan Murchison, a Free

Church student, preached in Kyle Church. His father, grandfather and great grandfather had previously preached in this Church.

PLOCKTON Historical Society arranged for many gardens to be open to the public on May 28 and many called at the village hall and £120 was raised for Macmillan Cancer.

DURING MAY there was 5.5 inches of rain in Plockton. Warmest day was 21.6°C and coldest -0.5°C.

LOCHALSH Junior Pipe Band visited Plockton on June 3 and played to a large crowd in Plockton car park.



Plockton playgroups did a 'teddy tottler' round the village on a lovely sunny day recently and raised £73 for the Red Cross.

**ULLAPOOL**

THE SUMMER Queen sailing from Ullapool recently encountered a small pod of common dolphins at The Summer Isles.

The 15 adults appeared to be a scouting party looking for food for a larger pod possibly further out to sea. The dolphins treated passengers aboard the cruise boat to a spectacular display of 'bow riding', surfing at the front of the boat for around 10 minutes before going back to their search for fish.

Dolphin pods around the Summer Isles can reach into the hundreds through the summer.

**LOCHCARRON**

HIGHLAND Council has secured planning consent for six affordable homes at Kirktion Gardens, Lochcarron.

The development comprises a two storey building containing four flats, and two one and a half storey semi-detached houses. The north applications planning committee noted the need for more affordable housing in the area.

**GLENCOE**

A RARE species of butterfly has been spotted near Glencoe for the first time.

The chequered skipper was only previously spotted around Fort William, but seems to have spread its wings.

The creature was seen by a National Trust for Scotland ecologist and two volunteers near Dalness in Glen Etive.

**ELGOL**

ELGOL Primary School pupils helped raise £190.75 at a recent jumble sale held in aid of school funds in the village hall.

The school held its annual prizegiving ceremony last night (Wednesday).



Kilchrenan pupils lead a walk through the woods near the school.

**School leads walk in the woods**

KILCHRENAN Primary School pupils invited the community to take a walk with a difference in the woods last Thursday.

During the excursion each pupil pointed out various wildlife species and made mud faces on the way.

At the end of the trail, hot drinks were brewed using a storm kettle, the smoke keeping the midges at bay. Back at the school, those who

participated were treated to an excellent curry and cake, which had been made by the pupils.

There was a short celebration afterwards, with a film of the children who described their favourite moments at the school. The children produced and directed the film themselves.

Nathan Fridge won the Curriculum of Excellence Award for the pupil who has achieved most in their learning.



Teacher Julie Watson, who is leaving Kilchrenan Primary School, was presented with a lovely vase of flowers in appreciation of the work she has done for the school.

**SKYE**

CELEBRATIONS to mark the 40th anniversary Skye's Gaelic college, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig UHI, got the royal seal of approval when The Duke of Rothesay hosted a reception at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh.

The Duke, who has been a college patron for 28 years, was joined by staff, friends and associates of the college for the special occasion.

He paid tribute to the work of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and commended the college and all those involved in its success over the years as a dedicated centre of Gaelic learning and culture.

Those present included education secretary Michael Russell and Lucilla Noble, widow of Sir Iain Noble, who founded the college in 1973.

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig director of development, fundraising and the arts Donnie Munro said: 'The Duke receives regular updates on our progress and his on-going interest and support is deeply appreciated.'



Sabhal Mòr Ostaig principal Professor Boyd Robertson introduces the Duke of Rothesay to Allan Campbell, former SMO Trustee and Oban Times Gaelic columnist.

**LOCH LOMOND**

TWO MEN have been banned from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park following a disturbance earlier this month when 11 people were arrested.

The pair were handed bail conditions not to enter the area at Stirling Sheriff Court following the incident at Loch Lubnaig.

Inspector Gerry McMenemy, the lead for Operation Ironworks which is aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour, said: 'This shows that we mean what we say - disorder and anti-social and irresponsible behaviour will not be tolerated.'

Those found to be committing any disorder or breaching any laws will be dealt with severely.

'We will not allow the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park area to be spoiled by a minority. It is and will remain an area for families and visitors to visit.'

Anyone with information can contact Police Scotland on the non-emergency number 101 or information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Down Your Way**

**Arran**

**Top award for Arran cheese**

TASTE of Arran won a coveted food 'Oscar' at the 2013 Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards, run in partnership with the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland.

The Isle of Arran Cheese Company, based in Brodick won first place in the dairy category for its Mustard Cheddar, whilst Arran Dairies' ice cream was one of the runners-up.

Gordon Kinniburgh, managing director of the Island Cheese Company, said: 'This is one of the top awards and we are absolutely delighted to have won.'

'The recognition that this gives not only our cheese but the island as a whole is immense. 'Arran is making a real name for itself as 'Scotland's Food Island' and this award emphasises the quality and excellence of the products being produced here.'

James Withers, chief executive of Scotland Food and Drink, said: 'Our finalists all illustrate the skill, innovation and premium quality of the country's producers, which is driving our reputation as the 'Land of Food and Drink.'



Gordon Kinniburgh displays his Scotland Food and Drink Award for the mustard cheddar. 20\_b24awa01

**Auchranne mark 25-year milestone**

MONDAY June 10 marked the 25th anniversary since the Auchranne Hotel in Brodick welcomed its first guests under the ownership of Iain and Linda Johnston.

On Friday June 10 1988 the Sneddons checked in and became the first of the many hundreds of thousands of customers they have welcomed to the resort in the 25 years since.



Artist Gordon Davidson with His Excellency the Ambassador Dr Suresh Chalise and Honorary Consul General of Nepal in Scotland Sunita Podder. 20\_b24nep02

**Nepalese Ambassador opens exhibition of orphans' work**

NEPAL'S ambassador to the UK recently opened a special exhibition on Arran after a local artist became a mentor to orphans in the mountain kingdom.

Gordon Davidson from Corrie helped to organise and run art classes at an orphanage in Budhanilkantha near the capital, Kathmandu, after one of his paintings was displayed at the Gurka museum in Winchester, Hampshire.

The opening of the exhibition was the world premier of the children's art project and money raised from the children's paintings will buy the paint and pencils for the coming year.

His Excellency the Ambassador, Dr Suresh Chalise, expressed his pride about the Nepalese children's paintings in the exhibition and appreciation for the efforts by Gordon Davidson for organising and preparation of this exhibition, which was considered a positive message to the influential Nepalese people and the honourable image of Nepal and its citizens.

**Revised biomass plans submitted**

NEW PLANS to build a combined heat and power plant in the woods between Lamlash and Whiting Bay have been submitted to the council, after the original proposal was scrapped late last year.

Northern Energy Development Limited (NEDL) has once again applied for permission to build and operate a wood fired power plant in the Dyemill Forest.

The revised application for a biomass plant shows two main adjustments: the site has been changed to allegedly reduce visibility from the east and from Holy Isle and secondly an extra filter has been added to remove more of the particles being emitted from the flue.

Fergus Tickell of NEDL said the revised plans had taken account of previous public concerns.

'We held two very well-attended public consultation events earlier this year which gave people the opportunity to come to us with any questions,' he said.

'This was a very worthwhile exercise because we realised that, not only had we not consulted enough with residents beforehand but, we were now able to allay some of the concerns that were being expressed.'

Douglas Templeton from Arran Energy Action Group said: 'This is the biggest decision the island will have to make in a generation and given that the plant life could be 40 years it offers minimum benefit to the island.'

'There is a significant risk in terms of the impact to tourism and the wider economy, as well as the impact it will have on health.'

**Next week Down Your Way visits Tobermory with reporter Faith Orr. Contact Faith on 01631 568000 or email forr@obantimes.co.uk.**



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**Appeal to clean up Gordon Square**

GORDON Square in Fort William's west end is not being maintained properly, according to Fort William Community Council (FWCC).

Members have been inundated with complaints about litter, dog fouling and insufficient street cleaning. Now FWCC is inviting Highland Council community works officer Andy Tuckwood to its July meeting to discuss the issue.

**Council backs cottage replacement**

HIGHLAND Council has backed the complete replacement of a historic Morvern cottage - despite strong local objections to the move.

Businessman Jason Steen demolished Achabeg House having previously been granted permission only for an improvement and extension to the building. But south planning applications committee councillors gave Mr Steen retrospective permission on Tuesday after officials recommended approval.

Thirteen letters of complaint were received from local people, with just two offering support.

The former property on the road between Lochaline and Drimnin was built in the early 1860s.

**Crofting law flaw rectified**

LEGISLATION to rectify a flaw in crofting laws which prevented owner-occupiers from being able to decroft their land has been passed by the Scottish Parliament.

The Crofting (Amendment) Crofting Bill means owner-occupiers can now apply to the Crofting Commission to decroft without fear of legal challenge - a status already enjoyed by tenant crofters.

Environment minister Paul Wheelhouse said: 'I hope the legislation passed by the Scottish Parliament today offers owner-occupier crofters, lenders and others the reassurance that action has been taken and decrofting of land can continue, where it has no negative impact on crofting as a whole.'

Work will continue to deal with any 'outstanding issues', Mr Wheelhouse said.



Cash for Camesky Road: Peter and Ruth Cameron and Maxine Paterson show off their winnings.

**Lucky families win £100,000**

Postcode Lottery delivers jackpot celebrations

TWO LUCKY Caol families have scooped £100,000 between them after their street won the People's Postcode Lottery.

Peter and Ruth Cameron's two tickets earned them £66,666 while neighbours Maxine and James 'Skooby' Paterson picked up a cheque for £33,333 when the postcode for Camesky Road was chosen in the monthly draw.

The Camerons, who have five children and seven grandchildren, were lost for words when lottery representatives arrived on Saturday to tell them they had hit the jackpot.

Ruth, 49, told *The Oban Times*: 'Somebody had phoned three days before to say we had won an iPad or a Kindle.'

'Then they came to the house and said we are really sorry you have not won any of those - it's £66,666!'

'I nearly missed the bottom two steps through shock and asked are you sure this is us? I started crying then I was so happy and kept saying to Peter we've won this, we've won this!'

'Peter was just stood with the cheque in his hand with his back against the wall staring - he was absolutely gobsmacked.'

Peter, 47, a digger driver at Glensanda quarry in Morvern, said: 'I was just there looking at it, I was stunned. To get told you have won an iPad then £66,666 instead was something else.'

**EXCLUSIVE**

REPORT by STEPHEN NORRIS and RICHARD HADDOCK

It's just mind numbing at the moment - but it's great for the area.'

The couple aim to fly out to Las Vegas for a holiday if Ruth, who has multiple health problems, can get health insurance.

She said: 'I have only ever once been abroad on holiday - and that was to Gran Canaria in 2007. But even if I could get a trip back to there I would be happy.'

She added: 'The money is going to be used for us all to have fun with until it's finished.'

For retired shop assistant Maxine, 67, the small fortune will make life a whole lot easier. She told *The Oban Times*: 'I'm a bit shell shocked, actually. It's going to make a huge difference to us because we're on a pension. I've not had time to think about what I'm going to do with it yet.'

'I've been playing the Postcode Lottery for a few years, but I've only ever had a couple of wee wins before, a fiver or a tenner.'

Maxine and Skooby have six grandchildren so can they can expect a few treats too, with one proviso. 'Only if they behave themselves,' a delighted Maxine said.

**Hidden 'fairy forest' under threat from estate owners**

**EXCLUSIVE**

REPORT by RICHARD HADDOCK rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk

A FAIRY wonderland in a hidden corner of Lochaber is under threat from estate owners who want to clear the area.

Gnomes, elves and fairies have made a small area of woodland between the Great Glen Way route and Loch Lochy near Gairloch their home in the last six years since the trail was created by a local woman for youngsters in the village.

The atmospheric Coille Rais Fairy Forest has grown in popularity with thousands now visiting every year from across the UK and further afield, many leaving behind toys and ornaments of their own.

But areas including the butterfly bypass, the teddy bear

tree and the troll prison are now facing closure as forest owners Achnacarry Estate want to develop the woodland.

Two local women, who wish to remain anonymous to preserve the mystery around the trail, look after it on a volunteer basis.

One of them told *The Oban Times*: 'It's grown to be such a popular asset for the local community. It's something that local people have come to accept as theirs.'

'The visitor books have had very positive comments from people from all over the UK and just about every country in the western world.'

'It was fairly recently chosen as a venue for a woodland wedding, locals schools and nursery groups regularly use it as a setting for a day out treat during summer and it is also visited from time to time by a special needs group of young adults who love it.'



Numerous children who have visited the fairy walk have left teddy bears to form part of the collection which is now under threat. 20\_126fairy03

'We are just asking for the right to have Coille Rais Fairy Forest protected and available for the continued enjoyment of all those who love it.'

Bidwells forestry consultant Matthew Trewin, on behalf of Achnacarry Estate, said: 'The estate was very clear when the fairy walk started that the

woodland is commercial and close to felling age.

'The woodland requires management through felling and restocking. In fact, the plan is to re-plant this woodland with native species that will improve the landscape and biodiversity.'

'If the estate was to not fell due to the detriment of normal estate management and also to the woodland itself.'

The estate has offered different locations to relocate the fairy walk.

'The two adjacent areas suggested were totally unsuitable,' the woman said. 'This little corner of forest offers qualities that cannot be replicated elsewhere in the whole of Lochaber.'

'It took six years to create what is here just now - it would take another six years to take it apart and move it somewhere else.'

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**Leading scholars give piping lecture**

TWO LEADING piping scholars will give a public lecture on Raasay on Saturday on the island's pre-eminent piping dynasty, the Mackays of Raasay.

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Professor Hugh Cheape and Dr Decker Forrest from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (SMO) will focus on renowned late 18th and early 19th century pipers, father and son John and Angus MacKay.

Dr Forrest and young Raasay musician Rosie MacLeod will also play music the MacKays helped to preserve.

Everyone is welcome to the free event in Raasay Community Hall at 6pm, which is being organised by Raasay Heritage Trust and SMO as part of the Gaelic college's 40th anniversary celebrations.

**Depute head leaves Lochaber High School**

LOCHABER High School depute head teacher Paul Reynolds is stepping down from his post to take up the role of head of an East Lothian school.

Mr Reynolds, who joined Lochaber in 2006, has been appointed head at Ross High School in Tranent.

The former maths teacher told *The Oban Times* he would miss the Fort William school.

He said: 'I'm really looking forward to it, it's all happened really quickly. I'll definitely come back up to see the school when all the renovations have finished.'

Head teacher Jim Sutherland said: 'I am very sorry to be losing Mr Reynolds who has been an excellent depute head teacher. I wish him well for this well-deserved promotion.'



Dr Michael Foxley was guest of honour at the official opening of Lochaline Primary School.

**Lochaline pupils celebrate first year with official opening**

FORMER Highland Council leader Dr Michael Foxley officially opened Lochaline Primary School on Friday as guests, staff and pupils celebrated their first year of education in the eco-friendly building.

Dr Foxley unveiled a commemorative plaque after pupils had taken him on a tour of the most remote mainland primary in the Highlands - the only one in Scotland to incorporate a community fire station.

He said: 'Over the past decade, parents, the school staff, the

community and the council have really worked hard and pulled together to ensure that this splendid new community school was built. We are all proud that the inclusion of the fire station is a first for mainland Scotland and I think it demonstrates well the way forward for shared services in the Highlands.'

Lochaline head teacher Keith Adams, who is also a retained fireman, said: 'The whole community has waited a long time for this and now we have this fantastic building. Having the fire station

incorporated into it makes us quite unique and certainly means I have no excuse for being late for a fire call!'

Sarah Jones, chairwoman of the parent council and also a reserve with the fire service, said: 'The new facilities are perfect for learning and our children enjoy a fresh, new environment in which to grow and develop.'

'We all look forward to the coming years when we can further enjoy and grow with this great resource.'

Lochaline Primary School currently has a roll of 25.

**Clampdown ordered on Fort builder**

A FORT William builder has been served with an enforcement order at the town's sheriff court following a series of complaints from disgruntled customers.

Highland trading standards officials took legal action against Norman Hughes after becoming 'increasingly alarmed' over reports of his 'incomplete or shoddy workmanship'.

Should Mr Hughes fail to comply with the order, granted under consumer rights legislation, he could face criminal charges.

It is understood several homeowners are now suing the builder for jobs badly finished or left incomplete after being paid for in full.

Trading standards said poor workmanship on homes, garages, patios and outbuildings and gardens had left the householders involved having to find 'a few hundred to several thousand pounds' in order to put matters right.

Mrs Flora MacKenzie of Achintore Road in Fort William is one of Mr Hughes' unhappy customers. The 65-year-old, who is widowed, agreed a price of £25,000 with the builder for a new garage, parking area and balustrade.

But she claims Mr Hughes ignored detailed plans and 'did things his own way' - and

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Flora MacKenzie. 20\_f26flora01

was the garage. It was completely flooding and the roof was dangerous. He put in an electric door which crashed on to the floor next to me.'

She added: 'I am raging - I am so frustrated with myself for being so stupid. There are more waves in the monoblocking than there are in the ocean. The whole garage floor will have to come up and be redone. I am sick to death with all the upheaval. It's just a mess.'

Mr Hughes told *The Oban Times* the garage appeared hazardous because Mrs MacKenzie had not let him complete the work.

He said: 'It was halfway through the job - we hadn't finished securing the door. She shouldn't have been on site at all before we finished the job.'

'The problem was with the design, it was too big a garage for that area. The architect's drawings weren't very good, they weren't to scale. He obviously didn't realise there was rock underground at the back, and that's what caused the flooding.'

'If she had left us to finish the job she wouldn't have had any of these problems.'

GORDON Robb, Highland Council's trading standards manager, said they had tried to work with Mr Hughes to bring his business practices into compliance with the law and to resolve outstanding consumer complaints.

He said: 'Regrettably he has failed to respond and we have, therefore, had no alternative but to apply for this enforcement order.'

'Officers will now continue to monitor consumer complaints regarding Mr Norman Hughes and his various businesses to ensure that the conditions placed in the order is observed.'

'If Mr Hughes fails to adhere to the strict requirements of the Order then we will not hesitate to take further appropriate action.'

He added: 'As well as work not being carried out satisfactorily, some consumers have incurred extra costs as they have had to employ other contractors to put matters right.'

'This has resulted in considerable financial hardship to the consumers involved, as they have not been able to exercise their right to cancel and request a refund of their money.'

Trading standards ask anyone who feels that Mr Hughes' work has been sub-standard to contact them.



Norman Hughes and his men at work in Fort William.



Lochaline High School depute head teacher Paul Reynolds.

**Police files**

POWER tools were stolen after entry had been forced into a garage at Glenmore Sheep Stock Club, near Roy Bridge, between 5pm on Friday June 20 and 10.30am on Saturday June 21.

RELIGIOUS artefacts were stolen from St Bride's Church, Ballachulish, between Sunday June 16 and Wednesday June 19.

DAMAGE was caused to a vehicle parked outside 35 Camanachd Crescent, Fort William, between 8.30pm on Tuesday June 18 and 12.30pm on Wednesday June 19.

A SIGN for Glenuig Smoke House on the A861

roadside was damaged between 8pm on Monday June 17 and 9am on Tuesday June 18.

A NUMBER plate was taken from a car parked near 25 Erract Drive, Caol, between 9.30am and 11am on Monday June 17.

POWER tools were stolen from Mcgregor Construction at Ben Nevis Industrial Estate between 5pm on Friday June 14 and 11am on Monday June 17.

Anyone with knowledge of these incidents is asked to contact police on 101, the confidential line on 01397 702000 or CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Man avoids being placed on sex offenders' register**

A MORAR man who sent thousands of inappropriate texts and Facebook messages to three underage girls has avoided being placed on the sex offenders' register after a sheriff ruled there had not been a 'significant sexual element' to the crime.

Tom Crawley, aged 28, sent more than 1,100 texts to a 15-year-old girl in less than a month, as well as numerous texts and online messages to a 12-year-old and a 13-year-old.

But defence solicitor Hamish Melrose argued the communications were largely friendly, rather than sexual.

He said: 'Out of the thousands of texts and messages there were some inappropriate ones, but a very, very small number, only five or six.'

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In one text read out at Fort William Sheriff Court, Crawley called the girl 'sexy' and ended the message with 'love you loads' followed by 42 kisses.

Procurator Fiscal Karen Smith said: 'It is the Crown's view that there is a significant sexual element to these texts.'

Crawley pled guilty to sending the texts in April, with sentencing deferred for social work reports to be prepared.

Deciding against placing the former fisherman on the sex offenders' register, Sheriff Noel McPartlin

said: 'Mr Melrose has argued the sexual element was not significant and it is with some hesitation I accept this argument.'

'The view of the author of this report is that this is someone who is not attracted to adolescent girls and does not pose a threat to the general public.'

Sheriff McPartlin ordered Crawley, of 1 Camus Crescent, to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

Crawley pled guilty to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by sending inappropriate text and Facebook messages to the 12-year-old girl between October 1 and December 19.

He also admitted sending messages to the 15-year-old between May 1 and December 18 and the 13-year-old between November 11 and December 20.



Jamie checks out *The Oban Times* on top of Mount Kilimanjaro.

**Student battles to top of Kilimanjaro**

A MORVERN student has battled altitude sickness and exhaustion to climb Africa's highest peak for charity.

But Jamie Boulton didn't hang around at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro - his water pack had frozen and he could hardly breathe in the thin air.

Napier University student Jamie, 19, returned home safely to Ardrornish on Saturday still coming to terms with his achievement.

He was proud to have conquered the snow-capped mountain in Tanzania - at 5,895m more than four times the height of Ben Nevis.

But Jamie was just as chuffed to raised £2,800 for Childreach, which helps improve children's access to education and healthcare in the developing world.

The product design student visited one of the six Tanzanian schools Childreach supports before his six-day climb, which he made with 24 other young people, mostly from Edinburgh.

The gruelling trek involved five nights under canvas, altitude acclimatisation and a night-time dash for the summit on the fifth day.

Product design student Jamie told *The Oban Times*: 'The guide said it was too dangerous during the day because of snow melt, so we went to bed at 8pm and set off at midnight. The last night was like a dream. I can't really remember it because of the lack of oxygen - it was like being drunk. It took seven hours for the final climb and we summited at 7am. As soon as we reached the top we just wanted to get back down again, because it was -15°C and there was hardly any air. My water platypus froze up too and until I got low enough down I had no water. But it was all worth it - I just wanted to climb Kilimanjaro.'

He added: 'It was fun and for a good cause as well - but one of our group did not make it because he had suspected frostbite, altitude sickness and a damaged knee.'

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## Waste water not good enough when ratepayers' cash is involved

NOTHING frustrates quite as much as a job not well done - particularly when the same mistakes are repeated again and again. That feeling is exacerbated though when the organisation responsible for those mistakes seems to make them again and again.

Scottish Water hasn't exactly been winning friends and influencing people in certain parts of Argyll in recent years with repeated problems caused by botched works and re-repairs.

Communities in Seil, Bonawe, Oban and Benderloch can all testify to frustrations caused by the water operator; from spending seven figure sums on a water treatment plant that allegedly couldn't work - and, as Bonawe residents will testify, continuing to cause a smell - to installing pipework poorly and having to dig up roads again and again.

Of course, Scottish Water carries out many jobs without a hitch - in a lot of cases the work it carries out is not only right first time but works well and eliminates problems for people.

But when ratepayers' money is being wasted on re-doing a job badly done, it simply isn't good enough.

This week, two problems were highlighted by residents of Oban and Benderloch. Polvinster Reservoir's 'landscaping' is a prime example of a job badly done.

Rusty metal poles, discarded tyres and half-buried traffic cones litter the site that was once a home for wildlife. Now its appearance resembles a badly upgraded dump. If Scottish Water does ever commit to returning to the site, what extra cost will the ratepayer have to bear?

Benderloch's road resurfacing leaves much to be desired too - yet Scottish Water says it is 'happy' with the work.

Yet one question remains - when Scottish Water wastes our money, who is it answerable to? It's a question our politicians can dodge no longer.

### GLASGOW LETTER

#### Piping Live competition

GLASGOW international piping festival Piping Live! this year celebrates its tenth birthday.

As part of the celebration, the festival is running a new tune composing competition and is now inviting entries to this event. Tunes submitted must be a March of any time signature for the Highland Bagpipe and must consist of four parts. Tunes must be original and entrants should send in manuscripts to the National Piping Centre. The manuscript should not have any other information marked on it and should be accompanied by a separate cover page stating the composer's name and contact details. These should be sent with a stamped addressed envelope so that the entry can be acknowledged.

Alternatively entries can be submitted via email to [competition@pipinglive.co.uk](mailto:competition@pipinglive.co.uk) in PDF format only. All email entries will be kept anonymous from the competition adjudicators. Entries close at 5pm on Friday July 26.

Entries will be judged by a committee of National Piping Centre teachers chaired by the Principal, Roddy MacLeod MBE.

The composers of the top five tunes selected will be notified on August 2 and will receive an invitation to attend the performance at Piping Live!

The top five tunes will be performed on Tuesday August 13 at a special Piping Live! event in The National Piping Centre Auditorium at 5pm.

Each of the five tunes will be allocated to a piper from the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland to perform in front of an independent panel and live audience.

The adjudicators will not have sight of any of the composers' details until such a time as the tunes have been judged.

#### E-learning project

THE PROGRAMME for the e-learning project from the National Piping Centre next week:

- Monday July 1, 7pm, Level 5 Highland Bagpipe Tutor, Chapters 1 to 19, John Mulhearn. Tuesday, noon, Level 2 Piobaireachd, Grain in Hides and Corn in Sacks. 3pm, Level 4 Highland Bagpipe Tutor, Chapters 20 to 30, John Mulhearn. Wednesday, noon, Level 1 March, Strathspey and Reel, Crags of Stirling, Bob of Fettercairn, Willie Murray's, Chris Armstrong. 5pm, Level 3 6/8 March Tug Argan Gap, John Mulhearn.

#### Reminder

ORAN MOR is the venue this Sunday, June 30, at 7pm, for the concert showcasing winners of the bagpipe tune composing competition organised by Comann na Mara from North Uist.

As well as the winning tunes, there will be contributions from the Ross Ainslie Trio, Gaelic singer Linda MacLeod and fiddler

Marie Therese Gilfedder. Tickets are available from Oran Mor or from [www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk).

#### Royal National Mod, Paisley, 2013

WITH the first National Mod in Paisley fast approaching, the organising committee is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping out as a steward or a Mod 'Buddy'.

It seems appropriate Paisley should have 'buddies' whose role, I understand, will be to assist competitors, particularly choirs.

Further details of how to apply are available from Angus Ferguson, telephone 07951 973285, or email [angusdferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:angusdferguson@hotmail.com).

#### Tea party

TOMORROW afternoon (Friday) An Lochran will be holding an afternoon tea party in the Gaelic Bookshop on Mansfield Street from 2 to 4pm in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Entry is by donation. Everyone is welcome with the promise of good music, poetry stories and craic.

#### Gaels ri Cheile

AT LEANAG at 10am and then at 2pm there will be the chance to learn some Scottish or Irish Gaelic in a partnership between An Lochran and Conradh na Gaeilge Glaschu. In the evening there will be a ceilidh dance in Partick Bowling Club with special guest Joy Dunlop at 7.30pm.

#### Diary dates

**Thursday June 27:** Hallaig: A Work in Progress, Tron Theatre, 1pm and 8pm (£4). Tolbooth, Stirling, 8pm - Lau. A Taste of Scottish Step Dancing, St Peter's Church Hall, Hyndland Street. To book contact [linda@anlochran.com](mailto:linda@anlochran.com) or telephone 0141 334 1025.

**Friday June 28:** Ecumenical Gaelic Service, St Columba's Church, St Vincent Street, 7.30pm. Helensburgh and District Highlander's Association ceilidh dance, Commodore Hotel, 8pm to midnight - Stuart McKeown's Band. Blooming Great Tea Party - see above.

**Saturday June 29:** Gaels ri Cheile - see above. **Sunday June 30:** Piping Competition Concert, Oran Mor - see above.

**Tuesday July 2:** Live at the Star, Admiral Bar, 72 Waterloo Street, 8pm - Dr Mango and the Chickpeas.

#### Pub scene

ON FRIDAY this weekend Deoch 'n Dorus will be playing in the Park Bar with Robert Robertson on Saturday and Trail West on Sunday. In the Islay Inn it will be Parting Glass on Friday and the Keelies on Saturday. This evening, Thursday, the Park will be the venue for the launch of Gunna Sound's new CD.

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## Oban Post Office football team 1963/64

This week's flashback photograph was submitted by Ken Ross of Inverness and features the Oban Post Office football team of 1963/4. Included in the line-up are Ken Ross; Ewan ?; John Morrison; Jim Black; Neil ?; Alex Shaip; Pingie Robertson; Johnny ?; Jackie McInnes, Billy Cooper and Wilson Scott. Ken Ross and Pingie were the two telegram boys in the Post Office at that time. Jackie McInnes and Billy Cooper were their predecessors. Ken left Oban in 1965 and continued to work with the Post Office/Royal Mail around the country, finishing his career in Inverness. Please send prints to The Oban Times, PO Box 1, Oban, Argyll, PA34 4HB, or email [editor@obantimes.co.uk](mailto:editor@obantimes.co.uk). Prints or emails must be accompanied by a caption, name, address and telephone number. Anyone wishing their prints returned must supply a stamped addressed envelope.

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### Roads not just for motorists

Sir, As an almost daily user of the cycle paths in and around Oban, I feel some of the inane, inaccurate and downright stupid comments in your letters page cannot go unchallenged.

I only use the cycle paths when they are free from ice and snow as they are not salted making them extremely dangerous.

The suggested use of winter tyres is not a practical option for cyclists. Does your contributor use snow tyres on his car?

I cycle extensively in Europe and can say conclusively that some of our motorists in the UK are the most inconsiderate, impatient and dangerous in regard to other road users, not just cyclists, anywhere in Europe.

The cossetting of motorists by successive governments through poorly drawn up laws and lack of enforcement leads to the attitude that motor vehicles alone should use highways.

One of your contributors writes of the considerable cost of the cycle paths. Has he ever looked at the money spent on roads because of bad driving?

Motorists need signs warning of corners, cows, sheep, deer, old folks crossing, schools, hospitals, white lines painted single and double to tell when it is safe to overtake, where to park or not to park, traffic lights, and in recent years the extremely expensive anti skid compounds laid down to allow faster cornering and stop skidding at junctions. As a result of this continual attempt to improve driving conditions, we have created a mindset where driving according to prevailing road conditions does not require any serious thought, simply follow the signs.

We have also over the years, thanks to petrol heads such as Jeremy Clarkson, James Martin et al, created the culture where speed is all, where roads should

be used to prove how macho you are and no one or nothing should hinder your progress.

I do not condone the actions of adult cyclists disobeying the traffic laws by cycling on pavements or going through red lights. This practice is ignored by police and requires action by them to return 'new' cyclists into understanding they are part of road traffic and behave accordingly.

Lastly could one of your contributors explain exactly how cyclists expose motorists to danger, distress or delay, although I understand inconvenience, which obviously may require an extra gear change or so.

#### Let cyclists design the paths

Sir, So called cycle paths are unpopular amongst cyclists all over the UK because the reality is, they are not cycle paths at all.

They are shared use paths. Huge amounts of money is being spent on beautifully tarmac tracks for dog walkers, horse riders, wheelchair users and, oh yes, cyclists, that are not fit for purpose for reasons mentioned in my letter from last week.

A possible solution to the so called cyclists/motorists 'war' would be to widen major roads by three feet either side and paint separating lines. There would, of course, be problems in places because of a lack of space but ultimately this would be cheaper and easier than attempting - and then failing - to buy chunks of land, clear undergrowth and trees, lay base layers before completing the path. Every cyclist, lycra clad or otherwise would then use these side strips.

Every week in my job I meet cyclists from around the UK. The story is always the same. Cycle paths are causing huge problems because they are all shared use paths. Cyclists, commuters and enthusiasts want

to use them but end up back on the road because of their flawed design, dogs, threats of violence from yobs, the list goes on.

Andrew Macintosh raises valid points regarding some cyclists' behaviour. Like him, I am appalled when people ride on pavements or jump red lights. Bike registration is not a bad idea, however, all motor vehicles are registered, yet this does not prevent thousands dying on our roads every year, mostly as a result of bad driving.

When a cyclist behaves like an idiot it often ends badly for the cyclist. When a motorist behaves in a similar manner, many lives can suddenly change for ever.

Let's have cycle paths but let's have them designed by cyclists for cyclists.

**Kevin Whitehead, Appin.**

#### Get traffic away from high school

Sir, We were overjoyed earlier this week when we noticed the digging up of the 20 feet of paving and cobblestones at the junction of Combie Street and Market Street.

As it looks like it is just another repair job. Surely to open up this small stretch and make it two-way would take a good percentage of traffic heading towards the industrial estate away from the busy junction at Oban High School? Drivers regularly cut through J&A's yard and through the car park to avoid the jams; this surely indicates the need for change.

So please Oban roads department, get as much traffic away from the high school junction as possible.

**Louis and Glenda Macleod, Croft Avenue, Oban.**

#### Thank you councillors

Sir, I would like to thank and congratulate our Mary-Jean Devon and Roddy

McCuish for listening to the community and promising to act on majority community opinions expressed on their visit to Coll last week.

We are so reassured that these elected representatives, in particular, believe in and act on community concerns rather than follow blindly any party political line.

Thank goodness we can feel these people of integrity and commitment to the democratic process actually listen to our concerns and are willing to do something about them after the recent disastrous experience with an Argyll and Bute planning hearing on Coll.

I am so pleased to start believing in local democracy again.

**Thank you Mary-Jean and Roddy. Eileen Strange, Isle of Coll.**

#### Value real local democracy

Sir, I have been watching with interest the battle for power in Argyll and Bute Council.

Local authorities provide local people with services they use every day. It is essential local politics bare this as its prime concern because local people see these issues every day. They will not respond kindly to local policies being formulated under pressure from central governments.

Walking the walk and talking the talk for me is what should drive any local politician. It is my experience that the current leader Roddy McCuish and my local councillor Mary-Jean Devon do just that. We should all be concerned if local control is to be taken by central government diktat.

We should never take for granted real local democracy and value it with our lives as others have given theirs for such a cause in the past.

**Terry Shirvington, Isle of Coll.**

## Beachd Ailein

Ailean Caimbeul

'S E FIOR GHÈAM MATH iomain a bha eadar Lòbhat agus Gleann Urchaidh ann an cuairt dheireannach Cupa MhicThàb-hais.

Faodaidh deagh fharpais a bhith eadar dà sgioba co-ionann sam bith, ach 's e bh' againn an seo ach suidheachadh anns nach robh dad eadar dà sgioba a tha air leth ealanta agus bha e da-rìribh tlachdmhor a bhith gun coimhead. Agus ged a bha an fharpais eatarra cruaidh, cha robh cus dùbhlain aig an rèitire agus chum e deagh smachd gun a bhith a' bacadh ruith nàdarra a' gheama.

Tha e daonnan math cuideachd a bhith a' coimneachadh ri seann còlaich aig lethidh seo de thachartas agus am measg na chunna mi fhìn bha mo sheann charaid Feargaidh Dòmhnallach agus e mar chù le dà earball leis cho soirbheachail 's a tha an clàr ùr aige, 'The Shinty Referee'!

Meal do naidheachd, Feargaidh! An dèidh facal a chluinntinn bhuaithe fhèin aig leth-ùine, chuala na bha an làthair an t-òran agus ged a tha e gu math eirmeach, tha làn-thuigse anns a' bhàrdachd air an seòrsa dhuilgheadasan a tha bheanta aig rèitirean iomain, mar spòrs sam bith.

Chan eil e gu diofar ciamar a riaghlas rèitire, bidh cuideigin nach bi riaraichte agus ga chàineadh agus 's iomadh turas a bhios mi fhìn a' gabhail iongnadh gum bheil daoine a' cumail a' dol an aghaidh lethidh de dhìol. Nach math gum bheil feadhainn ann a tha deònach cur suas leis a' mhì-mhòdh neo cha bhiodh uimhir de spòrs a' tachairt agus cha bhiodh cothrom air an seòrsa toileachais a fhuair sinn aig Pairce a' Bhugh seachdain Disathairne seo chaidh! Seo cuideachd am den bhliadhna anns am bheil Mòdan Ionaidh a' gabhail àite air feadh na dùthcha agus cha tuig ach neach a tha an sàs ann an sin na bheil de dh'òbair nan cois. Ceudan de dhaoine thall 's a-bhos a' cumail nan tachartasan seo a' dol gu saor-thoilich agus tha am Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail air a bheathachadh às na tobraichean tàlant sin gach bliadhna. Agus a bharrachd air an fheadhainn a tha a' togail airgid is a' cur nam Mòdan air bhog gu practaigeach, tha ceudan eile air cùl cùise a' toirt taic dha farpaisich loinn a chur air cànan is ceòl. Agus an uairsin, feumar brìtheamhan agus mar a dh'èirich dha na rèitirean spòrs, theid iadsan a chàineadh gum brògan cuideachd! A dh'aindeoin sin, tha mi 'n dòchas gum cum iad a' misneachadh dhaoine ann an cànan is ceòl nan Gàidheal agus gum lean sinn uile a' cumail taic agus a' faotainn tlachd à bhith ag èisteachd!

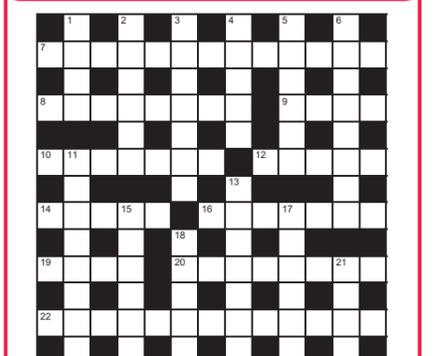
THE SHINTY Referee song reflects the humour of author Fergie MacDonald but it also demonstrates understanding of the challenges of any referee's role.

Similar challenges are frequently experienced by the many volunteers who adjudicate at Provincial Mods across the country every year.

We are fortunate that so many are willing to suffer criticism, and occasional hostility, to enable cultural and sporting competition to flourish!

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

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## Last week's solution

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Tony Daffurn, Coatbridge, was second equal in the triple jump. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



Joseph Amouzou, from the Glasgow School of Sport, sends sand flying as he lands his long jump. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



Open heavyweight competitor Craig Sinclair tosses the caber. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



Oban's Angus MacPhail throws the hammer. Photo: Stephen Lawson.

# Lorne games have landed

SOME of Oban's best young athletes were given a stage on which to perform as the inaugural Lorne Highland Games got into full swing on Sunday.

With only a few big name competitors invited to add to the showcase, it was left to locals to entertain the ever-growing crowd throughout the day and they didn't disappoint.

Welcoming visitors to the games, chieftain Graham MacQueen said: 'It is great to see everyone in the town working together to make these games happen.'

The standard of competition was high in both the heavy and light events; the familiar faces of Bruce Robb, Neil Elliot and Oban native Lorne Colthart helped make for a competitive open heavyweight division, while Alan Smith, Scottish native record holder for the high jump, was top billing in the athletics field.

But all local events were

well supplemented by athletes from the Oban and Lorne area, with Oban's Craig Nicholson claiming a clean sweep of the heavy events.

All-rounder Donna Smith, also from Oban, had a profitable day, winning the local 90m and light hammer and second-place finishes in the caber toss, 28lb weight and shot putt.

A high-quality hill race saw Shettleston's Michael Deason take first place, followed by Colin Donnelly of Lochaber AC, and Oban's Tom Smith and former Scottish international Nicola Meekin, Appin, won the women's race by some margin from Oban teenager Alison MacVicar.

Paddy Dunne and Daniel Spiers were standouts in the junior boys' events while Niamh Byrne also had a great day in the girls' events.

A well-attended Highland dancing section brought with it a large support and Oban

dancer Jenna MacInnes won all but one of the six premier sections, finishing runner-up in the Highland Fling to Katie MacPherson.

Councillor Roddy McCuish, vice chairman of the organising committee, said: 'The day was a wonderful success and I would like to say 'well done' to the committee and, more importantly, to the local people who turned out. It was a great advert for a local game.'

'The committee members are delighted with the community response, which gives us the courage to go forward and make it bigger and better next year. 'It was gratifying to see how everyone came together to support these games. All the local games around Lorne contributed to making this a successful event, lending equipment and expertise.'

Oban Pipe Band played during the day to give an authentic Highland games atmosphere.



Left: Oban High School pupil Daniel Spiers leaps to a good distance in the boys' long jump. Photo: Stephen Lawson.



Games chieftain Graham MacQueen leads Oban Pipe Band onto Mossfield. 07\_126lorne07

## Are you a lucky winner?

A NUMBER of 'lucky programme' prizewinners at the inaugural Lorne Highland Games have still to pick up prizes.

Programme number 987 has won the Isle of Colonsay Hotel weekend for two (including ferry fares); programme

88 won Royal Yacht Britannia admission and champagne afternoon tea for four; 246 won the Coastal Connection wildlife boat trip for two; number 114 won four tickets to Oban Phoenix Cinema and number 61 won a £20 beauty voucher at Saint Saviours.



Taynuilt Gaelic Choir won the open choral competition and was runner-up in the choral puirt-a-beul. 15\_126obanmod05

## Dalmally ends 40-year Oban Mòd absence

### Taynuilt take top prizes in adult choral section

DALMALLY Primary School made a welcome return to the Oban Provincial Mòd for the first time in nearly 40 years when it entered two folk groups at the event.

The junior events last Friday, in various venues throughout the town, were again dominated by entries from Rockfield Primary School's Gaelic Medium Unit but there were some entries from Oban High School and Appin, Lismore and Kilniver schools.

But it was the return of Dalmally, for the first time since the 1970s, that really delighted organisers, who hailed the two-day Mòd an overall success, despite the lack of schools competing in junior competitions.

Dalmally Primary School teacher Karen Garnham, who previously taught at Appin Gaelic Medium Unit for nine years, was commended for bringing the school back to the Mòd.

The Islay native told *The Oban Times*: 'The pupils were learning a bit of Gaelic in the school but not much of the musical and cultural side of the language.'

'I started doing some music with them and identified a few very talented musicians among them, so the folk group competition seemed an ideal start. We have now been invited to ceilidhs in Taynuilt and Oban.'

'I didn't realise how long it had been since Dalmally had entered the Mòd but hopefully we can attend many more, because it is important for the area's culture. The children have had a ball.'

In the adult section last Saturday, held in Oban High School, Royal National Mòd gold medalist Joy Dunlop, Connel, was among the main prizewinners as a competitor and conductor.

After winning the traditional solo competition, she sang with Taynuilt Gaelic Choir as it won the open choir competition. Taynuilt also finished second in the choral puirt-a-beul behind Largs Gaelic Choir, which was making its first appearance at the Oban Mòd.

Joy then turned conductor as she led Còisir Ceann an Tuirc, Argyll's male voice choir, to first place in the male/female voice choral competition.



Two folk groups were the pride of Dalmally last week for being the first pupils to represent the school at the Mòd in Oban since the 1970s. 15\_126obanmod16



Nicola Pearson, originally of Oban, won the Irene MacCowan Medal for solo singing. 15\_126obanmod03



Double take: Among the many children competing from Rockfield Gaelic Medium Unit in Oban were two sets of twins, from left: brothers Liam and Sean Campbell and sisters Lauren and Shauna MacLeod. 15\_126obanmod13



Rockfield schoolgirl Ellen MacKechnie won the story-telling (11-12 years) for the second consecutive year. 15\_126obanmod11



Left: Joy Dunlop, from Connel, had a unique trio of victories as a soloist, chorister and conductor. 15\_126obanmod02



Aberfeldy's May Brown, left, and Gillian MacDonald won the duet competition. 15\_126obanmod07



Mull duet Natalie Livingstone and Donna Dugdale also sang with Mull Gaelic Choir. 15\_126obanmod08

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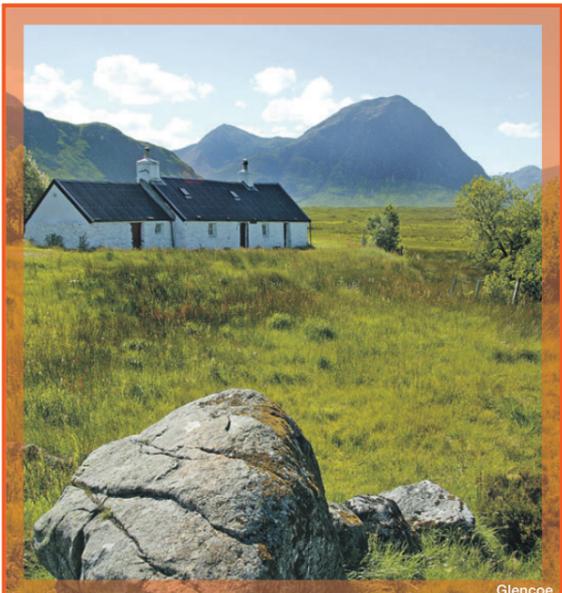
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Friday 12 July	Ben Nevis Inn, Achintee	Concert/Session	9pm
Saturday 13 July	The Tavern Restaurant, Fort William	Concert/Session	8pm
Saturday 14 July	Clachaig Inn, Glencoe	Session	9pm
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Friday 26 July	Invergarry Hotel	Session	7.30pm - 11pm
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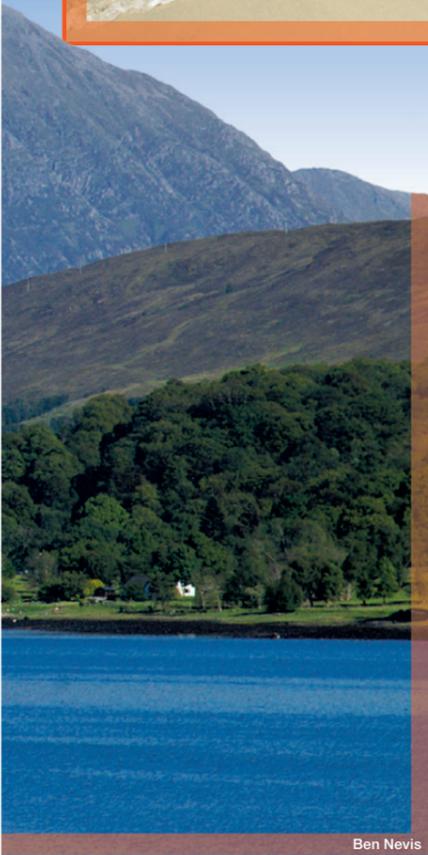
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A competitor at the Mountain Bike World Cup



Highland dancers at the Games

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11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
11am, Produce fair, Astley Hall, Arisaig.  
11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
12pm, Summer lunch, Connel Church Hall.  
7pm, Clay pigeon shooting, Lorn Clay Target Club, North Connel.  
9pm, John 'the box' Turnbull, The Lorne Bar, Oban.  
11.30pm, Thursday night disco, Skippinish, Oban.

### FRIDAY - June 28

11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
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7pm, Roy Chubby Brown, Corran Halls, Oban.  
7.30pm, Music Coll 2013, An Cridhe, Coll.  
8pm, Fundraising ladies night, Cuan Mor, Oban.  
8pm, 90's tunes and dance anthems disco, Paparazzi, Oban.  
8.30pm, Gunna Sound cd launch, Royal Hotel, Oban.  
9pm, Oban Mic Night, O'Donnell's, Oban.  
10pm, Disco, The Lorne Bar, Oban.

### SATURDAY - June 29

8.40am, Ramblers Scotland Loch Melfort walk, meet Ballachulish tourist info or Longdale Road car park, Oban at 9.30am.  
10am, Fishing competition, Loch Frisa, Mull.  
11am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
2pm, St Columba's annual bazaar, Corran Halls, Oban.  
7.30pm, Ambient Acoustics for Multiple Sclerosis, Corran Halls, Oban.  
8pm, DJ Guy theme night, Paparazzi, Oban.  
9.30pm, Cairdeas, Markie Dan's, Oban.

### SUNDAY - June 30

Joint service for Netherlorn parishes, Arduaine Garden.  
10am, Charity car boot sale, Co-op car park, Oban.  
11am, Walk for whales, Corran Halls, Oban.  
2pm, Street party at Glen Iosal, Tobermory, Mull.  
2pm, Calgary 'work' party, Mull.  
2.30pm, Live accordion music, Tartan Tavern, Oban.  
3.45pm, Sunday Session, Barn Bar, Lerags.  
9.30pm, Quiz, Markie Dan's, Oban.  
10pm, Disco, The Lorne Bar, Oban.

### MONDAY - July 1

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival.  
2.30pm, Live accordion music, Tartan Tavern, Oban.

### TUESDAY - July 2

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival.  
10am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, Campbeltown Library.  
10.30am, Oban USA, Regent Hotel, Oban.  
12pm, Summer lunch, Connel Church Hall.  
1.30pm, Musical Memories, Glencruitten Church Centre, Oban.  
3pm, Coastal walk, Bunessan, meet car park for Kilpatrick Burial Ground, Mull.  
7pm, Long Island Youth Orchestra, St John's Cathedral, Oban.

### WEDNESDAY - July 3

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival.  
10am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, Campbeltown Library.  
7pm, Oban High School Pipe Band busking, Station Square, Oban.  
9pm, Pub quiz, The Lorne Bar, Oban.

### THURSDAY - July 4

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival.  
8.45am, Ramblers Scotland Strontian walk, meet Corran ferry slip or Strontian tourist information at 9.30am.  
10am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, Campbeltown Library.  
11am, Treshnish Farm walk, Mull.  
11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
12pm, Summer lunch, Connel Church Hall.  
9pm, John 'the box' Turnbull, The Lorne Bar, Oban.  
11.30pm, Thursday night disco, Skippinish, Oban.

### FRIDAY - July 5

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival.  
Round Mull Race.  
Signal Fires, Live band, The Mishnish, Tobermory, Isle of Mull 9.30pm  
10am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, Campbeltown Library.  
10.30am, Coffee morning, Kilmelford Village Hall.  
11am, Coffee morning, St John's Cathedral, Oban.  
7.30pm, Robert Gillies, Tobermory Scout Hall, Mull.  
8pm, 90s tunes and dance anthems, Paparazzi, Oban.  
10pm, Disco, The Lorne Bar, Oban.

### SATURDAY - July 6

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival.  
Round Mull Race.  
Signal Fires, Live band, The Lorne Bar, Oban 10.00pm  
10am, In the footsteps of Columba art exhibition, Campbeltown Library.  
8pm, DJ Guy theme night, Paparazzi, Oban.

### SUNDAY - July 7

Round Mull Race.  
9.30am, Ramblers Scotland Invergarry walk, meet Spean Bridge Woolen Mill.  
10.30am, Oban Walking for Cancer, Guide Hall for registration, Oban.  
12pm, Friendship lunch, Craignish Village Hall.  
1pm, Family fun day for Tobermory Toddlers, Aros Park, Tobermory, Mull.  
2.30pm, Live accordion music, Tartan Tavern, Oban.  
2.30pm, Producers' market, Dervaig Hall, Mull.  
3.45pm, Sunday Session, Barn Bar, Lerags.  
10pm, Disco, The Lorne Bar, Oban.

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# Times life

## No dampened spirits at Mallaig gala day

MALLAIG and District Swimming gala day was a splash hit on Saturday - despite the rain.

The event, the high point of a week of celebrations to mark the pool 20th anniversary, was got off to a quiet start on the pier.

But by early afternoon the stalls inside were busy as locals and visitors stocked up on homebaking and jams or tried their luck at the bottle stall.

Outside, the downpour proved no deterrent to the children enjoying the bouncy chute while Mallaig coastguards found a steady trade for their barbecued burgers and prawns.

Pool leisure assistant Brogan Sangan, along with her friend Mairi Morrison, had already raised over £1,000 towards pool funds at a takeaway night the weekend before.

And she was back on duty again on Saturday to help at the event with pool manager Brian Gordon-Wilkin, assistant manager Sarah Boyce, and a host of volunteers.

'It's been stressful, but it's worth it,' Brogan told The Oban Times. The swimming pool is just a small charity and depends on fundraising to keep going.

'It's great to see the community pull together today and come out to support us - despite the weather.'

Other attractions on the day included face painting and a host of second hand stalls. Disney characters Mickey and Minnie, Tigger and Donald Duck were a big hit with the kids and welcomed passengers off the steam train when it chugged into Mallaig Station at 12.20pm.



Tigger, Donald Duck and Minnie and Mickey - aka local lads Ross Martin, Colin Dyer, Neil Taylor and Murdo Colston - with pool leisure assistant Brogan Sangan. 10. f26mallaig05



The bottle stall was a popular attraction at Mallaig Swimming Pool gala day. 10. f26mallaig02



Four year-old Eva Griffin from Toulga, Morar, gets her face painted by Mallaig High School pupil Megan Morrison, 14. 10. f26mallaig04



Taschia MacLean from Inverlochty and Mallaig pal Shannon MacDonald enjoy the chute in the rain. 10. f26mallaig03



Volunteers Gillian MacLeod and Sonia Cameron make a sale to Mallaig lady Maureen Tarn and grandson Jamie, aged 8. 10. f26mallaig06



Mallaig coastguards Chris Lemons and Chris Dyer and their team had a busy day at the barbecue stall. 10. f26mallaig01



Golf art winners Matilda McKiggan and Keiran MacLean.

### Glasgow Mod results

- 5-6yrs Learner Solo Song  
"Gille Beag O"  
1. Seona Brown - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Yelena McElhinney - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Seonaidh MacDonald - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
5-6yrs Fluent Song  
"An Su"  
1. Kirsty NicLeoid - Craigholme Girls School  
2. Maria Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. David Ralston - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
5-6yrs Story Telling  
1. Maria Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Emily Haldane - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Isabel Driscoll - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
7-8yrs Learner Poem  
"An Cu agus an Fàilteas"  
1. Emily Haldane - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Sara Charnley - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Korin Weir Stewart - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Under 13yrs Traditional  
1. Rory MacDiarmid - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Eilidh MacInnes - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Hannah Morrison - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
5-6yrs Fluent Poem  
"Caraidcan"  
1. Maria Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Rowan Watterlott - Whinhill Primary School  
3. Stacie Lewis - Whinhill Primary School & David Ralston Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
5-6yrs Learner Solo Song  
"Gille Beag O"  
1. Hannah Russell - Bunsgoil Condorart

1. Mhairi Smith - Bun Sgoil Condorart  
2. Liadan Howat - Bun Sgoil Condorart  
3. Benny Walsh - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
7-8yrs Storytelling  
1. Anndra Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Ariana Pignatiello - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Korin Weir Stewart - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
7-8yrs Learner Solo Song  
"Chuir iad mise dh'èilean leam fhin"  
1. Iris O'Connell - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Sarah Charnley - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Jonathon Dow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
5-6yrs Learner Poem  
"An Sgoilear Ur"  
1. Mhairi Smith - Bun Sgoil Condorart  
2. Francesca McNeill - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Lachlan MacLeod - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
5-6yrs Learner Solo Song  
"Gille Beag O"  
1. Rachel Buchan - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Alasdair Scott - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Eva Douglas Dowden - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Under 10yrs Bible Reading  
1. Rebekah Boyle - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Katie MacFarlane - Falkirk Junior Gaelic Choir  
7-8yrs Learner Poem  
"An Cu agus an Fàilteas"  
1. Blair MacKinnon - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
2. Charlotte Cavanagh - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Cameron Gow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
7-8yrs Fluent Poem  
"Groc groc ars an Fiteach"  
1. Hannah Russell - Bunsgoil Condorart

2. Anndra Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Conal MacDiarmid - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
7-8yrs Conversation  
1. Aoife Rodgers - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Liberty Mahon - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Conal MacDiarmid - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
5-6yrs Learner Poem  
"An Sgoilear Ur"  
1. Seona Brown - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Leon Griffin - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Isabel Driscoll - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
5-6yrs Conversation  
1. Isabel Driscoll - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Lewis MacKeen - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Seona MacLeod and Iver Campbell - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
9-10yrs Poem  
1. Hamish Smith - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Eilidh Quinn - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Rhianna Boyle - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
9-10yrs Conversation  
1. Innes Scullion - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Robaidh Whyte - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Lia Herbison - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Under 16yrs Bible Reading  
1. Archie Campbell and Jonathon Dow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Under 16yrs Bible Reading  
1. Carla Galanti - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
2. Eilidh Michie - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Katherine Dow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
13-15yrs Poem  
1. Rebekah Boyle - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Christina Gorman - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu

- Unison  
1. Glasgow Gaelic School Choir  
2. Glasgow Islay Junior Gaelic Choir  
3. Falkirk Junior Gaelic Choir  
Puirt A Beal  
1. Glasgow Islay Junior Gaelic Choir  
2. Falkirk Junior Gaelic Choir  
9-10yrs Girls Solo Singing (Shield)  
1. Ava MacKinnon - Bun sgoil Condorart  
3. Rhianna Boyle - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Abigail Cavanagh - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
7-8yrs Fluent Solo Singing  
1. Donnall MacGregor - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Mairi MacLeod - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Aoife Rodgers - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
9-10yrs Poem  
1. Seumas Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Lewis MacKeen - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Seona MacLeod and Iver Campbell - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
9-10yrs Poem  
1. Hamish Smith - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Eilidh Quinn - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Rhianna Boyle - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
9-10yrs Conversation  
1. Innes Scullion - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Robaidh Whyte - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Lia Herbison - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
13-15yrs Girls Solo Singing (Cup)  
1. Katie MacFarlane - Falkirk Gaelic Junior Choir  
2. Christina Gorman - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Rebekah Boyle - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
11-12yrs Conversation  
1. Seumas Scullion - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Jessica Gow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu

3. Kara MacDonald - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
9-10yrs Storytelling  
1. Anna Horsburgh - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Seumas Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Niamh Moore - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
11-12yrs Poem  
1. Seumas Scullion - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Jessica Gow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Bryan Lewis - Whinhill Primary School  
9-10yrs Boys Solo Singing (Shield)  
1. Lachlan Kennedy - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Duncan MacKenzie - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Robaidh Whyte - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
11-12yrs Boys Solo Singing  
1. Rory MacDiarmid - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Bryan Lewis - Whinhill Primary School  
3. Aiden Dow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
11-12yrs Storytelling  
1. Jessica Gow - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Seumas Scullion - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Rose Leckie - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
Duets  
1. Anna Jean MacKenzie and Catriona MacLeod - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Hannah Morrison and Andrew Lyle - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
13-15yrs Storytelling  
1. Pol Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Mairi MacDonald - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
13-15yrs Storytelling  
1. Frances Driscoll - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2 = Siobhan Brady & Findlay Crawford - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Roseanna Ruby Urquhart - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu

- Còmhraidh eadar dithis  
1. Seumas Scullion & Alasdair Caimbeul - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Dominic Ferrier & Ruairidh Harris - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Abigail Cavanagh & Kara Macdonald - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Clarsach - Beginners  
1. Carla Galanti Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
2. Kara MacDonald Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Elementary Clarsach  
1. Andrew Lyle - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
2. Rose Leckie - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
3. Jessica Gow & Iona MacLean - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Intermediate 1  
1. Tea Lien Jack - Glasgow  
2. Ailsa Hendy - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
3. Eilidh MacInnes - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Clarsach Intermediate 2  
1. Sophie Joint - Bearsden Clarsach Advanced  
1. Eilidh Miller - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Clarsach Duo  
1. Rose Leckie & Ailsa Hendy - Bunsgoil Innis an Uillt  
2. Rory MacDiarmid - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Eilidh Simpson - Bun Sgoil Condorart  
Accordian 13-18yrs  
1. Zacharia Ronan - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Chanter Strathspey & Reel  
1. Calum Stewart - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
Chanter 2 or 4 part March (12yrs)  
1. Calum Stewart - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
2. Seumas Monk - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu  
3. Seumas Scullion - Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu

### Portree scores one-two in golf art competition

PORTREE Primary School has scored a remarkable one-two in an art competition to design a board for the upcoming Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open.  
Judge, 1999 British Open winner Paul Lawrie, picked out Portree pupil Matilda McKiggan as the winner in the under-10 category - then chose her classmate Keiran MacLean as runner-up.  
The artistic duo each won £250 of junior golf equipment for the school, a golf pack and tickets to attend the July 11-14 tournament at Castle Stuart Golf Links near Inverness.

### Oban pupils fundraising for Malaria No More

Campaign to carry on until end of June

TWO OBAN High School pupils hope their fundraising efforts end in a net-gain for an international charity.  
Rebecca Bruce, 15, and Karina Black, 14, who are both in S4, have been fundraising for Malaria No More, a charity providing mosquito nets and medication to combat the disease in some of the world's poorest areas.  
Their fundraising was done in conjunction with the national scheme Coffee Nets, which encourages a £1 donation for every cup of coffee bought.  
After the students were told about the scheme by their Religious and Moral Education teacher Shona Sharp, Rebecca and Karina signed up to fund-raising events including a bake sale and buying teddy bears for a best friend.  
The girls felt the rest of the school had been extremely supportive.  
Rebecca said: 'For the cake bake we had other volunteers, and all the staff and students have been really good, dropping their loose change in the morning or coming back from lunch.'  
Having raised £500 in three weeks, enough for 100 mosquito nets, the campaign will carry on until the end of June, with the aim of raising enough for 20 more nets.  
Their teacher Shona Sharp is delighted with their efforts. She said: 'They have worked very hard and I am so proud of them.'

# Salvation Army open new hall in Kinlochleven

OVER 90 people attended the official opening of the Salvation Army's new hall in the Kinlochleven village.

Mrs Major Lilian Wylie, who along with her late husband and family helped to maintain the local corps throughout the years, cut the ribbon.

Kinlochleven Community Choir, Loch Leven Brass Band and the local guitar class - all with roots in the Salvation Army on Loch Leven-side - attended the celebration.

On behalf of landlords Kinlochleven Community Trust, Moira Hartley welcomed members to their new home and wished them well in the work they aim to do in the village.

Representing the local churches, Rev. Dr. Malcolm Kinnear read the scriptures before Divisional Commander Major Denis Lomax gave a message of encouragement.

Commanding officer of the Kinlochleven Corps Janet McIntyre also addressed the meeting on her vision for the future.

She said afterwards: 'The Salvation Army came to Kinlochleven in 1926 and except for a short time using the Catholic Church, we have worshipped and served our community in our hall in Garbhein Road.'

'It used to be a busy part of the village, with the village hall, post office, Tartan Hotel, Kinlochleven roads transport and the Bank House all being prominent there along with ourselves.'

'Except for the Bank House, everything has moved or closed and so it was time to move nearer the centre of the village with better access for all.'

'This will enhance the work we already do and will enable us to introduce other avenues of service to the general public.'



Children from four local nurseries, Little Learners, Stramash, First Steps and Lochnell Pre-school, were among those to take part in the multi-generational walk to raise funds to build Oban Community Playpark. 16\_126playparkwalk1

## Old and young walk for Oban Community Playpark

YOUNG and not so young gathered together for a walk from the Corran Halls to Dunollie's 1745 House to help raise funds to build Oban Community Playpark.

Some 70 local children from local nursery schools were joined by members from Oban Seniors Forum and Health Walks group to talk part in the fun stroll,

enjoying a snack and drink at the museum before returning.

The 120 people taking part in the stroll raised £1,152.80, with the group looking to raise some £400,000 for the all-inclusive facility, which would be built on land at Dalriach Road, near Atlantis Leisure.

Designed specifically to cater

for children both full able and with disabilities, the ambitious mums hope not only will it be a real community asset but an attraction for the town. There is no playground able to cater for disabled children in Argyll, with the closest facility in Edinburgh.

Organised by Fiona Sharples, the walkers enjoyed terrific

weather and the sun raised was greeted with joy by committee member, Lyndsay Elliot, who said funding applications were now being made.

'We've raised around £15,000 so far. We're just about to submit our first grant funding application. We've got a lot of work to do yet though.'

# Island weather exhibition to open in Benbecula ahead of tour

Youngsters join Skerryvore to compose music based on weather

AN EXCITING new exhibition 'A Reir na h-Aimsir' on how the weather affects our sense of place opens in Benbecula tomorrow (Friday).

The display in Museum nan Eilean at Sgoil Lionacleit was curated by young people aged 16-24 from across the Outer Isles and will showcase objects from the collections of National Museums Scotland and Museum nan Eilean, including wind anemometers, hair hygrometers and a beautiful sunshine recorder designed in Islay in 1853.

enne Westwood highlighting the use of tweed to combat inclement weather also features.

The group has worked on the design, layout, text and photography, often working remotely by emails, Skype, phone conferences and file-sharing.

Project advisor, renowned Lewis meteorologist Dr Eddy Graham will give a short talk at the opening about the different types of weather that is enjoyed - and sometimes endured - in the islands.

The show, part of the national programme of exhibitions and

events 'Scotland Creates', is a partnership project with National Museums Scotland and is supported by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Creative Scotland.

Meanwhile, another group of young people have been working with professional musicians from the band Skerryvore, through Live Music Now Scotland, to compose a new piece of music based on the theme of weather.

The composition will be incorporated into a film piece that will be created at dance and animation workshops across the islands in

July.

Through local creative partners An Lanntair, Ceolas and Taigh Chearsabhagh, dance and animation workshops will be held in Ness, Stornoway, the Bays of Harris and Benbecula.

Saturday, July 13 - Sgoil Lionacleit, Benbecula - 10am till 4pm

Tuesday, July 23 - Sporsnis, Ness - 10am till 4pm

Wednesday, July 24 - Bridge Centre, Stornoway - 10am till 4pm

Thursday, July 25 - Bays Community Centre, Harris - 10am till 4pm



Left to right, Janet McIntyre, Mrs Major Lilian Wylie, Divisional Commander Major Denis Lomax and his wife, Major Olive Lomax opened the new hall.



The girls' high jump was strongly contested



Zara Connelly (66) wins the girls' 90m race ahead of Niamh Byrne and Emma Thompson

## Lorne Highland Games 2013

### Results

**Track Events**  
90m 1 James Higgins (9.3) Glasgow  
2 Tony Daffurn Shettleston 3 David Watson Glasgow  
Local Men 1 Gary Turner (11.27) 2 Callum MacPhee 3 Connor Ferris

Local Women 1 Donna Smith (12.92) 2 Audrey Barr 3 Alison MacVicar  
200m 1 Cumbie Bowers (21.04) Glenrothes 2 Wendy Nichol Dunfermline 3 Gary Turner Campbelltown

400m 1 Billy Martin (58.64) Glenrothes 2 Willie Bates Tullibody 3 Cumbie Bowers Glenrothes

800m 1 Wallace McGown (01:55.68) 2 William Bates Tullibody 3 Craig Robertson Pitreavie

1600m 1 Craig Bell (04:22.9) Forfar 2 Michael Deason Shettleston 3 Gary Turner Campbelltown

Hill Race Men 1 Michael Deason (13:17) Shettleston 2 Colin Donnelly (13:54) Lochaber 3 Tom Smith (14:02) Lochaber

Hill Race Women 1 Nicola Meekin (16:23) Lochaber 2 Alison MacVicar (20:10) Oban 3 Bridget Ripley Holyhead

**Field Events**  
Long Jump 1 Tony Daffurn (21' 1.5") Coatbridge 2 David Watson (20' 2.5") Glasgow 3 Allan Smith (20' 1.5") Edinburgh

Triple Jump 1 Alan Smith (45' 5") Edinburgh 2 Tony Daffurn (44' 10") Coatbridge 3 David Watson (44' 8.5") Glasgow

High Jump 1 Allan Smith (1.8m) Edinburgh 2 Eq Douglas Paul (1.75m) 2 Eq Tony Daffurn (1.75m) Coatbridge

Light Hammer 1 Craig Sinclair (129' 5") 2 Sinclair Patience (125' 0") 3 Lorne Colthart (122' 8")

Women 1 Donna Smith (58' 2") 2 Julie Campbell (53' 7") 3 Elizabeth Elliot (52' 3")

Local 1 Craig Nicholson (106' 2") 2 Angus McPhail (90' 2") 3 Ross Anderson (86' 6.5")

Heavy Hammer 1 Craig Sinclair (109' 5") 2 Sinclair Patience (102' 4") 3 Lorne Colthart (101' 8")

Shot Putt 1 Bruce Robb (49' 8") 2 Sinclair Patience (48' 0") 3 Craig Sinclair (45' 9")

Women 1 Julie Campbell (33' 11") 2 Donna Smith (32' 7.5") 3 Elizabeth Elliot (29' 7.5")

Local 1 Craig Nicholson (11.12m) 2 Ross Anderson (8.68m)

Shot Putt 2 1 Sinclair Patience (41' 5") 2 Bruce Robb (41' 4") 3 Craig Sinclair

Caber Open 1 Bruce Robb 2 Eq Neil Elliott 2 Eq Lorne Colthart

Women 1 Elizabeth Elliott 2 Donna Smith 3 Laura Macormick

Local 1 Craig Nicholson 2 Angus McPhail 3 Ross Anderson

Tug of War Men 1 Clan Heavies 2 Rugby Club 3 Rugby Club

Tug of War Women 1 Rugby Club 2 Rugby Club 3 Rugby Club

Tug of War Mixed 1 Rugby Club 2 Rugby Club 3 Rugby Club

28lb Weight 1 Sinclair Patience (81' 4.5") 2 Bruce Robb (79' 5") 3 Craig Sinclair (77' 2")

Women Elizabeth Elliot (55' 9") Donna Smith (53' 9.5") 3 Laura Mcormick (51' 8")

Local 1 Craig Nicholson (17.82m) 2 Angus McPhail (16.21m) 3 Ross Anderson (11.6m)

56lb weight 1 Bruce Robb (40' 4") 2 Sinclair Patience (38' 5") 3 Lorne Colthart (35' 8.5")

**Junior Events**  
90m Youth 1 Paddy Dunne (9.77) 2 Zara Connelly 3 Niamh Byrne

Boys 1 Paddy Dunne (11.85) 2 Scott Black 3 Donald Ferguson

Girls 1 Zara Connelly (12.16) 2 Niamh Byrne 3 Emma Thompson

200m Youth 1 Niamh Byrne (22.58) Dunfermline 2 Zara Connelly Pitreavie 3 Scott Black Oban

1600m Youth 1 Sean Bates (04:54.3) 2 Joseph Harper 3 Daniel Spiers

Hill Race Boys 1 Daniel Spiers (19.07) 2 Alastair Lilley (19.31) 3 Tom Lines (19.56)

Hill Race Girls 1 Emma Baird (22.31) 2 Roanne Lilley

Long Jump Boys 1 Scott Black (14' 8") 2 Daniel Spiers (13' 5") 3 Paddy Dunne (13' 2")

Long Jump Girls 1 Emma Thompson (12' 11") 2 Niamh Byrne (11' 8") 3 Roanne Lilley (11' 3")

High Jump Boys 1 Scott Black (133cm) 2 Paddy Dunne 3 Donald Ferguson

High Jump Girls 1 Emma Thompson (122cm) 2 Molly Read 3 Emma Baird

16lb Hammer Youth Boys 1 Ross Cristy (60' 3.5") 2 Daniel Spiers (46' 11")

16lb Shot Putt 1 Ross Cristy (6.5m) 2 Daniel Spiers (6.46m)

Caber Youth 1 Ross Cristy 2 Daniel Spiers

Weight for Distance Youth 1 Daniel Spiers (19.4m) 2 Ross Cristy (13.0m) 90m Primary

Boys 1 Ben Dunne 2 Daniel Baird 3

Joseph Harper 90m Primary

Girls 1 Holly Robertson 2 Grace Thompson 3 Fi Keys

300m Primary Boys 1 Daniel Baird 2 Finbar Dunne 3 Morgan Gemmill

300m Primary Girls 1 Holly Robertson 2 Grace Thompson 3 Fi Keys

**Dancing**  
**Beginners**

Under 8yrs High Iona Mackay Nat Iona Mackay

9-14yrs High Hannah Graham and Isla Smith Nat Chelsea MacAulay

Novice Under 9yrs High Sophie MacPherson Nat Sophie MacPherson

over 9yrs High Lauren Dingwall Nat Zoe Brun

**Intermediate** Highland Fling 1 Ailie Munro 2 Ashleigh Taylor

Sword Dance 1 Ashleigh Taylor 2 Ailie Munro

Sean Traub 1 Ailie Munro 2 Ashleigh Taylor

Hullachan 1 Ailie Munro 2 Ashleigh Taylor

Hornpipe 1 Ashleigh Taylor 2 Ailie Munro

Jig 1 Ailie Munro

**Premier** Highland Fling 1 Katie MacPherson 2 Jenna MacInnes 3 Kirsty MacInnes

Sword Dance 1 Jenna MacInnes 2 Katie MacPherson 3 Kirsty MacInnes

Sean Traub 1 Jenna MacInnes 2 Katie MacPherson 3 Kirsty MacInnes

Hullachan 1 Jenna MacInnes 2 Katie MacPherson 3 Molly MacPherson

Sailor's Hornpipe 1 Jenna MacInnes 2 Kirsty MacInnes 3 Katie MacPherson

Irish Jig 1 Jenna MacInnes 2 Molly MacPherson 3 Kirsty MacInnes

High Jenna MacInnes Nat Jenna MacInnes

## Youth orchestra to play Oban

NEW York's Long Island Youth Orchestra will visit St John's Cathedral next week in an event to raise funds for Mary's Meals.

The orchestra will be joined at the event by Oban High School Pipe Band and flautist Kirsty Campbell,

who was recently named the Rotary Club of Oban's Young Musician of the Year 2013.

The event, hosted by the Rotary Club, starts at 7pm on Tuesday, July 2. Tickets are available from Alba on Albany Street.

# COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

**Oban U3A**  
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Thursday 27th 20:30  
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Sunday 30th June 13:00 2D, 15:30 3D  
Monday 1st July 14:00 3D  
Tuesday 2nd July 17:30 2D  
Wednesday 3rd July 15:00 2D, 17:30 3D  
Thursday 4th July 17:30 3D  
**Evil Dead**  
Friday 28th June 20:30 2D  
Saturday 29th June 20:30 2D  
Sunday 30th Jun 20:30 2D  
**The Purge**  
Saturday 29th June 18:00 2D  
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**EVIL DEAD (18)**  
In the highly anticipated remake of the 1981 classic horror film, five college students become stranded in a remote cabin. When a Book of the Dead is discovered, they unknowingly summon dormant demons living in the nearby woods, which possess the students, one by one, resulting in increasingly gory mayhem until only one is left intact to fight for survival. The original may now appear funny but this remake is most certainly terrifying!

**THE PURGE (15)**  
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**SAVE ENERGY**

**SAVING energy - and cutting the costs of it - is one of the simplest ways of reducing our out-going costs at home.**

With so many methods available, it can be difficult to decide which is best, so why not check out The Oban Times' guide to saving energy - and money. You can save money in many ways but the level of efficiency is very much based on how much you are prepared to invest in your property. Lighting accounts for eight per cent of a typical household's energy bills and cutting your lighting bill is one of the easiest ways to save energy and money in the home. Whether you rent or own your property, or live in a house, flat or bungalow, you can save money today by changing the way you use your lights and by fitting new energy-saving lights. But on a grander scale, there are various methods of saving hundreds, or thousands, of pounds a year if you can afford the investment. Ground source heat pumps use pipes which are buried in the garden to extract heat from the ground. This heat can then be used to heat radiators, underfloor or warm air heating systems and hot water in your home. A ground source heat pump circulates a mixture of water and antifreeze around a loop of pipe - called a ground loop - which is buried in your garden. Heat from the ground is absorbed into the fluid and then passes through a heat exchanger into the heat pump. The ground stays at a fairly constant temperature under the surface, so the heat pump can be used throughout the year - even in the middle of winter. Solar panel electricity systems, also known as solar photovoltaics (PV), capture the sun's energy using photovoltaic cells. These cells don't need direct sunlight to work - they can still generate some electricity on a cloudy day. The cells convert the sunlight into electricity, which can be used to run household appliances and lighting. You can get paid for the electricity you generate through the government's Feed-In Tariffs, which pay you for the electricity you generate - even though the tariff is not as generous these days. While other processes are among the leading technological advances of the day, biomass technology is essentially a traditional process. Wooden pellets, farm waste, anything organic that burns is really a carbon neutral fuel. A biomass unit is really a more energy efficient stove that can burn a variety of fuels. For greater efficiency, biomass units tend to be large scale installations that can feed hundreds of houses, schools, swimming pools etc, with copious amounts of hot water and heating. Smaller scale biomass units would be suitable for larger properties, estates, farms or any where there is an abundant supply of 'clean' organic waste. Windfarms are one of the more controversial projects in our countryside, but there is no debating the usefulness of a single domestic wind turbine. It's efficiency provides power for the home - and then some. There are many other methods of heating your home but be sure to enquire with the companies listed in our feature to make sure you get the best possible advice.

**DIRECT SAVINGS**

Scottish energy efficiency experts Direct Savings are pledging to revolutionise the domestic home heating market by helping customers reduce their energy consumption by up to 50%.

The Infranomic Far Infrared heating system offers homeowners the latest in highly efficient, green heating technology - matched with low costs.

Developed using cutting-edge German technology, Infranomic heaters emit Far Infrared energy which floods the entire room with warmth, meaning heat retention is far greater than of warm air conventional systems. In addition, the actual operating time of the heater is greatly reduced and the heat spreads evenly throughout the room.

The heating system has been endorsed by sustainability and climate change consultancy experts, VercoGlobal, who conducted an independent study to determine the benefits of this type of heating.

The results show that Far Infrared panels use up to 50% less energy annually to heat a home when compared to conventional heating systems, as well as renewable technologies such as air source heat pumps.

A natural and harmless form of heating, Far Infrared is also beneficial to the human body and another plus is the fact that, uniquely, the heating panels can be designed to look like art work or mirrors and can even take the shape of a favourite picture.

Direct Savings is the only supplier of the Infranomic system - although it has recently partnered with ERG, a highland company who will act as a distributor in the region. It has successfully installed panels at domestic homes, churches, pubs and even a sled dog centre - showing just how versatile and effective the heating system is.

**Water saving tips for inside the home**

- **Snub the tub** - By replacing one bath a week with a five minute shower, a four person family can save on average around £18 on energy bills.
- **Fill 'em up** - Make sure that your dishwasher and washing machine are full before putting them on and always use the most water and energy efficiency settings. When it is time to replace your appliance, look out for Energy Saving Trust Recommended products.
- **Suds law** - Using a bowl to wash up rather than leaving the hot tap running could save around £34 a year on a household's gas bills if you wash up twice a day. Use cold water where possible and don't keep the tap running.
- **Go off the boil** - Only boil as much water as you need to avoid unnecessarily heating water you won't even use!
- **Turn it off** - A running tap uses around six litres of water a minute so turn off the tap whilst brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your face and use cold water where you don't need hot.
- **Don't be a drip** - A dripping tap wastes over 5,500 litres of water a year so make sure your taps are properly turned off and change washers when the tap starts dripping.
- **Make it go further** - Where possible try and reuse unused water, for example pour your left over glasses of water on houseplants, and avoid wasting water from running taps whilst waiting for hot water.



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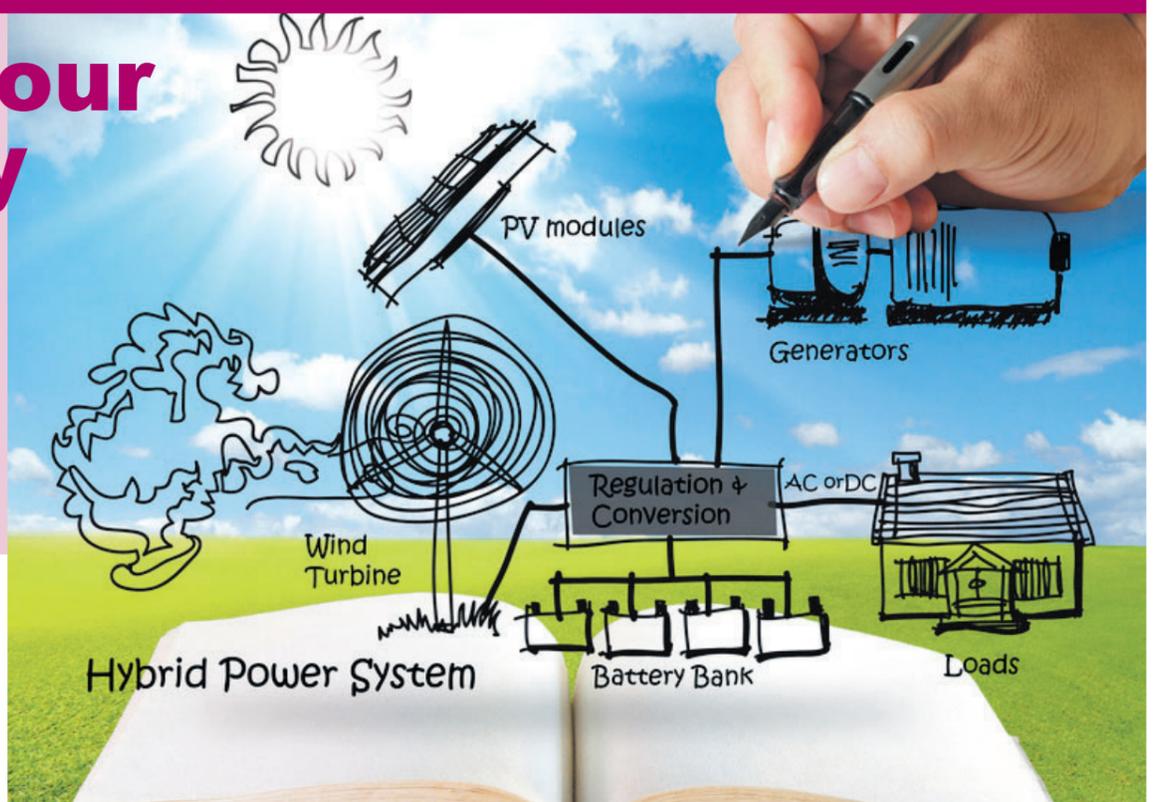


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# Royal Highland Show success

WITH MORE than 170,000 visitors attending this year's Royal Highland Show at Ingliston organisers are heralding an increase of almost 10,000 people on the 2012 attendance figure as an indication of the high level of interest in Scottish food production and all matters rural.

Among the crowds were HRH The Princess Royal, a host of politicians and numerous celebrities from the world of sport, who viewed millions of pounds worth of farming equipment and 5,000 animals including the cream of the UK

crop of sheep, cattle, poultry and horses. While the number of west coast based competitors was down on previous years, those who did compete across a wide range of livestock, craft and products were regularly to be found on the leader board.

Robin Barr of Clochkeil Farm, Campbeltown won the Ayrshire cattle championship with Caldergleng Silverbell 7.

Clochkeil also had the reserve junior champion with Caldergleng Andrea 2. He said: "That's the third time we won in the last four years. I'm absolutely delighted with how it went, it's very pleasing to be rewarded in this way."

Another Kintyre farmer, Mary Turner of Kildalloig, produced the Bluefaced

Leicester sheep champion with a three-crop home-bred ewe out of a home bred ewe and by a £1,100 Clennell sire.

She said: "I'm very pleased, it's a fantastic achievement. It's all down to the hard work of John McLachlan - although we own the farm, he prepares the sheep so he deserves lots of praise for his work."

Hundreds of shopping and food exhibitors, plus a packed entertainment programme created what organisers described as a 'happy and optimistic' atmosphere following one of the worst winters for many years that played havoc

with the food and farming industries. Allan Murray, chairman of The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland said: "It is clear that following two weeks of sunny weather, farmers were in an optimistic frame of mind and ready to do business."

"All in all, it has been a very successful show."



Supreme cattle champion and Charolais champion was the five-year old cow Elgin Catherine from the Milne family of Kennieshillock, Elgin. The cow had been junior female champion at the Royal Highland Show four years ago.

Highland cattle champion Bhoideach Ruadh 1st of Merkland House, by Prionnsa Rhuadh of Pole and out of Boidheach Rhud 3rd of Glenogyne, from the fold of Mrs Catherine McKechnie, France, Gartocharn.

Top: Angus MacGillivray brought out Smeorach of An Sidean, by James Beusach of Shenavallie and out of Sally 3rd of Gallanach, for Alastair Fitzsimon, Tregallon, Lochfoot, Dumfries. Above: Robin Barr, Clochkeil, Campbeltown with the Ayrshire champion Caldergleng Silverbell 7. Clochkeil also had the reserve junior champion with Caldergleng Andrea 2.



Willie MacLean and daughter Lynne with Michael Poland, West Ferlochan, Benderloch's young bull Challenger 2nd of Mottistone which was third in class.



Alasdair MacLean, Heylipol Farm, Isle of Tiree with his Beltex Male Champion Woodies Ringleader



Angela MacLeod, Portnahaven, Islay won the 4, 5, 6 year old Ridden Highland Pony class with her six year old gelding Rhinnis Point Niall-a-Dendy, ridden by Lynn Paisley.



The Blackface champion was a three-crop ewe by a £13,000 Dyke from J Wright and Sons, Midlock, Bigger.



David MacLean Jnr, Campbeltown with the mare Oswald Highland Nancy by Dillars Leader and out of Fieldhead Lady. The mare was shown with her foal by Dillars Top Gun.



Caberfeidh Lord of the Isles from Mrs Lorna Boyd, Lochgoilhead was third in the 2/3 year old gelding class in the Highland pony section. This is the first foal from Moss-side Lorna Doone who was Supreme Champion at Mid Argyll Show in 2005.

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Ewan MacGillivray, Barcaldine Home Farm, Barcaldine took second place in class with the 30 month old Limousin heifer Grahams Goldenfly.



Julie Shaw won fifth in the open in-hand non-native coloured horse class with her home-bred four-year old skewbald gelding, Glenfyne Phantom.

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# Business

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## New fish farm net washing teams create full-time jobs

SIX FULL-TIME jobs at Portree, Loch Torridon and Loch Carron have been created by the Scottish Salmon Company (SSC).

The new recruits form two teams responsible for a new net washing system brought in by SSC to support continuous development of fish welfare measures.

The first, three experienced fish farming operatives including a team leader from the Isle of Lewis and two net washing operatives from Harris, will travel by ferry from Stornoway to Ullapool to get to work on the mainland.

Team two comprises another team leader and two operatives, one from Skye and the other from Harris.

The new system will allow the nets surrounding fish farm pens to be cleaned of seaweed and shellfish growth, which can hinder the flow of water, without having to take the nets out of the water.

Previously the nets were taken out and sent to an external company in Ayrshire to be cleaned and sent back.

North regional manager at SSC David Taylor said: 'The system will speed up the process of net cleaning, by cleaning nets in situ, without the need to remove nets from site.'

'Having the ability to keep nets clean 100 per cent of the time will provide even better oxygen supplies for the salmon and improves the flow of water through the pens.'

He added: 'Following this trial we plan to roll the system out across more of our sites potentially creating even more jobs for the local communities.'

The new jobs increase the number employed by the Scottish Salmon Company to 373.

## CalMac is again Public Transport Operator of the Year for 2013

CALEDONIAN MacBrayne (CalMac) has won a further two major awards at two separate awards ceremonies.

For the third time in four years, CalMac was named the Public Transport Operator of the Year in the Scottish Transport Award. It was also named top for Customer Focus in the Scottish Business Awards.

The Business Awards ceremony was one of the biggest events of its kind with the First Minister Alex Salmond and finance secretary John Swinney MSP in attendance along with the cream of the Scottish business community, including Sir Tom Hunter and Sir Brian Souter. CalMac received its award from Sir Jackie Stewart. The keynote speaker was former US President Bill Clinton.

The prestigious Scottish Transport Awards 2013 bring together the transport community to recognise and celebrate industry achievements across Scotland.

CalMac's managing director Martin Dorchester said: 'We are delighted that the huge effort put in by all our staff, whether at sea or ashore has been recognised in this way.'

'As a company we have tended to hide our light under a bushel in the past, content to receive the thanks and appreciations we regularly receive from our customers, but latterly have recognised that awards of this kind can be a valuable asset to promote our services and the islands we serve.'

'They also send out a clear message to our potential competitors in future tenders that CalMac means business and that we are doing everything we can to be the best we can be.'

Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) currently holds the title of Best Ferry Company in the Guardian and Observer Travel Awards, which it won in 2010, 2011 and 2012, and previously held the Public Transport Operator of the Year title in 2010 and 2011. The 2013 award was won jointly with ScotRail.

In March, CalMac received an award from Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands and Islands, supports trade unions in accessing skills and lifelong learning opportunities for workers across Scotland.

## Sunday flights to Kintyre get underway

LAST week saw the inaugural Sunday service flight between Campbeltown and Glasgow.

The new service will operate until September 29, with flights departing Glasgow at 5.15pm, arriving in Campbeltown at 6pm and then returning to Glasgow at 6.25pm.

Flights times are designed to optimise connections via Glasgow from/to Birmingham, Belfast and London Heathrow, and new Sunday flights from Glasgow to Barra and Tiree have also been introduced.

The Scottish Government funded flights are another travel, business and tourism boost for Kintyre which recently saw the start of a three-year pilot ferry service between Campbeltown and Ardrossan and an emergency route created on the landslide threatened A83 Rest and Be Thankful road.

# Oban businessman champions local produce



John Forteith speaking at the Scottish Wholesale Association's annual conference.

## Some of the best new products and opportunities are 'right under your nose'

AN OBAN businessman has been praised by those within the food and drink trade after he championed Scottish produce during a conference speech.

John Forteith, depot general manager of wholesaler Forteith Foodservice (3663 Alba), was a speaker at the annual conference of the Scottish Wholesale Association (SWA) at Crieff at the weekend.

Calling on wholesalers across the country to back local producers, he said: 'We have a huge larder here in Scotland be it wild off the hills, growing on our land or in our seas, or speciality produce. But often the big operators struggle to deal with the diversity of small, local producers.'

'Some local producers have little knowledge of their route to market and quite often they have not costed out their products to include distribution, market and other key costs.'

'You have to help them give value to their products and give them access to your customer base.'

'I think we all need to think differently about the supplier-producer relationship because ultimately it will give you improved margins

and help increase sales and loyalty.' Mr Forteith, who runs the West Highlands and Islands Tradeshow in Oban's Corran Halls, told delegates that some of the best new products and opportunities are 'right under your nose.'

His speech impressed Kate Salmon, executive director of the Scottish Wholesale Association, who described Mr Forteith's presentation as 'thought-provoking and challenging'.

She added: 'There's a huge amount of innovation going on within the wholesale industry and the fact that one of our smaller operators is leading the way in an area that is of particular importance to the Highlands and Islands, where the food and drink industry generates turnover in excess of £1bn per annum, makes it even more remarkable.'

'As our industry looks ahead to 2014, when there will be opportunities for food and drink firms with regard to the Commonwealth Games, Ryder Cup and Homecoming Scotland, we need more wholesalers like Forteith Foodservice which are prepared to go that extra mile to collaborate with local producers.'

## 'There's a huge amount of innovation going on within the wholesale industry'

## Ardnamurchan's new distillery awarded £1.7 million

A COMPANY building a whisky distillery in Ardnamurchan has been awarded £1,772,406 by the Scottish Government towards project costs.

Construction is already underway at Adelphi Distillery Limited's fine malt plant and visitor centre at Glenbeg, between Glenborrodale and Kilchoan.

Adelphi chairman Keith Falconer expressed delight at the cash support from the Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation scheme.

He said: 'This will represent a new, greener direction for Scotch whisky production, combining minimum environmental impact and maximum sustainable efficiency to create the very highest quality Scottish product.'

'We are also committed to ensuring that the distillery benefits the wider food chain, from 100 per cent Scottish-sourced malting barley to the provision of natural distillery by-products for local farms and crofts.'

'Working together, we will be in an even stronger position to make this investment a success for the local community.'

The company says it hopes the distillery will be producing 'Ardnamurchan' whisky by the end of the year.



A MAJOR figure within the University of the Highlands and Islands has announced his impending retirement.

James M Fraser, Principal and Vice Chancellor of UHI, told the faculty's governing body that he intends to retire at the end of 2013. Mr Fraser joined the UHI's Millennium Institute in 2002, before assuming his current role in February 2011. In the same year, he was instrumental in UHI being awarded university status.

## Island councils' call for more powers wins European support

A CAMPAIGN by Scotland's three island councils to secure more powers has won backing from other European island administrations.

Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland councils' joint initiative 'Our Islands, Our Future' aims to give islanders more control over their own affairs - whatever way Scotland votes in next September's independence referendum.

The ambitious bid, debated at the EU Islands' Commission in Sardinia last week, saw members including Corsica, Sicily and Madeira give unanimous support to 'the Islands of Scotland to seek formal recognition of their status within the constitutional framework'.

Leader of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Angus Campbell, who attended the conference, welcomed the 'excellent news'.

He said: 'Many of Europe's islands have greater powers than the Scottish islands and have seen the benefits that can accrue to island areas when they have more control over the issues that directly affect them.'

'We will continue to take our messages to the Scottish and UK governments and now we have a strong voice in Europe as well.'

Leaders of Scotland's three island councils stressed they were neutral on the independence issue but that there was 'a once in a generation opportunity' to secure increased powers for their communities.

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 1 Kelly MacGillivray Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige 2 Iona Keys Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige 3 Joy Barrow Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige 3 Niamh Cameron Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige  
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 1 Ellen MacKechnie Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige 2 Grace Thompson Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige 3 Calum Garvin Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige 3 Kirsty MacArthur Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige  
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An Comunn Gaidhealach member Robin Banks presents the Hugh MacPherson Memorial Trophy to Largs Gaelic Choir conductor Elspeth Howie. 15.12.2012

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 1 Molly Gregory Beard Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creige  
 Prescribed Girls 9-10  
 1 Katie Cook Bun-Sgoil Lios Mòr 2 Eilidh MacAulay Oban  
 Prescribed Girls 13-15  
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 George McHardy Trophy Bronwen Davies  
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 Irene MacCowan Medal Nicola Pearson  
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Fort William Primary head Sue Commander is retiring after 14 years with the school 20.12.2012

## Fort William primary teacher retires

FORT William Primary's long-serving head teacher Sue Commander said a tearful goodbye to the school this week as she gets ready to start her retirement.

Ms Commander, who joined the school 14 years ago, is moving to Dundee this summer to be closer to her family.

Staff and pupils organised a day of surprises to mark the occasion on Monday, with a cruise down Loch

Linnhe to see some of the local wildlife in the morning. After lunch, parents and friends came to the school to see the youngsters perform a series of Scottish songs dedicated to their departing head.

Former pupil Sophie Forsyth played the flute, while Ethan Cairns performed a Scottish lullaby on the chanter.

Former pupil Robert Robertson provided musical accompanist for

the youngsters before performing a couple of songs himself. At the end of the day, Ms Commander was given presents, cake and a card from the pupils.

With a tear in her eye, she said: 'As you can see, I'm quite moved. These have been the happiest 14 years of my life.'

'I'm getting ready for the next stage of my life, and I'm going to take with memories of Fort William and all the people here.'

# Business

## Real Food Café builds on award success

TYNDRUM'S Real Food Café celebrated being named one of Scotland's best eateries by confirming it hopes to build an extension onto the business by the end of the year.

Fresh from being named as the best independent food service outlet selling fish and chips in the National Fish and Chip Awards earlier this year, the chip shop won the best café, bar or restaurant category in the central south east region of this year's VisitScotland Thistle Awards.

Co-owner Alan McColm is hoping his business can win the national award, but confirms he and business partner Sarah Heward hope to remove the tented extension at the end of this current tourist season with a view to building a permanent extension in October.

Alan said: 'When we saw who we were up against we thought it'd be tough but we were stunned when we won the award. We're delighted to have won it.'

'Hopefully the award stands us in good stead for where we want to go.'

'I've got a meeting with planners this week and hopefully we can get planning permission for the extension in the next 10 to 12 weeks.'

'We won't be able to do it at least until the end of September so hopefully by October we will have started.'

'It should do two things. It should make the dining area more attractive and it should make the business more eye-catching from the road.'

He also praised the Royal Bank of Scotland for assisting with finance arrangements.

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## Council action on Faroese herring fishery welcomed

SCOTTISH pelagic fishermen have welcomed the announcement by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) that certification of the Faroese Atlanto-Scandian herring fishery has been suspended.

Herring caught by Faroese boats from June 21 onwards cannot be described or sold as MSC certified or carry the MSC eco-label.

The suspension has been put in place because of the decision by the Faroese Islands earlier this year to withdraw from a long-standing international

management agreement for Atlanto-Scandian herring and unilaterally treble their quota to 105,000 tonnes.

This was set against a context in which all other parties to the fishery had agreed to reduce their quotas by 26 per cent for conservation reasons.

At present, the suspension has no effect on other MSC certified Atlanto-Scandian herring fisheries.

**Mackerel**

As well as herring, the Faroese, along with Iceland, is engaged in a long-standing international dispute

caused by their over-fishing of the north-east Atlantic mackerel stock outwith an international management agreement.

Ian Gatt, chief executive of the Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association, said: 'The fact that an independent body deems the actions of the Faroese as being unsustainable and irresponsible should in itself send a clear message that their move to massively increase their herring quota has no rational justification whatsoever and that such behaviour

will not be tolerated by the responsible international fishing community.'

'The market should heed this decision and only source Atlantic herring from those countries involved in sustainable fishing practices and boycott Faroese herring.'

'We also urge the European Commission to take note of the MSC suspension and implement their own immediate action by bringing into play trade sanctions against the Faroese for their overfishing of both herring and north-east Atlantic mackerel.'

## Marine Harvest marks Dave's 35 years' service

Dave McEwan at Marine Harvest was given a surprise lunch to celebrate his 35 years with the company.

Mr McEwan joined Marine Harvest when he was 16 years old after attending Inverness College and is now freshwater lochs and logistics manager.

Right, Dave receives a cheque from Marine Harvest managing director Alan Sutherland.



## Oban's new Backpacker Plus hostel 'worth the wait'

BUSINESS owners, neighbours, professional advisors and tradesman converged on Dunollie Halls recently to celebrate the opening of the new Backpacker Plus hostel.

The ceremony and celebrations took place in the new Sky Room, constructed in the old church, with its outlook over Oban Bay.

On the lower floors are high specification bunk rooms for guests, staff accommodation and cycle storage and a laundry.

Councillor Roddy McCuish thanked Backpackers Plus for the important and growing contribution it has made over the last five years in bringing visitors to the town and declared the quirky new hostel officially open, accompanied by loud confetti bombs.

There was then a party with live music from Skippinsh, local rappers K9 Kev and OB who caused quite a sensation and Mel Wallace providing the accompaniment to the percussionists Wojtek and Sergio.

Imogen Maxwell, hotel manager, said that it had been a long road to the new building but the result was worth the wait.



## Hybrid ferry project nominated for top European honour

INNOVATIVE work to develop two hybrid-power ferries has seen Caledonian Maritime Assets (CMAL) nominated for a European honour.

Set to be launched later this year, the MV Lochinvar and the MV Gallaig have earned CMAL a place on the Sustainable Energy Europe Award's shortlist.

Out of 224 projects submitted for

the awards, the hybrid ferry is one of only 25 to be listed, with the winners to be announced in Brussels during EU Sustainable Energy Week.

Andrew Flockhart, head of business development for CMAL, commented: 'We are absolutely delighted to have been nominated for such a prestigious award among so many other deserving projects.'

'We have been working on the hybrid ferry project for the past three years and it is very rewarding to have this work recognised by the European Union.'

'The innovative hybrid ferry project is not only at the cutting edge of technology but has continued the proud heritage and tradition of shipbuilding on the Clyde.'

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Michael Taylor can be contacted on 07785 542811, for further information if required.

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**The Iona Shop**

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Closing date is Friday 12 July 2013

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## New pastry chef joins chocolate company

OBAN Chocolate Company has welcomed Australian pastry chef Keva Freeman, as the company expands its work force to 15 in its tenth year.

Keva comes to the company as it prepares to celebrate the landmark achievement by owners Helen and Stewart MacKechnie.

Helen's brother, Kenny Miller, is head chocolatier and is able to testify to the company's success, now producing up to around 10,000 chocolates a week for sale in the company's shop alone.

He added: 'We also supply local and Scottish businesses such as Oban Distillery, Inverawe Smokehouse, Peckham's, The Majestic Line and numerous prestigious hotels and accommodation providers.'

Welcoming Keva to the team, Helen said: 'It's exciting times for the Oban Chocolate Company. Our product quality is both exceptional and unique and because everything is completely handmade. The only way to meet demand is to employ more hands.'

'It's taken us nearly 10 years to build this business up from scratch. Our commitment to staff training and product innovation together with a loyal customer base who trust our values means we have managed to create a sustainable business which is quietly going from strength to strength.'

Left: Pastry chef Keva Freeman, who has joined Oban Chocolate Company.



New OES apprentices, from left: Thomas Spence, Christopher MacMillan, Andrew Forbes and Ruairidh Morrison look on as managing director Gus MacPherson presents Calum MacLachlan with his award. 15\_1260es01

## Oban firm takes on four new apprentices

### Jobs boost as OES looks to expand into fire safety and security

AN OBAN electrical firm has taken on four new apprentices as it looks to expand into fire safety and security.

Oban Electrical Services (OES) has created a new fire and security division, allowing the business to pick up new maintenance contracts it once sub-contracted.

And the employment of four young Oban men comes as first

year apprentice Calum MacLachlan won apprentice of the year at Reid Kerr College, repeating the success of last year's winner, OES apprentice William Ward.

OES managing director Gus MacPherson said: 'We are now picking up all-trades maintenance contracts because I believe self delivery is key these days.'

Congratulating Calum on his achievement, Mr MacPherson added: 'We like to employ apprentices to keep skills in the town. We will have a shortage of these skills if apprenticeships are not available.'

'Calum has done well to follow up William's success last year so I expect one of the new boys to do the same next year!'

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Reference Number	Development Address	Proposal Description
13/02103/FUL	Ardornish House Ardornish, Morvern	Erection of biomass boiler house, woodchip store, workshop & garage, turning area & extension to car parking
13/02106/FUL	Craigewan, Old Banavie Road, Banavie, Fort William	Alterations to house
13/02191/FUL	Land 245M South West of Burnbank, Acharacle	Erection of house (amended design to 1/103667/FUL)
13/02193/FUL	Cluain, Duror, Appin	Proposed alterations, extension and external decking area
13/02203/FUL	Treetops, Badabrie Corpach, Fort William	Change of use of house for bed and breakfast purposes (retrospective)
13/02211/PIP	180M North West of Samalaman House Genuig, Lochailort	Erection of house
13/02214/FUL	Land 32M W of Duneam Brecklet Road, Ballachulish	Erection of new dwelling
13/02232/PIP	Land 27M NW of Bernery Onich, Fort William	Proposed house site
13/02235/PIP	Maceachan And Carr Boat Builders, Toigal, Morar Mallaig	Proposed house site

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**Installation of a Pontoon, Sunnybrae Caravan Park, South Cuan, Isle of Luing**

Notice is hereby given that Sunny Brae Caravan Park has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of installation of a pontoon at:

Cost	£1,000	
Location	Latitude	Longitude
Sunnybrae Caravan Park	56° 15.935	05° 37.876

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Sunnybrae Caravan Park, South Cuan, Isle of Luing, PA34 4TU.

Objections relating to safety of navigation or environmental issues in respect of the application should be made in writing to:

Licensing Operations Team, Marine Scotland, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB within 28 days of the date of this notice or by email: MS.MarineLicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference: **FKB/A1429 Sunnybrae Caravan Park**

**Proposed Let of a Croft**

Mrs Anne Stanners is applying to the Crofting Commission for consent to assign the grazing share pertaining to the croft at 203 Arivegag, Acharacle to Mrs Elizabeth Dawes, Gleniffer, Arivegag, Acharacle, Argyll, PH36 4LE.

If you have an interest in this application, you may submit comments on the proposal in writing or some other permanent form to the Crofting Commission, Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NW (e-mail info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk) within 28 days from the date of publication of the advert.

Please note that any comments you provide are part of an open process and will be made available to interested parties. Your comments would also be released under a Freedom of Information enquiry.

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

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01124/PPP	Replacement vehicular bridge and formation of new pedestrian foot bridge	Soroba Lane Bridge Soroba Lane Oban Argyll	Oban Area Office
13/01253/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and workshop and installation of septic tank	Site 3 Land North East Of Ardrecknish House Ardrecknish Dalmally Argyll And Bute PA33 1BH	Sub Post Office Dalmally
13/01266/PPP	Site for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses	Land North West Of Woodside Cottage Salen Isle Of Mull Argyll And Bute PA72 6JB	Sub Post Office Aros Isle of Mull
13/01283/PP	Erection of decking and alterations to dwellinghouse	Oakland 2 Lonan Drive Oban Argyll And Bute	Oban Area Office

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

Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01223/PP	Erection of shed and fence and formation of hardstanding area (retrospective)	The Old Inn Ellenabeich Isle Of Seil Oban Argyll And Bute PA34 4RF	Sub Post Office Balvicar

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Refval	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
13/01053/PP	Demolition of barn and erection of extension to farmhouse	Lossil Farm Ballygrant Isle Of Islay Argyll And Bute PA45 7QL	Sub Post Office Port Askaig

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

The Council maintain a Register of planning applications which can be viewed during normal office hours at Planning and Regulatory Services, Whitegates Office Whitegates Road Lochgilphead PA31 8SY.

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

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

**COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES**

**Councillor Roddy McCuish (E.W.4 Oban South and the Isles)**  
Councillor Roddy McCuish will NOT be holding a council surgery during the month of JULY.  
Councillor McCuish can be contacted by e mail - [roderick.mccuish@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:roderick.mccuish@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or by telephone - 01631 604305

**Councillor Louise Glen-Lee (E.W.5 Oban North and Lorn)**  
Councillor Glen-Lee will NOT be holding a surgery during the month of JULY.  
Councillor Glen-Lee can be contacted by phone - Tel: 01631 567 955 or by email - [louise.glen-lee@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:louise.glen-lee@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

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Site at Old Schoolhouse	0.314 ha	NM813619	Strontian
Buildings & Woodland	30.0 ha	NH289009	Invergarry
Garage Buildings	0.05 ha	NN148772	Torlundy

Enquiries to Forestry Commission Scotland at - [ronnie.lee@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ronnie.lee@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)  
Full details are being sent to the relevant Community Councils and Non Government Organisations.

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**  
**Outfall Construction:**  
**Crossapol Point, Isle of Tiree**

Notice is hereby given that Kelpie (Scotland) Ltd has applied to the Scottish Ministers of the Scottish Government, under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, in respect of construction of an outfall pipe at:

Cost	£2,500	
Location	Latitude	Longitude
Crossapol Point, Isle of Tiree	56° 28.8558' N	06° 52.9169' W
	56° 28.8205' N	06° 52.8538' W

(WGS84)

Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Scarinish Post Office.

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**CROFTING COMMISSION COIMISEAN NA CROITEARACHD APPLICATION TO CREATE A NEW CROFT**

Mr & Mrs K J Robb of East Loch Awe Side, Dalmally is applying to create a new croft. 5.01.44095

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 info@crofting.scotland.gov.uk

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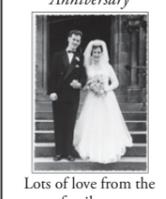
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**GOLDEN WEDDING**

**MACINNES-DRUMMOND** - Ian to Moira on June 29, 1963 by the late Rev William MacDonald at Oban Old Parish Church. Lots of love and congratulations from all the family.

**DEATHS**

**DUNLEVY** - James (Jimmy), aged 87 years on June 24, 2013. Husband of Isobel Dunlevy (Reid) deceased, passed away after a brave fight against cancer. Loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral to be held on Saturday, June 29 at the Duncansburgh MacIntosh Church, Fort William at 1pm. Family flowers only please, donations to Cancer Research (Lochaber).

**HASSAN** - Suddenly at home, in Glasgow, Eleanor Hassan (nee Campbell), loving wife of Dean, dear mother of Edwan and Fiona and mother-in-law to Dayang and Martin, proud nana to Raees, Rayyan and Rosie and loving sister to Nan, Lily, Mamie, Alice and Tommy. Funeral will take place at Church of Scotland, Glenclutten Road, Oban on Thursday June 27, at 1.30pm. Thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. Retiring collection / donations if desired for Macmillan Cancer Care.

**MACCOLL** - Katherine (Kathie), Kilmore, passed away suddenly but peacefully with her family beside her at Lorn and Islands Hospital on June 20, 2013. Beloved wife of the late John and much loved mum of Elspeth and Iain, loving mother-in-law, granny and friend to many. Will be sadly missed. Funeral service will be held in Kilmore Church on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 1pm, thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery. All family and friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only, retiral collection for Kilmore Church and Guide Dogs.

**MACDONALD** - Suddenly on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, Colin Alexander aged 49, beloved son of the late Donnie and Aline, formerly of Loanfern, Ballachulish. Loving nephew of Catherine, Inverness and all his cousins. Funeral service will take place at St Munda's Church, Ballachulish at 2pm on Thursday, June 27 and interment at Duror Cemetery. Very sadly missed by all.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**AUSTIN** - The family of Jack Austin wish to express sincere thanks to Mosspark Care Home for care given over the past six months. To Fr Roddy, Caol for a moving Requiem Mass and continuing support to Kathleen, Mike McFall funeral director for amazing attention to detail and Glen Nevis Restaurant for providing the excellent catering. Special thanks to all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, Mass cards and support. £130 was collected for the Highland Hospice.

**FERGUSON** - Andy, Sheila, Ashley and David would like to thank everyone for their support following Drew's tragic death. The visits, phone calls, letters, condolence and mass cards and floral tributes were a great source of comfort to us all. Particular thanks go to Morag Muirhead for her outstanding and comforting service, to Mike, Jamie, Beth and John for the caring manner in which they carried out all Drew's arrangements, to Gary Innes for playing so beautifully in the Church, to Shiona, Serena and Colin for his wonderful flowers, to Fort William Shinty Club - both players and wives, for their catering and continued support, to the crew of the Scandi Arctic, to Technip and to Diane Laws whose support has proved invaluable and to Cathy, Janet and Nicola for their daily visits. The number of people who attended Drew's funeral left us in no doubt about how many lives were touched by him and that is an enormous comfort to all his family. The sum of £3,155 was raised for Star for Harris and for that, and everything else, we thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

**MACCALLUM** - Jane (née Patterson Watson) of 17 Balavullin, Tiree, died May 21, 2013. Jean's grandson Neil and his wife Kathryn would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss. Those who attended the funeral service, called, sent sympathy cards and donated to the Tiree Church Fund. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope this acknowledgment will be accepted as a token of our appreciation.

**MEMORIALS**

**BARRIE** - Precious memories of my dear husband Clelland, died July 2, 2012. One year has passed since that sad day. When the one I loved was called away. God took him home, it was his will. But in my heart he liveth still. - Your loving wife Ann.

**BARRIE** - In loving memory of our dear brother Clelland, who passed away July 2, 2012. R.I.P. A brother kind and true. Talented in many ways. Music admired all over the world. Sadly missed. - Wendy and Matthew.

**BILLIMORE** - In loving memory of Bali, who was taken from us on July 1, 2005. This day is remembered and quietly kept. No words are needed we shall never forget. Time slips by and life goes on. But from our hearts you are never gone. - Love Sheena and family x.

**LLOYD** - Treasured memories of Graham a much loved husband, dad and son-in-law, who died July 1, 2005. Loved and missed always. - Anne, Clara-Jane, Arianne and Jean.

**FERGUSON** - In loving memory of Donnie who died June 26, 2004. Forever in our hearts. - Ann, John, David, Lorne and the family.

**FERGUSON** - Fond memories of Donnie, dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle, who passed away June 26, 2004. Memories live forever. - Iain, Chrissie and family.

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**REID** - In loving memory of my beloved husband Alasdair, who passed away on June 27, 2009. Always in my thoughts. Forever in my heart. - Ann.



**New elder at St Modan's**

A NEW elder has been appointed at St Modan's Church in Benderloch. Catherine Robb, from Benderloch, was admitted as an elder to the Kirk Session of Ardcattan Parish. Her appointment is 'warmly welcomed' by members of the session and congregations of the parish.

Catherine, centre, with the other elders and Reverend Jeff McCormick. t26elder1no



Pictured above are the children of Children of St Mary's RC Church in Fort William after receiving their first Holy Communion on Sunday, June 16.

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**Thought for the Week**

**Lorn and Islands Hospital - the inside story**

This 'Thought for the Week' is being written in the hospital where I am an inpatient. Being here for over a week, with what is sometimes called a 'bad back', has given me food for thought. In many ways being here helps the Bible and the work of Jesus to come alive! As we all know 'cleanliness is next to Godliness' and each day here in the hospital each corner and each crevice of each room is thoroughly cleaned. The notices are everywhere: 'If you're giving them a hand, make sure it is a clean one'. E.coli, MRSA, Diarrhoea, Flu - are not on the agenda. Hand Disinfectant and Hand Hygiene definitely are! At each bedside there is a copy of the New Testament giving various reports of the ward rounds of Jesus in the villages of Galilee. This year churches are focussing on St.Luke's Gospel and, of course, Luke was a doctor. Over a third of the material in the Gospels is about Jesus healing people. Those suffering from leprosy, Simon's mother-in-law with a high fever, people who were paralysed, a centurion's servant, the lame walked, the deaf heard, the blind received their sight. There is no end to what Jesus can do. But how did he do it? He did it because he had compassion upon them. As it says in Luke chapter 7, when Jesus saw the widow of Nain his heart went out to her, and he said: 'Weep no more!' It is what we now call 't.l.c.', tender loving care, of which there is plenty in the Lorn & Islands Hospital. All the notices in the world posted on hospital walls, whilst not unimportant, are no substitute for the friendly smile and tender loving care of the nurses and doctors and all the other staff in the Lorn & Islands Hospital. This we receive in abundance. Mother Theresa who was well known for her t.l.c. gave us the following prayer: Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our lives, our world, our universe. Peace, peace, peace.

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**Sponsored walk for diabetes charity**

A SPONSORED walk in Oban raised £1,300 to help find a cure for diabetes. Diabetes UK North Argyll support group held their annual sponsored walk in aid of diabetic research. In perfect weather 48 walkers - adults, children and dogs - completed a return journey from Station Square to the war memorial. Everyone received a medal at the finish. John Twort said: 'A big thank you goes to all who took part and to their sponsors.'

**Obituary**



**Ian MacDonald FSA Scot (1919 - 2013)**

Although he was well into his ninety fourth year, it was with much sorrow that a wide circle of friends in Argyll, and indeed in many parts of the world, learned of the passing of Ian MacDonald at his home in Lochgilphead where he had spent the last twenty years of his long and active life.

Ian MacDonald was born at Beachmenach in Kintyre on 16th May 1919, the eldest of six children, four boys and two girls. Before he went to school, he spoke both Gaelic and English. He never lost his love for the Gaelic language of his youth, and while he was still able, enjoyed attending the monthly Gaelic service in Lochgair.

From his young days Ian proved that he had a variety of skills and talents. After primary education at Killeen school, he sat a bursary for Argyll County Council. The £50 he was awarded paid for his lodgings in Campbelltown. At the Grammar School he won awards for Latin and French.

Ian's father was beginning to lose his sight, and so he was removed from school when he was fourteen to help on the farm. From that point onwards agriculture was to become very much part of Ian's life. On the farm he was taught shepherding, clipping and all work connected with sheep.

Storm clouds were gathering over Europe, and on 6th December 1939 Ian was called up, joining the 56th (Army) Training Regiment Royal Armoured Corps at Catterick Camp in Yorkshire.

His expertise with vehicles was soon recognised and he was to spend from 1940 to 1941 repairing all kinds of equipment from Bren guns to Churchill tanks.

He was sent to Sandhurst and passed out as a Second Lieutenant in 1943.

A broken ankle in 1944 prevented his progress for a while,

but in March he was promoted to Captain.

His embarkation leave having been cancelled the day he got home, he joined the ship "Cape Wrath" which became part of a large convoy heading for West Africa and the Mediterranean.

He was the only passenger on a ship carrying tanks and was responsible for assembling them when they reached their destination. By 1946 Ian MacDonald was serving in Egypt, leaving for Toulon on the troopship "Dorsetshire".

He completed his Army service in August that year, having been mentioned in despatches for distinguished service.

He received a letter from the Army Council, thanking him for his war efforts and granting him the rank of Honorary Captain for life.

After war service Ian's life again involved agriculture. He joined the West of Scotland Agricultural College and studied Agriculture and Dairying at Auchincruive.

An important landmark in Ian's life came when in 1952 he married Ina Park in Bellochantry Church.

The family unit was completed with the arrival of Malcolm, Anne and John, and Ina and Ian were to welcome the birth of seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Another significant date in his life came in 1954 when he was ordained as an elder in Kilmacdonnell Church. It was at Kilmacdonnell church that a very large congregation gathered to share memories of someone who was much loved and respected.

He held the post of treasurer for many years and represented the congregation at Presbytery and Synod level.

From 1957, until the reform of local government in 1975, Ian MacDonald was an elected member of Kintyre District Council, serving as Vice-chairman. He also served for four years on Argyll County Council.

In 1989 his services to the community were recognised when he was chosen as Kintyre Citizen of the Year.

Ian had a remarkable knowledge of local history and genealogy. He had contacts with people all over the world with Argyll connections and was glad to share with them the fruits of his amazing research into family history.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and he was proud to be Honorary President of the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society.

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# Saints and Red Star reach semi finals of youth tournament

OBAN SAINTS Youth Football Club held another successful tournament at Mossfield Stadium last Saturday where a good crowd of spectators watched some of Scotland's up and coming young football stars in action.



Hamilton Accies, winners of the Oban Saints Youth Tournament.

A special mention should go to the two Argyll teams - Oban Saints and Lochgilhead Red Star - who both reached the

semi finals, Saints losing 2-1 to eventual winners Hamilton Accies and the Lochgilhead youngsters losing out on penalties to Queens Park.

Results: Group A: St Mirren 1, Hamilton Accies 1; Clyde 0, Lochgilhead Red Star 1; Lochgilhead Red Star 1, St Mirren 1; Hamilton Accies 1, Clyde 0; Lochgilhead Red Star 0, Hamilton 1.

Group B: Dumbarton 1, Oban Saints 5; Queens Park 2, Fort William 0; Fort William 0, Oban Saints 2; Dumbarton 0, Queens Park 2; Queens Park 3, Oban Saints 2; Fort William 0, Dumbarton 1.

Semi Finals: Queens Park 0, Lochgilhead Red Star 0 (Queens Park won 3 - 2 on penalties. Hamilton Accies 2, Oban Saints 1.

Final: Queens Park 0 - 3 Hamilton Accies.

At the end of the competition Oban Saints senior team secretary David Buchanan handed over the trophy and medals to the winners and runners-up.

Player of the Tournament was Kieran Campbell of Hamilton Accies with Declan McMullen



Oban Saints' Cammy MacLean and Hamilton Accies Kieran Campbell in a tussle for the ball during the semi-final of the Oban Saints Youth Tournament held at Mossfield last Saturday

Photos: Kevin McGlynn

of Oban Saints winning the local Player of the Tournament award. A special thanks was extended to the referees on duty - John Scott, Jimmy Litster and Peter Laing as well as announcer Peter Darling.

The competition was sponsored by OES Electrical Services and Ross Electrical Services.



Lochgilhead Red Star lost out on penalties to Queens Park.



## Fort William GC

FORT William Golf Club's open competition drew a large field of entrants, with Alasdair Ross taking top spot in the gross category on Sunday.

Ross finished three shots clear of Lorne Ross, whose better inward half gave him second ahead of Duncan Roger.

Ronald MacDonald took first place in the hard fought net category with a round of 61. Neil Henderson and Andrew Brown finished one shot behind on 62. Henderson's better inward half gave him second place.

Hazel Cameron won both categories in the ladies event, with a gross 83 and net 65.

Frank Sweeney's net round of 65 was enough to win him the over 65s trophy.

Club champion Duncan Roger won the longest drive of the day. Pat Murphy of Oban won the nearest the pin competition at the third hole, while Donnie Campbell got closest at the 12th.

A foursomes competition was held a day earlier, with Andrew Brown and Stephen Howden teaming up to take the win.

A better inward half for the pair saw them hold off Frank and Joe Sweeney to take the win. Donald MacInnes and David Matheson took third.

Results: Fort William Open: Men - Gross 1, Alasdair Ross 67; 2, Lorne Ross 70 (BIH); 3, Duncan Roger 70. Net 1, Ronald MacDonald 76-15=61; 2, Neil Henderson 73-11=62 (BIH); 3, Andrew Brown 72-10=62.

Ladies - Gross 1, Hazel Cameron 83; 2, Helen Brian 86; 3, Kathleen Leith 87 (BIH). Net 1, Hazel Cameron 83-18=65; 2, Helen Brian 86-17=69.

Foursomes - 1, Andrew Brown and Stephen Howden 79-12.5=66.5 (BIH); 2, Frank Sweeney and Joe Sweeney 82-15.5=66.5.

## Isle of Skye GC

ISLE of Skye Golf Club's championship saw Sandy Ross take a five shot lead in the first qualifying round scratch section last weekend.

John Murray recorded the second best round with a 74, while John Marshall was third on 76.

In the handicap section, Marshall's nett round of 63 put him one stroke ahead of Alasdair 'Starsky' Campbell, while Sandy Ross was third on 65.

Earlier in the week Marshall won a bogey competition ahead of Alasdair Grant and Alasdair 'Starsky' Campbell.

Results: Club Championship first qualifying round: scratch section - 1, Sandy Ross 69; 2, John Murray 74; 3, John Marshall 76. Handicap section - 1, John Marshall 76-13=63; 2, Alasdair 'Starsky' Campbell 77-13=64; 3, Sandy Ross 69-4=65.

Bogey Competition - 1, John Marshall three up; 2, Alasdair Grant one up; 3, Alasdair 'Starsky' Campbell level (BIH).

## Tobermory GC

MENS' Section, Captains Prize-Eclectic Scores, 1 Angus Cowe 31; 2 William MacCrone 33; 3 Graham Davidson 33.5

Grandparents Trophy, 9 hole stableford, 1 John Wilshire 17 points; 2 Donald Brown senior, 16 points; 3 John Weir 14 points.

Junior Section, Jennifer Jack Quach, 1 Lewis Brown 42 points; 2 William MacCrone 40 points; 3 Lewis Wilshire 37 points.

# Kyles Athletic youngsters do the double at Taynuilt Sixes



Kyles Athletic's two teams are jubilant after dominating this year's Taynuilt Shinty Sixes. 15\_1261xes07

KYLES Athletic's current adult team may not be firing on all cylinders but there was no quarter given by their primary school teams, who dominated at this year's Taynuilt Shinty Sixes.

The competition, for south of Scotland teams, was held at Taynuilt Sportsfield on Sunday. Among the teams entered were Aberdeen, from Fife, who were thanked for bringing two teams such a great distance.

But it was another far-travelled team, Kyles Athletic, from Tighnabraich, that swept the boards, winning the primary five-and-under competition and the senior section, beating Park Sparks and Strachur in their respective finals.

Kyles player Cally McNaughton won senior player of the tournament, while a new prize, the Sheena Cameron Memorial Trophy was won by Kyles' Finan Kennedy.

## YOUTH SHINTY

The new trophy was presented to the most sporting player and is in memory of the wife of Taynuilt's Dougie Cameron, who has had a long association with the tournament and with shinty in general as a youth coach and referee.

There was, however, one piece of silverware that wasn't going back to Tighnabraich; the player of the primary five-and-under tournament was awarded to Ross Campbell of Oban's Park Sparks. Among the first to congratulate Ross was dad Johnny, who was named player of the tournament at the sixes nearly 20 years ago.

Tournament organiser Euan McMurdo, Argyll and Bute Shinty Development Officer, paid special thanks to the two referees John MacGregor and Duncan Kerr.



Park Sparks were runners up in the primary five-and-under section. 15\_1261xes01



Player of the primary five-and-under tournament, Ross Campbell of Park Sparks, is congratulated by his father, Johnny, who was named player of the tournament nearly 20 years ago. 15\_1261xes03

## Megan wins at Oban and District Riding Show

### HORSE RIDING

YOUNG Megan Hart was the youngest winner at the Oban and District Riding Club show - and she looks set to follow in her auntie's footsteps.

Held at Dalintober Farm in Benderloch, the event attracted riders from across the Oban and Lorn area. Six-year-old Megan, North Connel, was one of the stars of the show, clinching the Lead Rein Showing competition. She was watched by auntie Janice Burnip, who recently won the British Eventing 80cm section at Scotsburn in May.



Six-year-old winner Megan with Janice Burnip after competing at this year's Oban and District Riding Club show. 1261dingclub1

## Vaul GC

FORMER Curtis Cup player Suzanne Cadden presented the trophies at the annual fixture between Vaul Golf Club on Tiree and Tobermory Golf Club.

This year, Vaul were the hosts, and the weather shone throughout the weekend. On Saturday the Western Approaches competition, a Stableford, was won by Vaul's Brian Findlater with a score of 42 points.

Sunday morning saw both teams ready for the team challenge between the two clubs for the Cadden Cup.

After a close competition, Vaul won the match by four games to three.

The cups were presented by Ms Cadden, daughter of Gilbert Cadden.

As many on Mull and Tiree will remember, Gilbert and his brother John, both dentists, practised on a converted boat in the bays of the islands.

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# Inveraray and Kyles will battle it out for Celtic Cup glory

## No TV coverage of this year's final

THE ABSENCE of television cameras at this year's AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup final has somewhat overshadowed preparations of two teams with a wealth of experience in the south competition.

The only major trophy not to be covered by the BBC, the Celtic Cup will be won by Argyll rivals Inveraray or Kyles Athletic this Saturday at Strachurmore - and both sides are confident of lifting the trophy.

**INVERARAY** player-manager Garry MacPherson, who is aiming to win his 14th winners' medal on Saturday, said: 'We have won this trophy so many times in recent years but the more you win it, the more you want to win it again. The attitude around the team is brilliant.

'We have made a few changes to the line-up in recent weeks and it has worked out for us. A lot of boys have performed very well in a different position but I am not going to say how my team will line up.'

Full back Alan MacDonald will return from suspension to be included in the final squad, while Douglas Dando has been at training as he recuperates from a hamstring injury and could feature. Stuart Robertson and David Robertson are the most notable absentees.

MacPherson admitted he was 'disappointed' that the game was not going to be televised but said it wouldn't matter to the players once they crossed the white line on Saturday.

The 'Ray boys are on good form having drawn 0-0 at title-chasing Lovat in the Orion Group Premiership, a match MacPherson says his team dominated from start to finish.

**KYLES** have had a stuttering league campaign but seem to turn it on for the cup competitions, when they have looked dangerous.

The Tighnabruach men were dealt a blow this week with news that captain Robbie MacLeod is unlikely to play but, that aside, there is a full squad for the management to pick from.

Trainer James Perlich said: 'Our league campaign is not going well but this team is hungry for silverware and Saturday is the first chance we will get this season.'

'We always enjoy playing Inveraray, who I would say have also had mixed form this season. It will be a close game and a very good game to watch.'

'The winner will simply be the team that converts its chances.'

**KINLOCHSHIEL** welcome struggling Fort William to Kirkton on Saturday, still in search of vital points to guarantee their Orion Group Premiership safety.

'Shiel sit comfortably in mid-table with 10 points from 10 games but Lochaber's surprise win against Kyles has given them hope of avoiding the drop and means the relegation battle takes on a new dimension.

Johnston Gill's men will want no repeat of the 3-1 defeat at Glenurquhart last weekend, but Fort are desperate for points and will prove dangerous opponents as they seek to rescue a dismal season.

'Shiel were 2-0 down at the Glen to goals from Fraser Heath and Neale Reid before an 89th goal from Duncan 'Ach' MacRae gave them hope, but Bradley Dixon made it 3-1 right at the death.

**FORT WILLIAM** coaches Victor Smith and Adi Robertson have given their under-performing players an ultimatum to raise their game or face being replaced.

Last weekend's 8-1 Artemis MacAulay Cup defeat to Newtonmore was nothing short of a humiliation - and could have been even worse, according to Smith.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'Adi and I had a team meeting after the game to let the players know our thoughts about the rest of the season and how the players want to commit to the club.'

'They have a couple of weeks to turn things around otherwise there will be a change of personnel. We have plenty of boys to pick from. The second team is training hard and has players just as good as those in the first team.'

Fort's league position is becoming perilous - more so after Lochaber's 2-1 win over Kyles

- and Saturday's clash at Kinlochshiel will go a long way to reveal whether the An Aird men have what it takes to stay up.

Smith said: 'Saturday's game is huge for us. It's difficult enough up at Kinlochshiel when you are playing well, never mind when you are struggling.'

'And well done to Lochaber for beating Kyles - now we will have to treat every game as it comes and change the personnel as needed.'

**LOCHABER** will look to build on their first win of the season when they welcome Kingussie to Spean Bridge this Saturday.

Two goals from Zands Ferguson helped Lochaber defeat Kyles Athletic last weekend, with the two points lifting his side ahead of Fort William and out of the relegation zone.

Robert Johnstone stepped in to take charge of the team following Calum Cameron's resignation last week and was delighted with how his new side played.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'The performance they put in on Saturday will be a big boost to them. They all worked really hard and played well. The young boys that came on did their part as well.'

'If they put the effort in there's no reason they can't get the win against Kingussie, but in this league there's no easy games.'

'We'll just concentrate on our own results, it's too early to be worrying about what other teams are doing.'

Martin Johnstone was taken off during the Kyles game with an ankle injury, but is expected to be fit to play against Kingussie.

**KINGUSSIE** will be looking to continue their good run of form when they take on Lochaber in Spean Bridge this Saturday.

A 4-1 win against bottom side Oban Camanachd last weekend moved Kings up to third place in the league.

Co-manager Russell Jones said he was expecting a tough game against Lochaber, who moved out of the relegation places by beating Kyles last weekend.

He said: 'I was really surprised it took them so long to get their first win. We played them earlier in the season and although we won 2-0 there was nothing between the sides. They are a good, good team and it'll be a difficult game, especially at Spean.'

'We're not challenging yet but we're progressing and we're in a much better position than this time last season.'

Ronald Ross is doubtful after getting hit in the face against Oban, while Fraser and Gary Munro are both suspended.

Jones said he was 'very

pleased' with the performance against Oban, with veterans Ross and Lee Bain both getting on the scoresheet.

He said: 'They make a huge difference, I'd go as far to say that Lee probably had his best game of the season.'

**NEWTONMORE** manager PJ MacKintosh says this Saturday's clash with Lovat will be 'crucial' in the title race.

The top two sides in the Orion Group Premiership are separated by just two points going into the match at The Eilan, but leaders 'More have a game in hand.'

And MacKintosh said the slight advantage would mean Lovat would come looking for a win.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'I don't think it'll be in their minds to come here for a draw, they need to win. If we win we're in the driving seat. If Lovat win it will give them the momentum to push on.'

'More moved into the Artemis Macaulay Cup semi final by thrashing Fort William 8-1 last weekend, with Glen Macintosh grabbing a hat-trick.'

MacKintosh said: 'It was a great result. Fort William are always difficult but we got on top of them early on and we could have had a few more goals.'

'We did the same thing against Kinlochshiel recently, but this time we kept it going for 90 minutes rather than stopping after 45.'

Co-operative MacTavish Cup champions **LOVAT** face Orion Group Premiership hot favourites Newtonmore at The Eilan in a game they must win if they are to retain any realistic hopes of claiming the title.

The Kiltarity men, who slipped up in Saturday's disappointing 0-0 home draw against Inveraray, will be boosted by the return of forward Lorne MacKay from suspension, while Michael MacKenzie is likely to make his return to the defence.

Midfielder Lewis Tawse and defender Duncan Davidson, however, will both be unavailable for selection.

Lovat coach Allan MacRae told *The Oban Times*: 'It would be nice to open up the league title race but if they win on Saturday they will be well ahead and it will be difficult for us to get near them.'

'The boys are a bit down after Saturday. We played well and we are not far away from being a very good team but Kingussie scored their third and fourth goals during a crazy 20 minutes when I think the boys lost a bit of concentration.'

'It may be a knock on effect from winning the MacTavish but they are back in training this week and looking forward to the game.'

'Newtonmore are going well so it will be very, very hard for us but we will go into the match like any other and try to win it.'

Goal-shy **OBAN CELTIC** attempted to boost their goal-

### SHINTY

**GLENURQUHART** have the weekend off after last weekend's 3-1 win over Kinlochshiel.

The win moved the Drumadrochit side up to fifth place in the Orion Group Premiership, six points clear of the relegation zone.

Glen managers Drew McNeil and Fraser MacKenzie will be delighted with how their side bounced back from the previous weekend's MacTavish Cup final defeat to Lovat.

Fraser Heath opened the scoring after 22 minutes, with Neale Reid doubling the lead eight minutes into the second half.

Duncan 'Ach' MacRae pulled a goal back for 'Shiel in the 89th minute before Bradley Dixon secured the win with a late strike.

**OBAN CAMANACHD** will have to put a few wins together before the season is out if they are to avoid the drop from the Orion Group Premiership, as rivals Lochaber recorded their first win last Saturday.

Camanachd were outgunned at The Dell as Kingussie won 4-1, although the impressive Gavin Stobbart had opened the scoring for the visitors.

Manager Gussie Campbell blooded youngster Shaun

Morgan when he came on as a substitute and did not look out of place. Lewis Cameron was outstanding up front for Camanachd and Gareth Evans helped to shackle the ever-dangerous Ronald Ross.

Campbell said: 'I thought we played well and we are not far away from being a very good team but Kingussie scored their third and fourth goals during a crazy 20 minutes when I think the boys lost a bit of concentration.'

The Crauchanside derby was only 25 minutes in when the heavens opened and a deluge of rain flooded the Taynuilt pitch in minutes, giving referee Daniel MacRae little option but to call it a day.

The home side, who were a goal to the good through ex-Glenorchy forward Stuart Scott, were disappointed they could not play on but coach Willie Gillies accepted player safety came first.

He said: 'It was ridiculous weather but as a manager whose team was winning 1-0 in a derby match my initial hope was it could continue.'

'I suppose you have to look at the bigger picture and players are more likely to get hurt in those conditions.'

'It is a shame for the boys, because they were dominating the game and looked good for the win.'

Glenorchy coach John Smith said: 'I have never seen anything



Fort William's Duncan Rodger clears his lines despite the attention of Newtonmore's Calum Stewart. Photograph by Stevie Tunstall.

adding to an earlier strike from Michael Slezas. However, a late Gallagher strike took the game to extra time and while David MacPhee was solid in the Balla goal, Clark took the initiative at the other end to hit the winning goal - and complete his hat trick - in the 99th minute.

Ballachulish can now look forward to their first Sutherland Cup final since 1971 against a strong Lochcarron side on July 27.

**LOCHSIDE ROVERS** left it late at Kilmory on Saturday but managed to score twice to take both league points back up the A816.

David Lafferty opened the scoring on 81 minutes, before Craig 'Winky' MacDougall secured the win just before the full-time whistle.

The win keeps the Oban side at the top of Marine Harvest South Division One, one point ahead of GMA, who have three games in hand.

**KILMALLIE** take on Marine Harvest North Division 1 title rivals Beaulie in the Balliemore Cup semi-final at Drumadrochit on Saturday having hit a formidable run of form just at the right time.

Last weekend's 5-0 rout of Skye in Portree was the latest evidence that the Caol men are firing on all cylinders - not least forward Grant MacKenzie, who

has banged in 13 goals in four games. Success breeds success and coach Duncan Kelly will have a full squad at his disposal with competition for places for the big game expected to be fierce.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'It will be a headache trying to sort out the starting 12 - but that is a good headache to have.'

'Beaulie are going well and are equal with us at the top of the league and are still in the Scottish. It will be a tough game and it will just depend on which team is up for it on the day.'

'We have beaten them twice at the Canal and they beat us 1-0 up there so there's nothing much between us.'

Kilmallie scored five second half goals against Skye without reply with MacKenzie grabbing a hat-trick. Liam MacDonald and John Stewart also netted.

Victory is a must for **SKYE CAMANACHD** at Caberfeidh on Saturday if the islanders are to get their league campaign back on track after Saturday's mauling at Pairc nan Laoch at the hands of Kilmallie.

Skye currently lie a clear third in Marine Harvest North Division 1 but Caberfeidh still harbour hopes of claiming one of the three promotion spots to the new National League Division 1.

Skye have five points in hand over their opponents, but have played two games more. A win for Caberfeidh would bring them within striking distance - a scenario coach Willie MacRae will be desperate to avoid.

Form of late has not been great - four defeats, three goals scored and 20 conceded - with fitness, especially deep into matches, perhaps not what it should be.

Skye will require to rediscover their form to avoid a potentially damaging slip up against opponents who banged in five against Inverness last time out.

**GLENGARRY** will be looking for revenge when they travel to take on Kinlochshiel in the Strathdearn Cup quarter final this Saturday.

The two teams played each other in the league on June 15, with 'Shiel running out 5-2 winners.

But 'Garry manager Ewen Cameron had a number of players missing that day and is hopeful their return will improve the performance.

He told *The Oban Times*: 'We were a few players short last time, but we didn't play well.'

'Ewen Brady, who plays for Glenurquhart, his father and two brothers play for us and they missed the last game because they were up at the cup final. They'll be back for us on Saturday. We're quite confident. Hopefully we can handle them at this time.'

He added: 'The cup is very important to us. We're out of the league so it's all we've got left to play for, other than avoiding relegation.'



### Fixtures

**Wednesday 27 June**  
**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
 Kilmallie v Inverness Calum Girvan - 7.30pm

**Saturday 29 June**  
**AJG Parcels Celtic Society Cup Final**  
 Inveraray v Kyles Athletic  
 Colin MacDonald  
 (at Strachurmore Sports Centre, Strachur - 4pm

**Balliemore Cup Semi Final**  
 Kilmallie v Beaulie  
 John Angus Gillies - 1.30pm

**Strathdearn Cup Quarter Final**  
 Kinlochshiel v Glengarry  
 Ronnie Campbell - 12pm  
 Beaulie v Lochcarron  
 John MacLeod  
 Skye v Newtonmore  
 Neil Ferguson  
 Lovat v Glenurquhart  
 John Matheson - 12pm

**Orion Group Premiership**  
 Kinlochshiel v Fort William  
 Evan MacRae - 3pm  
 Lochaber v Kingussie  
 Innes Wood - 3pm  
 Newtonmore v Lovat  
 David Mitchell - 4.05

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
 Inverness v Strathglass  
 Donald MacRae  
 Caberfeidh v Skye  
 Graham Cameron

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
 Aberdeen Uni v Fort William  
 Archie Ritchie

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
 Boleskine v Kilmallie  
 Rab MacAskill  
 Caberfeidh v Lochbroom  
 John Sloggie  
 Inverness v Strathspye  
 Willie MacRae - 12pm  
 Lochaber v Strathglass  
 Calum Girvan - 12pm

(All throw ups 2.00pm unless stated)

**Youth Fixture Sunday 30 June**  
 The MacQuiston Cup Final  
 Oban Celtic v Glasgow MA  
 Alex MacVicar - 1pm  
 (at The Winterton, Inveraray)

### Results

**Friday 21 June**  
**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
 Kinlochshiel 1 - 1 Glenurquhart

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
 Strathglass 3 - 1 Caberfeidh

**Saturday 22 June**  
**Balliemore Cup Semi Final**  
 Strathglass 3 - 5 Bute

**Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Semi Finals**  
 Lochcarron 4 - 2 Fort William  
 Ballachulish 4 - 3 Lovat  
 (After Extra Time)

**Artemis Macaulay Cup Quarter Final**  
 Newtonmore 8 - 1 Fort William

**Orion Group Premiership**  
 Kingussie 4 - 1 Oban Camanachd  
 Lovat 0-0 Inveraray  
 Glenurquhart 3 - 1 Kinlochshiel  
 Lochaber 2 - 1 Kyles Athletic

**Marine Harvest North Division 1**  
 Caberfeidh 5 - 1 Inverness  
 Skye 0 - 5 Kilmallie

**Marine Harvest South Division 1**  
 Glasgow MA 10 - 0 Strachur  
 Kilmory 0 - 2 Lochside  
 Oban Celtic 5 - 3 Aberdeen  
 Taynuilt A - A Glenorchy  
 Match Abandoned on 41 mins due to weather conditions

**Marine Harvest North Division 2**  
 Aberdeen Uni 3 - 3 Kingussie  
 Newtonmore P - P Skye  
 Skye unable to field a team fixture to be rescheduled

**Marine Harvest South Division 2**  
 Aberdeen P - P Inveraray  
 Inveraray unable to field a team Col Glen 4 - 0 Bute  
 Glasgow MA 3 - 1 Tayforth

**Marine Harvest North Division 3**  
 Boleskine 4 - 2 Lochaber  
 Kilmallie P - P Inverness  
 Rearranged for Wednesday 22 June  
 Lewis 5 - 3 Strathspye

**Youth Results**  
**South of Scotland Under 17 Trophy - MacQuiston Cup Semi Final**  
 Kyles Ath 3 - 5 Glasgow MA

**Marine Harvest Under 17 League - London Shield**  
 Lochaber 2 - 0 Kinlochshiel

**Marine Harvest Under 14 League**  
 Glenurquhart 1 - 2 Kilmallie  
 Ballachulish 2 - 5 Milngavie & Bearsden  
 Kyles Ath 8 - 1 Oban Celtic  
 Oban Caman 1 - 2 Inveraray

**Marine Harvest Under 17 League - London Shield**  
 Skye 15 - 0 Lovat

**MacKay Cup Primary Schools Final**  
 Portree 5 - 0 Kyles



Lochaber's Kevin Ferguson looks for a way past Zac Coley of Kyles Athletic. 10\_1266shiny07

### League Tables

The Orion Group Premiership								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Newtonmore	9	8	1	0	35	8	17	
Lovat	10	5	5	0	22	6	15	
Kindussie	10	6	0	4	20	16	12	
Inveraray	9	5	2	2	15	12	12	
Glenurquhart	11	4	2	5	14	17	10	
Kinlochshiel	10	4	2	4	19	26	10	
Kyles Athletic	9	4	0	5	17	14	8	
Lochaber	10	1	3	6	8	21	5	
Fort William	7	1	2	4	6	19	4	
Oban Camanachd	11	1	1	9	13	30	3	

Marine Harvest North Division 1								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Kilmallie	10	9	0	1	46	8	18	
Beaulie	10	9	0	1	35	11	18	
Skye	10	5	1	4	21	18	11	
Caberfeidh	8	3	0	5	19	20	6	
Strathglass	8	1	1	6	11	28	3	
Inverness	12	1	0	11	9	56	2	

Marine Harvest South Division 1								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Lochside Rovers	10	6	1	3	22	19	13	
Glasgow MA	7	5	2	0	35	2	12	
Glenorchy	9	5	2	2	21	13	12	
Bute	7	5	1	1	27	12	11	
Aberdour	11	5	1	5	30	32	11	
Oban Celtic	8	3	1	4	16	16	7	
Taynuilt	8	2	1	5	11	26	5	
Kilmory	12	1	3	8	17	35	5	
Strachur	8	1	2	5	10	34	4	

Marine Harvest North Division 2								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Lovat	11	7	3	1	27	19	17	
Newtonmore	9	7	1	1	34	12	15	
Beaulie	11	5	3	3	22	19	13	
Glenurquhart	12	5	3	4	20	18	13	
Skye	11	6						

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## Ryder Cup steals the show at Glencruitten Pro-Am

'We are not likely to see a trophy like that here for a long time. The whole club was buzzing'

THE ARRIVAL of the Ryder Cup at Glencruitten Golf Club helped to make last weekend one of the most memorable in the club's recent history.

Over Friday and Saturday last week, hundreds of golfers flocked to the clubhouse to see one of the game's most coveted prizes, as the golf club held its first Pro-Am event in five years.

And of the 40 professional golfers from across the country who took part, the winner was an Oban native; Ian McNab, now based at Dundonald Links, broke the new course record with a scratch 58 in his final round of the pro championship on Saturday.

But it was the Ryder Cup, delivered to the clubhouse by Scottish PGA representative Roy Murray, that stole the show. Club members not even playing in the Pro-Am came to see the trophy, which is contested by the USA and Europe every two years.

Club captain John MacKinnon declared the weekend a tremendous success for Glencruitten, in the same week he announced two sponsors had been secured towards a Pro-Am in 2014.

Mr MacKinnon said on Monday: 'This was an absolutely fantastic weekend for Glencruitten Golf Club, with 40 professionals and 180 amateurs coming to play, not to mention the arrival

of the Ryder Cup. We are not likely to see a trophy like that here for a long time. The whole club was just buzzing.

'In my 25 years as a member I have never felt such hype around the place as there was last weekend.'

Club member Ally MacLean scored a hole-in-one at the par-three seventh hole in the four-man team event on Saturday but his prize was unfortunately not the £21,500 Subaru car that was on offer for an ace at the fifth.

A popular winner of the closest-to-the-pin prize was the club's oldest playing member, 84-year-old Pat Murphy, who was two feet away after his drive at the fifth.

The winning team, D and K Lafferty, led by Musselburgh professional Fraser Mann, included Glencruitten golfers Keith 'Pele' MacMillan, Michael Kelly and Finlay O'Rourke. Declan Curran was the amateur winner in the two-man team event on Friday.

Mr MacKinnon added: A huge thank you to the sponsors, without whom this event would not have taken place.

'I also received a number of comments from the professional players about the excellent standard of the course and I have passed on the feedback to our head greenkeeper Dougie MacIntyre.'



Pictured at Glencruitten Golf Club with the Ryder Cup are PGA representative Peter Lloyd, Glencruitten club captain John MacKinnon, club champion David MacCuish and past club captains James Forgive and Declan Curran. Photograph by Kevin McGlynn.



Winners from the Pro-Am weekend: pro winner Ian McNab, centre, amateur winner Declan Curran, right, and the D and K Lafferty team winners.

### New record time for Stuart as he wins Loch Creran Race

**CYCLING**

NORTH Argyll Cycle Club (NACC) champion Stuart Moran continued his recent good form, winning the Loch Creran Race with a course record time of 22:05.

Warm June sunshine saw a record turnout for the NACC/ West Highland Wheelers combined time trial held over 10 miles around the loch.

David Robinson and David Turnbull set course best times, ensuring North Argyll took all three podium positions in the men's race.

In the ladies' event, West Highland Wheelers' Marie Meldrum finished first in a time of 28:46.

NACC always welcomes new members - details and club events can be found at www.nargyllcc.co.uk.

The first Oban Sportive challenge cycle will be held on September 29. Local cyclists interested in taking on the challenge in aid of Oban Rotary Club good causes can find more details at www.obansportive.co.uk.

### Senior Open held at Taynuilt

**GOLF**

Ladies' Action Research played on June 18: 1 Jane MacIntyre, 68 (27); 2 Fiona McGlynn 68 (18); 3 Alice MacCalman, 69 (25).

Seniors' Open (Ladies) played on June 19: 1 Ann Munro (Dalmally GC), 34 pts (31); 2 Eileen Hill (Taynuilt GC), 33 pts (34); 3 Mairead Sim (Taynuilt GC), 33 pts (15).

Longest Drive - 7th/16th holes: Liz Jones (Goswick GC). Nearest the Pin 6th/15th holes: Eileen Hill (Taynuilt GC).

Seniors' Open (Gents) played on June 19: 1 David Thomson (Taynuilt GC), 36 pts (13); 2 Andrew Swan (Lochgilthead GC), 36 pts (13); 3 Robert MacLarty (Taynuilt GC), 35 pts (13).

Longest Drive 1st/10th holes: John MacEachan (Glencruitten GC). Nearest the Pin 3rd/12th holes: Andrew Swan (Lochgilthead GC). Gents: Club Championship third round (handicap) and first round MacDougall played on June 23: 1 Jim Carmichael, 62 (10); 2 Ewen McGlynn, 63 (27); 3 Rob Graham, 63 (12).

Club Championship (handicap) after three rounds: Mark Henriksen, 190 (60 65 65); Allan Stewart 197 (64 65 68); David Howie 200 (65 67 68).



Winners from this year's Taynuilt Golf Club Senior Open. 126senior1no

### Oban Cricket Club are champions

**CRICKET**

OBAN Cricket Club wrapped up its sixth Argyll League title after an extraordinary win in Kintyre against Carradale.

Despite being bowled out for only 46, the visitors held on during a tense run chase to win by two runs.

Oban were put in to bat and soon lost openers Leach and Mackenzie with no runs on the board. Allan Laycock hit a huge six before unluckily dragging the ball onto his stumps and Koyes Kahn was soon back in the hutch for two.

Ronnie Kelly's uncompromising batting style was just the tonic for the sinking Oban ship as he withstood the accurate Carradale attack.

While showcasing his usual array of majestic cover drives, Kenny Mackenzie top-scored for the visitors with just nine. Carre and Belshaw hooked a few into the trees but Bennett cleaned-up the tail to leave Oban at a below-par 46 all out.

Carradale were still in with a chance of winning the league but their innings began with a wobble when Andrew Leach dismissed both openers.

**Wickets tumbled**

Carradale then unveiled their trump card at three, James Laite - an ex-county batsman. As wickets tumbled at the other end, Laite showed his class to survive the onslaught from Laycock and Kahn.

With Carradale only needing another seven runs to win, with three wickets in hand, Koyes Kahn provided the pivotal moment when he showed tremendous athleticism to catch Laite off his own bowling.

Another wicket tumbled to leave Carradale on 44 for nine and Oban captain Davy Hannah then gave Mal Mackenzie the responsibility of bowling the last over. With the tension almost unbearable Murphy survived a lbw decision and a near-catch from Leach before being bowled by Mackenzie to give Oban a nail biting two-run victory.

This coming Sunday, Mid Argyll are the visitors to Taynuilt for another Argyll League match and, as always, spectators are more than welcome to come and watch.

### Argyll derby win for Oban Hockey Club

**HOCKEY**

YOUNGSTER Alison MacVicar sealed a 3-2 win for Oban Hockey Club in its first Argyll derby with Helensburgh.

The teams were evenly matched throughout with some good defensive play from Oban's Ernie Brittain-Dodd and Suzie Billing. Iona Fulton gave Oban the lead with Helensburgh coming back strong with two quick goals just before half time.

In the second half Oban picked up the pace with some nice midfield build-up play from Tara Pollock and Mark Lockhart to set up Alison MacVicar for Oban's second and third goals.

The return match is on July 13.

### West Highland Tennis Week

**TENNIS**

SCOTTISH number five Alan MacDonald will return to Oban next week to defend his gents singles title at the West Highland Tennis Week.

The main events will come after a week of local events, aimed at finding the best local players and encouraging people to take up the sport.

The week will begin on Sunday when the Argyll Derby Day takes place, alongside the Primary School Fun Festival from 10am - noon. Registration for the primary event must be received at Atlantis before Sunday, as numbers are limited.

The derby day is a new event this year, welcoming players from anywhere in the county. Anyone who wishes to register for the derby day should contact tournament referee Mary McLean at marymcl160@hotmail.com.

The following day the local team event takes place and the handicapped and mixed tournaments will end the confined local sections.

On Thursday July 4, the open championship takes centre stage, with finals day on Sunday July 7.

MacDonald will face a tough defence of his title from the Stirling University Elite Squad members, including Graham Dyce, who as a junior won the Australian Open Doubles.

In the ladies event, defending champion Lisa Munro, who has Benderloch family connections, will return to defend her title.

Also returning are the players from the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in Texas.

### New sponsors for Keyline Cup Tournament

**FOOTBALL**

THE ANNUAL Keyline Cup Tournament organised by Oban Saints Football Club which has been sponsored by Keyline Builders Merchants for the last 19 years has a new sponsor after Keyline decided to withdraw their sponsorship of the competition.

The new sponsors are D & K Lafferty Contractors and the competition will be renamed the D & K Cup Tournament.

Saints secretary David Buchanan said: 'Obviously we are disappointed that Keyline have decided to pull out, but we thank them for their support over the last 19 years.'

'We are delighted to welcome D & K Lafferty as the new sponsors which allows this well established tournament to continue.'

This year's competition takes place at Mossfield and Glencruitten on Saturday July 13.

### Weather

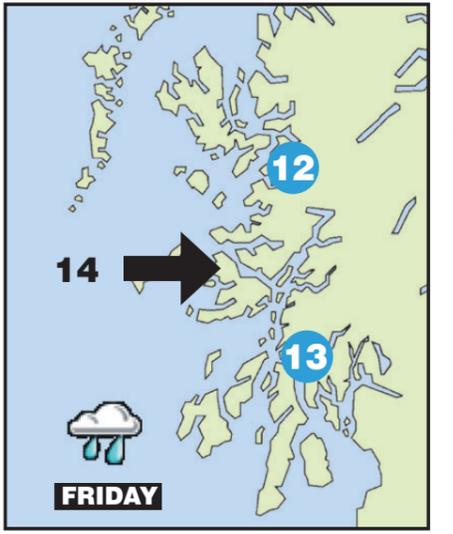
**Thursday** Light rain  
Winds light, south south westerly  
Temperatures 12°C to 13°C

**Friday** Heavy rain at times  
Winds moderate westerly  
Temperatures 10°C to 13°C.

**Weekend** Rain  
**Outlook** Winds moderate north north westerly  
Temperatures 11°C to 14°C.

**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
Oban to Coll/Tiree	Moderate
Kennacraig to Islay	Moderate



### Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, June 27, 2013** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	08.14	3.6	14.41	0.6	20.41	3.8
Thur	02.26	0.6	08.14	3.6	14.41	0.6	20.41
Fri	03.14	0.8	08.59	3.4	15.29	0.8	21.28
Sat	04.04	1.0	09.47	3.2	16.19	1.0	22.20
Sun	04.56	1.3	10.42	3.0	17.13	1.3	23.23
Mon	05.53	1.5	11.54	2.8	18.14	1.5	*** **
Tues	06.45	3.0	06.55	1.6	13.15	2.8	19.26
Wed	02.04	3.0	08.02	1.6	14.21	2.9	20.49

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardrisaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

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### Appeal to clean up Gordon Square

GORDON Square in Fort William's west end is not being maintained properly, according to Fort William Community Council (FWCC).

Members have been inundated with complaints about litter, dog fouling and insufficient street cleaning. Now FWCC is inviting Highland Council community works officer Andy Tuckwood to its July meeting to discuss the issue.

### Council backs cottage replacement

HIGHLAND Council has backed the complete replacement of a historic Morvern cottage - despite strong local objections to the move.

Businessman Jason Steen demolished Achabeg House having previously been granted permission only for an improvement and extension to the building. But south planning applications committee councillors gave Mr Steen retrospective permission on Tuesday after officials recommended approval.

Thirteen letters of complaint were received from local people, with just two offering support.

The former property on the road between Lochaline and Drimnin was built in the early 1860s.

### Crofting law flaw rectified

LEGISLATION to rectify a flaw in crofting laws which prevented owner-occupiers from being able to decroft their land has been passed by the Scottish Parliament.

The Crofting (Amendment) Crofting Bill means owner-occupiers can now apply to the Crofting Commission to decroft without fear of legal challenge - a status already enjoyed by tenant crofters.

Environment minister Paul Wheelhouse said: 'I hope the legislation passed by the Scottish Parliament today offers owner-occupier crofters, lenders and others the reassurance that action has been taken and decrofting of land can continue, where it has no negative impact on crofting as a whole.'

Work will continue to deal with any 'outstanding issues', Mr Wheelhouse said.



Cash for Camesky Road: Peter and Ruth Cameron and Maxine Paterson show off their winnings.

# Lucky families win £100,000

### Postcode Lottery delivers jackpot celebrations

TWO LUCKY Caol families have scooped £100,000 between them after their street won the People's Postcode Lottery.

Peter and Ruth Cameron's two tickets earned them £66,666 while neighbours Maxine and James 'Skooby' Paterson picked up a cheque for £33,333 when the postcode for Camesky Road was chosen in the monthly draw.

The Camerons, who have five children and seven grandchildren, were lost for words when lottery representatives arrived on Saturday to tell them they had hit the jackpot.

Ruth, 49, told *The Oban Times*: 'Somebody had phoned three days before to say we had won an iPad or a Kindle. 'Then they came to the house and said we are really sorry you have not won any of those - it's £66,666!'

'I nearly missed the bottom two steps through shock and asked are you sure this is us? I started crying then I was so happy and kept saying to Peter we've won this, we've won this!'

'Peter was just stood with the cheque in his hand with his back against the wall staring - he was absolutely gobsmacked.'

Peter, 47, a digger driver at Glensanda quarry in Morvern, said: 'I was just there looking at it, I was stunned. To get told you have won an iPad then £66,666 instead was something else.'

### EXCLUSIVE

REPORT by STEPHEN NORRIS and RICHARD HADDOCK

It's just mind numbing at the moment - but it's great for the area.'

The couple aim to fly out to Las Vegas for a holiday if Ruth, who has multiple health problems, can get health insurance.

She said: 'I have only ever once been abroad on holiday - and that was to Gran Canaria in 2007. But even if I could get a trip back to there I would be happy.'

She added: 'The money is going to be used for us all to have fun with until it's finished.'

For retired shop assistant Maxine, 67, the small fortune will make life a whole lot easier. She told *The Oban Times*: 'I'm a bit shell shocked, actually. It's going to make a huge difference to us because we're on a pension. I've not had time to think about what I'm going to do with it yet.'

'I've been playing the Postcode Lottery for a few years, but I've only ever had a couple of wee wins before, a fiver or a tenner.'

Maxine and Skooby have six grandchildren so can they can expect a few treats too, with one proviso.

'Only if they behave themselves,' a delighted Maxine said.

# Hidden 'fairy forest' under threat from estate owners

### EXCLUSIVE

REPORT by RICHARD HADDOCK rhaddock@obantimes.co.uk

A FAIRY wonderland in a hidden corner of Lochaber is under threat from estate owners who want to clear the area.

Gnomes, elves and fairies have made a small area of woodland between the Great Glen Way route and Loch Lochy near Gairloch their home in the last six years since the trail was created by a local woman for youngsters in the village.

The atmospheric Coille Rais Fairy Forest has grown in popularity with thousands now visiting every year from across the UK and further afield, many leaving behind toys and ornaments of their own.

But areas including the butterfly bypass, the teddy bear

tree and the troll prison are now facing closure as forest owners Achnacarry Estate want to develop the woodland.

Two local women, who wish to remain anonymous to preserve the mystery around the trail, look after it on a volunteer basis.

One of them told *The Oban Times*: 'It's grown to be such a popular asset for the local community. It's something that local people have come to accept as theirs.'

'The visitor books have had very positive comments from people from all over the UK and just about every country in the western world.'

'It was fairly recently chosen as a venue for a woodland wedding, locals schools and nursery groups regularly use it as a setting for a day out treat during summer and it is also visited from time to time by a special needs group of young adults who love it.'



Numerous children who have visited the fairy walk have left teddy bears to form part of the collection which is now under threat. 20.266fairyo3

'We are just asking for the right to have Coille Rais Fairy Forest protected and available for the continued enjoyment of all those who love it.'

Bidwells forestry consultant Matthew Trewin, on behalf of Achnacarry Estate, said: 'The estate was very clear when the fairy walk started that the

woodland is commercial and close to felling age. 'The woodland requires management through felling and restocking. In fact, the plan is to re-plant this woodland with native species that will improve the landscape and biodiversity.'

'If the estate was to not fell due to the fairy walk, this would be to the detriment of normal estate management and also to the woodland itself.'

'The estate has offered different locations to relocate the fairy walk.'

'The two adjacent areas suggested were totally unsuitable,' the woman said. 'This little corner of forest offers qualities that cannot be replicated elsewhere in the whole of Lochaber.'

'It took six years to create what is here just now - it would take another six years to take it apart and move it somewhere else.'

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## Radical new delivery of GP services being finalised

PLANS for a radical new delivery of GP services in the remotest parts of Lochaber are currently being finalised, health secretary Alex Neil has told the Scottish Parliament.

The NHS Pilot West Lochaber Medical Practice, led by Mallaig-based GP Dr Iain Gartshore, will see a team of eight doctors working in two sub teams based at Mallaig and Acharacle.

The practice, covering Mallaig, Arisaig, the Small Isles and Ardnamurchan, will receive significant investment in telecare services - and

if successful could act as a template for other remote areas. Arisaig Community Council secretary Maureen MacColl welcomed the 'radical' plan as a potential solution. She told *The Oban Times*: 'I think most people locally are pleased with the idea because we were worried we would lose our medical centre here in Arisaig.'

'Dr Gartshore is going through recruitment at the moment and he told me there is a lot of interest. It is going to be good for young GPs starting

up to get into the job without having to worry about all the paperwork because that will be handled centrally. If this works here it is going to be the answer for a lot of other rural areas as well. And in the long run it will be more cost effective because there will be no need to hire locums.'

Mr Neil gave his update in response to a question from Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch MSP Dave Thompson, who said the pilot aimed to ensure rural practices could attract sufficient GPs and deliver healthcare in innovative ways.

## Lochaber architect stunned at winning coveted design award

A LOCHABER architect has won Scotland's most coveted design prize - the RAIS Architecture Award for the best building in Scotland.

At a ceremony in Edinburgh's Hilton Hotel, Ann Nisbet, from Kinlochell, claimed the prize for 'The Ghost of Water Row' at Govan.

The structure, symbolising Govan's missing maritime and weaving heritage, beat off rivals including Edinburgh's redeveloped Assembly

Rooms. The spectral pavilion, illuminated at night on the banks of the Clyde during its short life, was fashioned using Ayrshire lace on a pale Scottish spruce frame sourced from BSW Timber at Corpach.

It appeared on November 5 2012 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Govan being subsumed into Glasgow.

Glasgow-based Ann, 34, the co-founder of win-

ning firm Edo Architecture, was stunned to win the top honour. She told *The Oban Times*: 'We were quite surprised considering the value of the buildings we were up against. I am really pleased that a grassroots community-based project came out on top.'

Ann's parents Andy and Florence still stay in Kinlochell, where Florence runs the local post office.

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**Leading scholars give piping lecture**

TWO LEADING piping scholars will give a public lecture on Raasay on Saturday on the island's pre-eminent piping dynasty, the Mackays of Raasay.

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Professor Hugh Cheape and Dr Decker Forrest from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (SMO) will focus on renowned late 18th and early 19th century pipers, father and son John and Angus MacKay.

Dr Forrest and young Raasay musician Rosie MacLeod will also play music the MacKays helped to preserve.

Everyone is welcome to the free event in Raasay Community Hall at 6pm, which is being organised by Raasay Heritage Trust and SMO as part of the Gaelic college's 40th anniversary celebrations.

**Depute head leaves Lochaber High School**

LOCHABER High School depute head teacher Paul Reynolds is stepping down from his post to take up the role of head of an East Lothian school.

Mr Reynolds, who joined Lochaber in 2006, has been appointed head at Ross High School in Tranent.

The former maths teacher told *The Oban Times* he would miss the Fort William school.

He said: 'I'm really looking forward to it, it's all happened really quickly. I'll definitely come back up to see the school when all the renovations have finished.'

Head teacher Jim Sutherland said: 'I am very sorry to be losing Mr Reynolds who has been an excellent depute head teacher. I wish him well for this well-deserved promotion.'



Dr Michael Foxley was guest of honour at the official opening of Lochaline Primary School.

**Lochaline pupils celebrate first year with official opening**

FORMER Highland Council leader Dr Michael Foxley officially opened Lochaline Primary School on Friday as guests, staff and pupils celebrated their first year of education in the eco-friendly building.

Dr Foxley unveiled a commemorative plaque after pupils had taken him on a tour of the most remote mainland primary in the Highlands - the only one in Scotland to incorporate a community fire station.

He said: 'Over the past decade, parents, the school staff, the

community and the council have really worked hard and pulled together to ensure that this splendid new community school was built. We are all proud that the inclusion of the fire station is a first for mainland Scotland and I think it demonstrates well the way forward for shared services in the Highlands.'

Lochaline head teacher Keith Adams, who is also a retained fireman, said: 'The whole community has waited a long time for this and now we have this fantastic building. Having the fire station

incorporated into it makes us quite unique and certainly means I have no excuse for being late for a fire call out!'

Sarah Jones, chairwoman of the parent council and also a reserve with the fire service, said: 'The new facilities are perfect for learning and our children enjoy a fresh, new environment in which to grow and develop.'

'We all look forward to the coming years when we can further enjoy and grow with this great resource.'

Lochaline Primary School currently has a roll of 25.

**Clampdown ordered on Fort builder**

A FORT William builder has been served with a enforcement order at the town's sheriff court following a series of complaints from disgruntled customers.

Highland trading standards officials took legal action against Norman Hughes after becoming 'increasingly alarmed' over reports of his 'incomplete or shoddy workmanship'.

Should Mr Hughes fail to comply with the order, granted under consumer rights legislation, he could face criminal charges.

It is understood several homeowners are now suing the builder for jobs badly finished or left incomplete after being paid for in full.

Trading standards said poor workmanship on homes, garages, patios and outbuildings and gardens had left the householders involved having to find 'a few hundred to several thousand pounds' in order to put matters right.

Mrs Flora MacKenzie of Achintore Road in Fort William is one of Mr Hughes' unhappy customers. The 65-year-old, who is widowed, agreed a price of £25,000 with the builder for a new garage, parking area and balustrade.

But she claims Mr Hughes ignored detailed plans and 'did things his own way' - and

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Flora MacKenzie. 20\_f26flora01

was the garage. It was completely flooding and the roof was dangerous. He put in an electric door which crashed on to the floor next to me.'

She added: 'I am raging - I am so frustrated with myself for being so stupid. There are more waves in the monoblocking than there are in the ocean. The whole garage floor will have to come up and be redone. I am sick to death with all the upheaval. It's just a mess.'

Mr Hughes told *The Oban Times* the garage appeared hazardous because Mrs MacKenzie had not let him complete the work.

He said: 'It was halfway through the job - we hadn't finished securing the door. She shouldn't have been on site at all before we finished the job.'

'The problem was with the design, it was too big a garage for that area. The architect's drawings weren't very good, they weren't to scale. He obviously didn't realise there was rock underground at the back, and that's what caused the flooding.'

'If she had left us to finish the job she wouldn't have had any of these problems.'

GORDON Robb, Highland Council's trading standards manager, said they had tried to work with Mr Hughes to bring his business practices into compliance with the law and to resolve outstanding consumer complaints.

He said: 'Regrettably he has failed to respond and we have, therefore, had no alternative but to apply for this enforcement order.'

'Officers will now continue to monitor consumer complaints regarding Mr Norman Hughes and his various businesses to ensure that the conditions placed in the order is observed.'

'If Mr Hughes fails to adhere to the strict requirements of the Order then we will not hesitate to take further appropriate action.'

He added: 'As well as work not being carried out satisfactorily, some consumers have incurred extra costs as they have had to employ other contractors to put matters right.'

'This has resulted in considerable financial hardship to the consumers involved, as they have not been able to exercise their right to cancel and request a refund of their money.'

Trading standards ask anyone who feels that Mr Hughes' work has been sub-standard to contact them.



Norman Hughes and his men at work in Fort William.



Lochaber High School depute head teacher Paul Reynolds.

**Police files**

POWER tools were stolen after entry had been forced into a garage at Glenmore Sheep Stock Club, near Roy Bridge, between 5pm on Friday June 20 and 10.30am on Saturday June 21.

RELIGIOUS artefacts were stolen from St Bride's Church, Ballachulish, between Sunday June 16 and Wednesday June 19.

DAMAGE was caused to a vehicle parked outside 35 Camanachd Crescent, Fort William, between 8.30pm on Tuesday June 18 and 12.30pm on Wednesday June 19.

A SIGN for Glenuig Smoke House on the A861

roadside was damaged between 8pm on Monday June 17 and 9am on Tuesday June 18.

A NUMBER plate was taken from a car parked near 25 Erract Drive, Caol, between 9.30am and 11am on Monday June 17.

POWER tools were stolen from Mcgregor Construction at Ben Nevis Industrial Estate between 5pm on Friday June 14 and 11am on Monday June 17.

Anyone with knowledge of these incidents is asked to contact police on 101, the confidential line on 01397 702000 or CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Man avoids being placed on sex offenders' register**

A MORAR man who sent thousands of inappropriate texts and Facebook messages to three underage girls has avoided being placed on the sex offenders' register after a sheriff ruled there had not been a 'significant sexual element' to the crime.

Tom Crawley, aged 28, sent more than 1,100 texts to a 15-year-old girl in less than a month, as well as numerous texts and online messages to a 12-year-old and a 13-year-old.

But defence solicitor Hamish Melrose argued the communications were largely friendly, rather than sexual.

He said: 'Out of the thousands of texts and messages there were some inappropriate ones, but a very, very small number, only five or six.'

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In one text read out at Fort William Sheriff Court, Crawley called the girl 'sexy' and ended the message with 'love you loads' followed by 42 kisses.

Procurator Fiscal Karen Smith said: 'It is the Crown's view that there is a significant sexual element to these texts.'

Crawley pled guilty to sending the texts in April, with sentencing deferred for social work reports to be prepared.

Deciding against placing the former fisherman on the sex offenders' register, Sheriff Noel McPartlin

said: 'Mr Melrose has argued the sexual element was not significant and it is with some hesitation I accept this argument.'

'The view of the author of this report is that this is someone who is not attracted to adolescent girls and does not pose a threat to the general public.'

Sheriff McPartlin ordered Crawley, of 1 Camus Crescent, to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

Crawley pled guilty to behaving in a threatening or abusive manner by sending inappropriate text and Facebook messages to the 12-year-old girl between October 1 and December 19.

He also admitted sending messages to the 15-year-old between May 1 and December 18 and the 13-year-old between November 11 and December 20.



Jamie checks out *The Oban Times* on top of Mount Kilimanjaro.

**Student battles to top of Kilimanjaro**

A MORVERN student has battled altitude sickness and exhaustion to climb Africa's highest peak for charity.

But Jamie Boulton didn't hang around at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro - his water pack had frozen and he could hardly breathe in the thin air.

Napier University student Jamie, 19, returned home safely to Ardrornish on Saturday still coming to terms with his achievement.

He was proud to have conquered the snow-capped mountain in Tanzania - at 5,895m more than four times the height of Ben Nevis.

But Jamie was just as chuffed to raised £2,800 for Childreach, which helps improve children's access to education and healthcare in the developing world.

The product design student visited one of the six Tanzanian schools Childreach supports before his six-day climb, which he made with 24 other young people, mostly from Edinburgh.

The gruelling trek involved five nights under canvas, altitude acclimatisation and a night-time dash for the summit on the fifth day.

Product design student Jamie told *The Oban Times*: 'The guide said it was too dangerous during the day because of snow melt, so we went to bed at 8pm and set off at midnight. The last night was like a dream. I can't really remember it because of the lack of oxygen - it was like being drunk. It took seven hours for the final climb and we summited at 7am. As soon as we reached the top we just wanted to get back down again, because it was -15°C and there was hardly any air. My water platypus froze up too and until I got low enough down I had no water. But it was all worth it - I just wanted to climb Kilimanjaro.'

He added: 'It was fun and for a good cause as well - but one of our group did not make it because he had suspected frostbite, altitude sickness and a damaged knee.'

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# Oban hotels could be back soon

## Argyll Hotel and Oban Inn take positive steps forward

TWO OF Oban's most prominent former businesses, the Argyll Hotel and the Oban Inn, could be trading again within the coming months.

Restaurateur Alan MacLeod said he hopes to start construction this year on the new Argyll Hotel after an amendment to the 63-bed accommodation was approved by Argyll and Bute Council.

Meanwhile, Mull businessman Calum MacLachlainn is the preferred bidder for the Oban Inn and hopes final negotiations with owner, the Spirit Pub Company, conclude this summer. The earliest a licence application could be considered is September.

Some renovation work is taking place inside the pub, which closed in 2008, including further improvements to the rear door deemed essential for disabled access.

The businessmen both say some hurdles remain, but hope tangible progress will be seen by the end of the year.

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Speaking to *The Oban Times*, Mr MacLeod said negotiations regarding access points at the rear of the new Argyll Hotel had held up progress, but he hoped negotiations with two property owners could be resolved soon.

"That's the only thing that's holding things up now."

"It is frustrating but we just have to tell people the truth," he said.

"We haven't got a building warrant yet but there's no point applying for it if we don't have access."

"We do hope to start work this year."

The alterations to the Argyll Hotel plan include a slight reduction in footprint, alterations to the position of windows and doors, an inset main entrance to incorporate a disabled ac-

cess ramp and to enhance the entryway and the omission of a glazed caretaker's extension on the roof. A kitchen extract flue has also been repositioned.

Speaking of his possible move into the Oban Inn, Mr MacLachlainn said: "Everyone wants to move on with it. I'm the preferred bidder but I haven't yet given much thought to what to do with it. It probably will be a traditional pub."

"Trading is exceedingly tough just now and growing a new business in challenging times is difficult."

"However, the Oban Inn being shut is affecting Oban and, whatever we do, it will be an improvement for the whole town."

The Argyll Hotel was closed for several years before it was demolished at the start of 2012. Once attached to the Oban Inn, the businesses made the corner of the Corran Esplanade and Stafford Street one of the busiest spots in the town.



Helen of Troy, played by Hannah Teape, is protected by Achilles - also known as Daniel Baird, left - and Spartan warrior Sorley Inall.

## Greek legend comes to Taynuilt Primary School

ACHILLES, Helen of Troy and Hector were on stage at Taynuilt Primary School this week - as the P5-7 pupils put on their own version of *Troy Story*.

Teachers Mike Skelton and Ellen Carlton

guided pupils through Greek history and legend, with the play the culmination of a term of work on the subject. As well as creating costumes and props, the pupils even put their own musical spin on the

production. The school's pupils were given a sneak preview on Monday, before parents and the public got their chance to see the budding actors in action the following two nights.

## Oban beauty spot 'absolutely destroyed'

ONE OF Oban's oldest beauty spots has been 'absolutely destroyed' by Scottish Water, according to councillors and neighbours of the once-vibrant Polvinster Reservoir.

May Tosh and Maime Morrison, together with local councillor Roddy McCuish, have watched in horror as the pond, which was once several feet deep and home to fish, ducks, and swans, was reduced to a puddle. Scottish Water said the pond's depth had to be reduced

after the outflow that regulated the height of the pond failed - causing a flood risk to homes in Glencruitten - and in 2009 applied for permission to landscape the ground, and install a new outflow.

Residents including May and Maime were shown images of how the landscaped pond would look prior to the work - but they've been left devastated with the condition Scottish Water has since left the former beauty spot.

May said: "There's nothing there now but a puddle of stagnant water. The wildlife has disappeared and it's an eyesore now. We've tried and tried with Scottish Water but they ignore us. We're not asking a lot; just to raise the water level a little."

Old tyres, rusty metal and broken pipes litter the site, with half-buried traffic cones and plastic sheets visible throughout the site. Councillor McCuish described the work as 'environmental vandalism', adding: "This was once one of Oban's most spectacular beauty spots. Now it's like an environmental disaster."

## £1.3m Dunollie Castle works gets underway

THE BEGINNING of a £1.3m refurbishment of Dunollie Castle is underway - but workmen have been warned to watch out for spiders.

Rare European cave spiders (Meta minardi) have been found within the castle walls and Dunollie Trust has pledged to protect their habitat during the works, which could last up to seven years.

The project will be the first major repair works for almost

50 years at the castle, which is so unstable, access has had to be restricted.

However, the castle will not close during the works.

Ivy, which is such a trademark of the castle, is wrenching out large stones, some of which have fallen directly onto the path up from the main road. In addition stones have fallen off the top of walls, and some window lintels are dangerously under-supported.

## Argyll and Bute Council uncertainty may remain until August meeting

UNCERTAINTY over the running of Argyll and Bute Council could be set to continue into August.

**Political management review**

The Argyll and Bute for Change group has submitted a motion to be considered at this week's meeting of the full council, proposing that all senior political positions, with the exception of the provost and deputy provost, are removed. In the interim, a group of nine

councillors would then be put in place to work with senior council officers to take forward a review of the political management structure of the council, with a report to be brought back to a special council meeting in August.

The group is proposing to change the structure of management at the council so lead councillor responsibilities are shared among many members, instead of individuals.

Duncan MacIntyre, Vivien Dance, Dick Walsh, Michael Breslin, Gordon Blair, Iain MacDonald and Dougie Philand will take seven of the positions on the proposed interim model, with two members to be identified when the meeting takes place today (Thursday).

The council has been in a state of flux for months, with infighting and 'greed' blamed for the SNP-led administration collapsing in the spring.

## Islay landmark mast row

AN ISLAY community councillor has hit out at plans to erect an anemometer mast next to an island landmark, ahead of a public hearing later this summer.

Alastair Redman, who runs Portnahaven Post Office, was speaking after Argyll and Bute Council's planning committee deferred a decision on Scottish and Southern Energy Renewables' proposed 60-metre meteorological mast next to the lighthouse on Orsay Island, off Portnahaven. Speaking after the decision last Wednesday, Mr Redman said: "I have seen the plans for this mast, with guy wires coming out from the side, and it looks like an upside down, burnt-out Christmas tree."

"The lighthouse is a symbol for the Rhinns, it is on nearly every postcard in my shop and was on our school jerseys when Portnahaven Primary was still open."

## Lorne games toasts inaugural success

ORGANISERS of the inaugural Lorne Highland Games declared the event a resounding success after doubling the expected takings at the gate.

The committee behind 'the people's games' overcame a few 'teething' problems to ensure the maiden event at Mossfield Stadium on Sunday ran smoothly.

But this week it is seeking feedback from those who attended in order to prepare for next year's event.

The committee's business plan made provision for an income of £3,000 at the gate but takings reached nearly £6,000 by the end of the day.

Talented athletes from around the country helped to raise the profile of the event and there was plenty of local participation in many of the confined competitions and fun events, partly owed to the 'streamed' entry fee, allowing those who had paid at the gate free entry into competitions.

The windy weather did its best to ruin the occasion - gusts threatened to pull some tents from their pegs - but the rain stayed away, making the games field a hive of activity after lunchtime.

For more, see page 11.

## Body found on Dunbeg shore

A BODY found on the shore of Loch Etive, near Dunbeg on Monday night may be that of sailor David Jenkins, *The Oban Times* understands.

A dog walker found the body washed up on the shore at around 9.10pm and alerted the police.

Police Scotland said it was still trying to identify the body and that enquiries were continuing.

Mr Jenkins went missing from his boat at Dunstaffnage Marina in April, when Police Scotland's underwater search unit combed the area without success.

The 73 year old from Leicester had been on holiday in the area.

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Visitors to Mull will miss the otter's antics Picture - Nic Davies

## Tobermory Bay loses second 'star' otter

A SECOND celebrity otter from the Isle of Mull has been found dead, leading to calls for islanders to care for the animals more.

A question mark hangs over the death of the otter which took up residence following the death of 'Elvis' the otter, who became a worldwide star.

The otter had been resident for about a year and seemed in reasonable physical shape and had been seen feeding very recently. The body was spotted in the bay

by Whalewatch operator Paul Gallagher and retrieved by the harbourmaster.

### Autopsy

It will be sent to the Scottish Agricultural College in Inverness for a full autopsy, part of a programme of research to examine the health of Mull's otter population.

Nic Davies, coordinator of the Tobermory Otter Fund, completed a dental examination of the dead otter.

He said: 'It was a fairly

gruesome task to examine the animal and get good enough shots of its teeth to compare with earlier photos.

'The otter's dentition was in pretty poor shape towards the end of its life and the decayed and missing teeth made identification relatively easy.'

'Examination showed one of its large upper canines was completely missing, a very recent injury.'

The Tobermory Otter Fund which has just formed the Mull

Otter Group (MOG) whose aim is to help protect all of Mull's otters.

Three possible causes of death have been suggested for the otter: impact by a boat, collision with a car or a fatal interaction with another otter or dog.

MOG chairwoman Jane Stevens said: 'It was really good that someone rang me within an hour of the otter being found so it shows that the Mull Otter Group is working already.'

'It is just sad that one of our

first calls was to the death of an otter which so delighted locals and visitors to Mull.'

Nic added: 'We really need to find out what happened because we're obviously pretty bad at looking after any otter that sets up home here in Tobermory.'

'We care about them, but we don't care for them.'

'We're all hoping that it will be third time lucky because to lose one celebrity otter may be regarded as a misfortune, to lose both seems like carelessness.'

## Lorn topics to be heard in private by Argyll council

THREE items affecting Oban and Lorn will be discussed behind closed doors at this week's meeting of Argyll and Bute Council.

A discussion on the site selection for the new Oban High School has been marked as a restricted item, as has Taynuilt Sports Council's proposal for a cash flow loan for its pavilion project.

The reasons given for the restrictions are that the items involve discussion which could relate to financial or business affairs of any person other than the council and because they could involve discussions regarding negotiations to acquire or dispose of property or supply of goods or services.

A discussion over school transport and the enhanced rail services between Glasgow and Oban will also be held in private, again as it would involve discussion relating to negotiations to buy or sell property or supply of goods or services.

## Young musician to help charities this weekend

A YOUNG Oban musician who suffers from multiple sclerosis (MS) is organising a fundraising concert this weekend in aid of three charities.

Guy Fortieith and friends will play Ambient Acoustics at the Corran Halls from 7.30pm to raise money for Oban's MS Therapy Centre, The MS Society and the Myelin Repair Foundation.

The 20 year old, who was diagnosed three years ago will be joined on stage by Finlay Wells and Elisa Conway, Lush Puppies, Nikki Aitkenhead and Robert Robertson.

## Soroba hotel flats plan lodged

PLANS have been submitted to convert four self catering flats in the former Soroba House Hotel complex to permanent residences.

The application, by Graham Anderson of Abacus Properties, will see no significant alterations to the flats. Six dedicated parking spaces will have to be provided for the flats.

# Market ignored closure order

## Police charge man after licence row

OBAN'S business community has condemned the continental market that visited Oban after stall holders ignored an order from Argyll and Bute Council to cease trading.

Dunfermline-based Continental Market Ltd was granted a street trader's licence on the basis it would not sell the same produce as established shops in the town and could set up four times between Easter and November this year. The market was open for four days from Thursday to Sunday last week.

But *The Oban Times* has learned the enterprise was issued with an enforcement order by a council officer on Friday instructing the owner to close around half of the stalls as they

did not comply with the licence. The market's actions have resulted in police charging a man.

*The Oban Times* understands Argyll and Bute Council is also moving for a suspension order on the licence before it is reviewed by the council's planning, protective services and licensing (PPSL) committee. Continental Market Ltd had been due to visit the town between August 21 - 25 and October 30 - November 3.

John Fortieith, chairman of Oban's Business Improvement District, BID4Oban, said the actions of the market had angered the town's business community.

He added: 'BID4Oban started to get complaints about the Continental

Market and made it clear we were in support of anything increasing the footfall in the town, providing it didn't conflict with the existing traders and engaged with the local community.'

'The council put down clear parameters and the operator has clearly flouted those.'

'We will all be sitting down with the council to find a way of preventing this from happening again. We are not against the idea of a market but perhaps we could organise one with the traders within the town.'

Meanwhile, councillor Fred Hall, who sits on the PPSL, asked for a report into the breach of licence to be presented to the committee.

# Charitable trust donation sparks Oban fireworks fundraiser

A CHEQUE for £4,000 has sparked a fundraising campaign for the town's fireworks display.

MacQueen Brothers Charitable Trust presented Oban Fireworks Group with the donation last Thursday for the planned show this November.

Charity trustee Graham MacQueen said the money was given to provide an organised fireworks display for Oban and the surrounding area.

Mr MacQueen added: 'At first when we said we were going to award funds towards a fireworks display, some of our volunteers were not sure about the idea.'

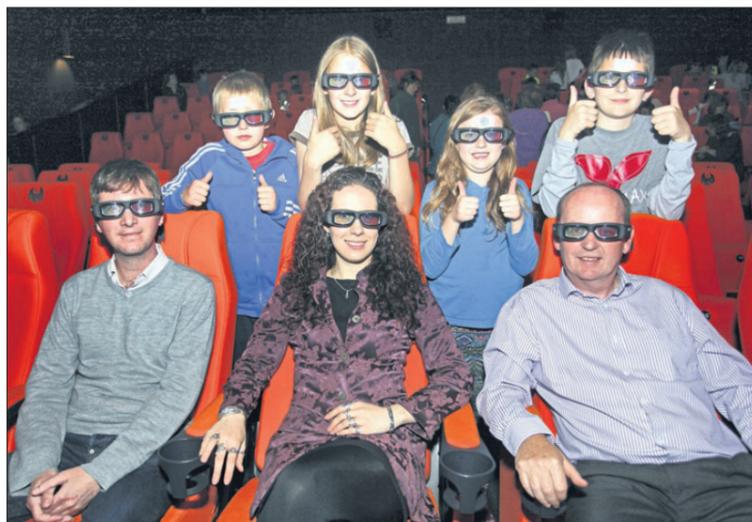
'But from my point of view, the emergency services insist on a safe, controlled fireworks event.'

'The £4,000 donation will go a long way towards the fireworks group achieving their goal of raising the required £6,900 and they are

confident of securing the remaining funds from elsewhere.'

Treasurer of Oban Fireworks Group, Fred Hall, said of the award: 'This donation ensures a deposit can be put down. I would like to thank MacQueen brothers and all volunteers involved.'

'I would also like to take the opportunity to assure the public that we will have a fireworks display this year.'



Children from Luing and Easdale primary schools joined Brian Shearer of Scottish Sea Farms, Fee Shaw artistic director of Phoenix Cinema and Steven Divers managing director of Fusion Marine, at the Phoenix Cinema Picture - Kevin McGlynn

# Oban Cinema funding boost

OBAN Phoenix Cinema has announced it will open its smaller, multi-use screen this year after confirming a triple funding boost totalling £46,000.

Scottish Sea Farms and Fusion Marine on Tuesday announced £3,000 and £5,000 donations respectively to contribute to the cost of the recently installed 3D projector for the main screen, while a LEADER grant of £38,000 will pay for the full refurbishment of the smaller second screen.

Work on Cinema 2, which will have 20 seats, has to be completed by November. A new projector and sound system will be installed, while the auditorium will be refreshed.

Cinema 2 will be available for community hire for private showings

of films and could even be linked to an Xbox or Playstation for big-screen gaming sessions.

Cinema manager Fee Shaw said: 'We're not going to be able to do the work in the summer because it is still quite busy but we'll try and do it as soon as the season comes to an end.'

Fee added: 'The support and donations from Fusion Marine and Scottish Sea Farms could not have come at a better time for the cinema. We were able to opt for the best 3D system available.'

'The quality of cinema going experience we have now at the Oban Phoenix because of these donations means we offer a level of sight and sound that other cinemas simply can't afford to

install.' Community support for the social enterprise has been 'brilliant', added Fee, with preliminary figures showing some 37,000 people have already sat in front of Oban's own silver screen.

'By the time we've done our first full year in August we should hit 50,000. That's a lot more than we expected. We have regulars too which is brilliant.'

Meanwhile, the cinema has welcomed Stirling University student Nicola MacKinnon to their team, with the marketing and psychology student joining on a three month placement from Talent Scotland.

Nicola, 20, will develop a membership programme for the cinema as well as a new hiring system for Cinema 2.

## Benderloch road repairs completed

ROAD repairs carried out in Benderloch are satisfactory, according to Scottish Water.

The water operator ordered a resurfacing of sections of the A828 after deeming work done by contractors, George Leslie Ltd, unsatisfactory. Residents were less than impressed with the patches redone on Monday, but Scottish Water said: 'We have inspected the road reinstatement work at Benderloch and we are happy with that work.'

'There was some excess tar left and this was removed today.'



Fred Hall, treasurer of Oban Fireworks Group, Graham MacQueen of MacQueen Bros Charitable Trust and Oban Community Fire Station commander Martin Hill are joined by charitable trust volunteers at the cheque handover.

## Mull rally route will be better for spectators say organisers

THE ROUTE for this year's Tunnock's Mull Rally is being made more spectator friendly, according to organisers.

The rally, scheduled to start on Friday October 11, runs over 19 stages, 157.26 miles, on public roads closed for the occasion.

Last year Calum Duffy won the event in an Escort, beating John McCrone in a Fiesta R2. Both men are from Dervaig.

As usual, the event starts on the Friday evening, runs into Saturday morning, restarts Saturday lunchtime, takes a break in the late afternoon and then resumes again, to run into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Iain Campbell, clerk of the course, said the changes this year for the 44th running of the event are mainly designed to provide improved spectator viewing and to freshen up some of the old favourite stages with more stage mileage.

He said: 'The stages that made up the route over the last three years have been hugely praised by the competitors for the challenge that they offered and also the fact that there was a good mix of long and short tests.'

'You can't continue to run the same thing, year in year out, so we have looked to keep the mix of long stages with some new permutations on how the roads link together and to also offer more for the spectator who comes to watch the action.'

He added: 'One of the many things I learnt last year, or something that was reinforced to me, was the huge following Mull Rally has.'

'It attracts not only competitors from around all of the UK, but the number of spectators who travel here to make a week's holiday of the rally is staggering. With that in mind we have changed the Saturday afternoon stage format to give the spectator the chance to see the cars twice through most stages.'

'Not only will they get to see the cars twice through six of the eight daylight stages but they will be coming twice as quickly, as each stage in the afternoon will be run at 30 second intervals.'

Entries to the rally open on August 9.

## Homecoming 2014 may be boost

EVENTS throughout Argyll and Bute are set to benefit from 'marketing in kind' by associating with Homecoming 2014, according to VisitScotland.

The tourism body said events such as FyneFest, Feis Ile, Clan Lachlan Gathering and Strathlachlan Fest should welcome fresh interest after aligning themselves with the Homecoming 2014. Visit Scotland's regional director for Argyll and Bute, David Adams McGilp, said: 'I am thrilled that these first-class events will make Homecoming Scotland 2014 a year to remember in Argyll and Bute and will encourage people from across the globe to visit the region.'

'The eyes of the world will be on Scotland next year.'

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## Lochaber give new coach the perfect start with a win over Kyles Athletic



Ben Delaney, left, congratulates Zands Ferguson on his winning goal. 10. f26shinty01

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### SHINTY

LOCHABER Camanachd rewarded new coach Robert Johnstone with a fighting victory over Kyles in his first game in charge to breathe new life into their Orion Group Premiership survival bid.

Roared on by a vocal home support, the Spean Bridge men's first league win came courtesy of a performance full of verve and passion, with Zands Ferguson the hero as he claimed a second half double.

But for a long time it looked as though Lochaber's inability to finish - the story of their season so far - would again cost them dear as they contrived to miss a handful of chances against an off-colour Kyles in a frustrating first half.

Ben Delaney looked sharp early on and fizzed three efforts narrowly wide in the opening 10

minutes.

But it was Kyles who opened the scoring when Roddy MacDonald ran clean through to slip the ball past Calum MacDonald for 1-0.

Lochaber should have been level on 28 minutes but Kenny MacDonald pulled off a brilliant double stop from Ferguson and then Barry MacDonald on the rebound.

The veteran keeper saved again from MacDonald then Ferguson struck a fine drive just wide just before the break.

Lochaber came out in the second half with all guns blazing and deservedly equalised a minute in through Ferguson's smart turn and finish.

Roddy MacDonald almost restored Kyles' lead but his placed shot trickled just past the upright.

Ryan Toal's well hit drive



Ben Delaney only has eyes for the ball as Thomas Whyte takes a tumble. Inset: Lochaber coach Robert Johnstone, right, and assistant John MacPhee keep a close on proceedings. 10. f26shinty08 and 10. f26shinty05

tested MacDonald on 70 minutes but again the keeper was equal to the task.

Coach Johnstone sent Ben Delaney back on for Toal with 15 minutes to go - and the substitution proved a masterstroke when Delaney's fine pass sent Ferguson through to hammer a glorious low drive past a despairing MacDonald into the left hand corner.

Speaking to The Oban Times pitchside, Lochaber coach Johnstone was delighted with the two points but knows more of the same will be required to avoid relegation.

He said: 'It was a tremendous performance. It's a great feeling to have won our first game - but we need to do it again next week. The win is just as important for the players' own self-belief as

helping us in the league - it is a massive confidence boost.'

Kyles goalkeeper Kenny MacDonald said: 'We were two or three short, but that's no excuse and were beaten by the better team today.'

'I think a few of our guys had one eye on the Celtic Society cup final next week and should have been pushing to get into the team.'

## Deeside runner wins hill race

### ATHLETICS

DEESIDE runner Alan Smith once again showed age is no handicap as he overcame a strong challenge from Lochaber Athletic Club's Stephen Burns and Jon Gay to win the Eagle's Crag Hill Race at Blarmafollach, Fort William on Saturday.

Smith finished the tough six-mile course in 1:02:12, with Burns second in 1:03:59 and Gay third in 1:04:14.

Diane Baum of Lochaber AC was the first lady home in 1:14:29, a time good enough to earn her eighth place overall.

Second lady was Lou Roberts (Ambleside) in 1:16:19 with Claire Pearson of (Wharfedale Harriers) third in 1:17:39.

Category winners men: MV40, Stephen Burns; MV50 Alan Smith; MV60 Ray Murdoch (Lochaber AC); MV 70 Walter Ryder (Morpeh Harriers). Women: FV40, Lou Roberts; FV 50, Aileen Kitson (Lochaber AC).

Jimmy Jardine was another of the three score year and 10 brigade to finish.

## North Cup draw

### FOOTBALL

FORT William FC have been drawn against Muir of Ord in the first round of the AJG North Cup.

Fort will fancy their chances of progressing to the next round when they welcome the North Caledonian Football League side to Claggan Park on Wednesday July 31.

## Kilchoan lose

### FOOTBALL

KILCHOAN FC's first home game of the summer ended in a disappointing 3-1 defeat against a strong Iona side on Saturday.

The away side dominated early on and took a two goal lead into the break.

Kilchoan were given a lifeline early in the second half when Ewan Laurie had his shirt pulled in the Iona box. The referee pointed to the spot with Calum MacPhail slotting the penalty home, but late on a penalty was awarded to Iona, which was converted to seal the win.

## Mallaig go top

### WELFARE FOOTBALL

MALLAIG have moved three points clear at the top of the William Wilson Lochaber Welfare League with victories over Ballachulish and Caol Cosmos last week.

The north Lochaber side defeated bottom side Balla 3-1 last Monday before recording a 4-2 win over reigning champions Caol on Wednesday.

Lochaber thrashed an under strength Claggan 8-2 to stay in second place with a game in hand over Mallaig. Earlier in the week Caol beat Lundavra 4-0 to stay third.

## £300 jackpot

### LOTTERY

A ROLLOVER jackpot of £300 is up for grabs in this week's Fort William FC lotto draw.

Last week's numbers were 2, 14 and 18.

## Yacht club holds One Peak Race

### YACHTING

A TOTAL of 22 competitors including 11 hill runners completed the 2013 Lochaber Dinghy One Peak Race at Lochaber Yacht Club's annual regatta.

A mixture of sailing and hill running, the course took six teams across Loch Linne in a variety of dinghies with runners dropped on the western shore to ascend the 457-metre Meall an t Slammain before returning by the same route.

Success depended on choosing a windward or leeward landing point - and ensuring that the boat was back in time to collect the runner when he or she had descended.

Results were very close with only seconds separating the first two arrivals as they jumped into the water and sprinted up the beach to the finish.

LYC members Hanna Dougan (first junior sailor) and Claire Gibb with runner John Binnie were fastest on corrected time.

Second were Paul Biggin and Robbie Thurlow (LYC) with Steve MacDonald (LAC) with Christine Clephan and Amanda Henderson of (LYC) with runners Ali Kennedy and Graham MacNab from LAC third home.

First lady runner was Lucy Prins (LAC) who was a member of the fourth boat. LAC's Oscar Wineberg took the junior prize in his first hill race, recording a very creditable time.

## Lundavra lift the silverware

### WELFARE FOOTBALL

LUNDAVRA are the 2013 Lochaber Welfare League John Baird Cup champions after overcoming Claggan in an entertaining final at the BA Club on Friday night.

And it was no more than the Fort William side deserved after bossing much of the match.

But they had to do things the hard way and came from a goal behind to lift the trophy.

After a cagey opening 20 minutes Claggan were first to show when MacLean's well-struck free kick was tipped over the bar by the keeper.

Four minutes later MacLean picked out McPhee with a pin-point cross and the gangly centre forward made no mistake from close range to fire Claggan ahead.

Lundavra should have levelled

shortly after but MacDonald somehow knocked Rodger's wicked free kick past the post when it looked easier to score.

Lundavra were claiming most of the possession but Claggan's defence, well marshalled by Bamber, stood firm.

After the break Lundavra turned the screw and won a penalty on 52 minutes after Beagat was brought down in the box.

Rodger, a star man on the shinty park for Kilmallie, showed he is no mean finisher in football either to make no mistake from the spot to draw his side level.

It was end to end stuff now with enough action on the park to take the crowd's mind of the midges.

MacLean almost put Claggan back in front with a spectacular overhead effort after being set

up by McPhee.

But Lundavra were looking dangerous and MacDonald should have done better than to drag his shot wide of Simpson's left hand post when clean through.

A goal was coming - and it duly arrived on 75 minutes.

Rodger set off on a mazy run through the Claggan defence and when the ball broke to Henry his perfect square ball allowed Glen to slam the ball high into the net past Simpson from point blank range.

Claggan fought hard for an equaliser and almost found one right at the death, but MacLean's diving header slipped just inches past the post.



Champs! Lundavra celebrate after defeating Claggan 2-1 to lift the John Baird Cup. 10. f26football01

## Weather

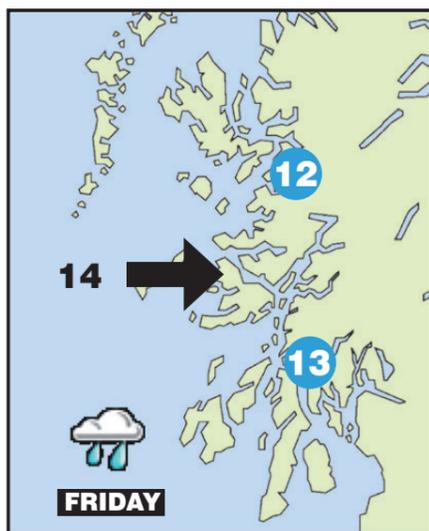
**Thursday** Light rain  
Winds light, south south westerly  
Temperatures 12°C to 13°C

**Friday** Heavy rain at times  
Winds moderate westerly  
Temperatures 10°C to 13°C.

**Weekend Outlook** Rain  
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**Ferry Crossings/Sea States**

Oban to Barra/South Uist	Moderate
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## Tides

Tide tables for Oban during the week from **Thursday, June 27, 2013** are listed below with differences for major ports listed beneath.

All times are GMT (add one hour BST)

Date	am	08.14	3.6	14.41	0.6	20.41	3.8
Thur	02.26	0.6	08.14	3.6	14.41	0.6	20.41
Fri	03.14	0.8	08.59	3.4	15.29	0.8	21.28
Sat	04.04	1.0	09.47	3.2	16.19	1.0	22.20
Sun	04.56	1.3	10.42	3.0	17.13	1.3	23.23
Mon	05.53	1.5	11.54	2.8	18.14	1.5	***
Tues	06.45	3.0	06.55	1.6	13.15	2.8	19.26
Wed	02.04	3.0	08.02	1.6	14.21	2.9	20.49

Tidal Constants: (Add or deduct from High Water at Oban)

Ardishaig	-5.35	Mallaig	+0.25
Campbeltown	-5.30	Portree	+0.55
Crinan	-0.47	Tobermory	+0.16
Islay Port Ellen	2.00	Dover	+5.30
Lochboisdale	+0.30		

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